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# THIS YEAR WILL BE NO DIFFERENT

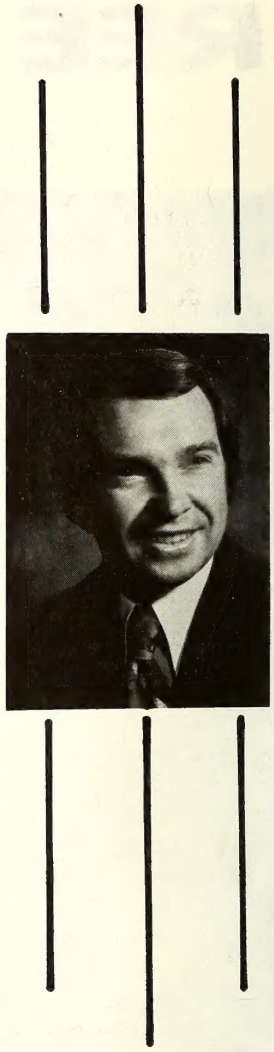
A year of change? No! this year will be no different from all the wasted, empty ones of the past. This year will bring no abundance of new hopes, changed ways, or improved attitudes. This year will provide the same useless dreams, the same dirty poverty, violence, and man's unconcern for his fellowman. This year will be no different.

Tears will still fall freely, and men will sob uncontrollably. Hearts will be broken, and love will be misused and abused. Kindness will be gone like all our yesterdays, and the helping hand will become a clenched fist. Favored smiles will become sneers, and words of praise will give rise to scorn and rebuke. The inner man will come out in all his force, hurting and destroying. War will rage unceasingly, and men will laugh and cry at the memory of peace. Men will hunger for food, for drink, and for understanding. Good Samaritans will be scarce. This year will be no different.

Souls will twist inwardly from turmoils unconquered by outward cures. Men will still be reaching out, grabbing and pulling for something other than what they need. Prodigal sons will still engage in riotous living. They will escape their fellows, and themselves, with LSD, speed, and heroin. They will crush their rivals, smother their counsels, curse their environments, disrespect their leaders, and blame their parents. Women will behave like men, and men will more and more take on the appearance of women. "Soul," will refer to a person's being "with it," rather than that intangible part of his being. Society will be "up tight," and the "turned on" generation will rock to frenzied music, lounge around in parks, and disdain the pleasure of a warm bath. Grass will be something to smoke rather than to mow. Half-crazed vandals will murder and maim. Highways will be bloody because of the spirit of freedom often found in a bottle. Brides will walk the aisle minus their virtue, and trapped grooms will soon develop itching feet and wayward hearts. Baby after baby will be born unwanted, in and out of wedlock, and will be starved and beaten unmercifully. Personalities will be warped. Phychiatrists' couches will be overused, and mental hospitals will bulge with patients. Rest homes will provide a sigh of relief for children whose aged mother or father has become a burden no longer to be endured. Shoulders will stoop with the weight of sorrow, and death will hasten on because of dejection. Smoke will get in your eyes and in your lungs. Skin will crawl and joints will ache. This year will be no different.

Flowers will grow along with the weeds. Good men will pray and preach. Churches will still be available and accessible, but not well attended. Choirs will sing; and the Word will be read, but not heeded. The world will invade the holy sanctuary, and Satan will rejoice. Angels will be seen in the imagination, and demons will afflict the tormented with heart-wrenching vigor. License to sin will be granted to those who insist that they must do "their thing," no matter what. Sex will be king and promiscuity will be queen. The young and the old will be active subjects of this wicked kingdom. Satan will hold his head higher than ever, and the heart of God will ache. Christ will still be there with arms extended to those who will accept His love and mercy, but He will still be rejected and spat upon. This is just the way it was, and this is just the way it is. This year will be no different.

Perhaps this writer is too pessimistic, but he has looked back upon the old year; and since man is like he is, this writer concludes that the coming year will be much as the last. True, this year does not have to be the same; but it is up to us to do something with ourselves—then, it can be different!




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# DO OLD PREACHERS "FADE AWAY"?

**by Loy Everette Ballard**

OLD Soldiers never die; they just fade away!'' So goes an ten repeated adage.

But true ministers of the gospel do not fade away''; neither do they die. They ntinue to minister through all stages of ir earthly existence, and this writer truly lieves on through eternity.

The young man who is called of God ters enthusiastically into the ministry of s youthful years. Perhaps he is impelled part by personal ambition, but this does t mean that he is lacking in dedication d devotion to God. In time he enters a riod of mature and settled ministry. More portant now than his personal success is ving his part in helping his Lord save the rld and build up His kingdom. During s period, he is sought after by the urches--door after door is open to him. th grateful heart, he enters these doors e by one and seeks to be worthy of each nor bestowed upon him, and to make the st possible use of the opportunities orded him. He makes some mistakes, he is still human; and sometimes he has pay dearly for these mistakes. But he ows that now is the time for his most fective ministry. and he must let no man fault in his own life, nor any opsition from friends who do not unrstand him, or enemies of God who spise him, keep him from pressing on.

Come then the years that his rength is ebbing away, and this is taken te of by the people of his church. Less d less doors are open to him, but he still cupies with dignity and dedication the lpits entrusted to him; and his ministry often a richer one than many who think the terms of human ability and strength ne believe it to be.

Then comes the time when men say, He is too old and feeble to pastor our urch,'' and when the pulpit is open, ey look for a younger man. The aging man of God now enters upon what may be counted in the light of eternity his richest ministry. He becomes a counselor to younger preachers and to all whom his life can touch. The younger minister who was once addressed as ''my brother'' is now honored with the title ''my son.'' Out of the richness of his own experience, he warns them of dangers, urges them to greater dedication to the cause he has given his own life to, and prays with all his soul for them to be endued with power from on high. He does not hesitate to ask God to make his ''son'' a greater minister than he has been, for by now he has conquered all the pride in his own life and wants only to see ''the glory of God'' manifested. His ministry now goes beyond that to his brother preachers. He tenderly calls the boys and girls about him ''my children''; and, like dear old Uncle Tom Cole, an aged and retired minister this writer knew in his youth, he sits down with them and tenderly admonishes them to be good children, obey their parents, and go to Sunday school. This final stage of ministry may bring him closer to humanity than he has been in all the other periods of his life.

Then one day God beckons from heaven, and His servant goes home--not as a faded blossom--but as a beautiful flower, rich with all the colors and glory of his years of service. And as we lovingly commit his body to rest in the friendly mother earth, as we did one only a few days ago, we realize that he is not dead--only called on high to receive his reward.

Does God ever call His servant home before his ministry is finished? Once this writer would have been inclined to say yes to this question. We had a dear friend who entered the ministry about the same time we heeded God's call. He was one of the most dedicated young men we have ever known, throwing himself with all the ardor of his soul into the work of the Lord. Many prophesied that he would become a great minister in our church. But God took him away from us even before he had finished his education. This brought one of the greatest ''whys'' that ever challenged our faith. We struggled with this ''why'' for years. In the meantime, God took away three of the men whose influence had meant most to us, and who were having great success as ministers and evangelists in the Free Will Baptist Church, before they reached the age of fifty: Bob Self, Simon Styron, and Willis Ballard. This caused the ''why'' to rest heavier and heavier upon our heart.

Then we learned a great truth: A ministerial career is not a matter of years, and cannot be measured by a calendar. It is a matter of quality, not of time. No one but God can say when any man's work on earth is finished. Who can say that God does not have a greater ministry for His servant in eternity than He had for him in this time? In the vast universe He has created, God may have other worlds inhabited by intelligent beings that need to be shown His love, and to them He may send as flaming evangelists--some of those who have been disciplined and trained on earth. But other worlds or no other worlds, we find it unreasonable to believe that the ministry of a godly man ends here. Somewhere, in some glorified kind of ministry, God's servant will continue to serve Him throughout eternity. Old soldiers may ''fade away,'' and wicked men may ''die,'' but the God-called and heavenly ordained minister of the gospel will never ''fade away''; he will never die! He will simply heed the call of God to go home. Whether the call comes during his youthful years, his years of maturity, or in what we call old age, his ministry on earth will be complete, for God makes no mistakes.




SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
Scripture Reading--Psalm 28:7
*A New Year's Resolution*

I will, like Paul, *forget* those things which are behind and press forward; like David, *lift* up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; like Abraham, *trust* implicitly in my God; like Enoch, *walk* in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father; like Jehoshaphat, *prepare* my heart to seek God; like Moses, *choose* rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; like Daniel, *commune* with my God at all times; like Job, be *patient* under all circumstances; numbers; like Caleb and Joshua, *refuse* to be discouraged because of superior Joseph, *turn* my back to all seductive advances; like Gideon, *advance* even though my friends be few; like Aaron and Hur, *uphoold* the hands of my spiritual leaders; like Isaiah, *consecrate myself* to do God's work; like Andrew, *strive* to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ; like John, *lean* upon the bosom of the Master and imbible of His Spirit; like Stephen, *manifest* a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt; like Timothy, *study* the Word of God; like the heavenly host, *proclaim* the message of peace on earth and good will toward all men; and like my Lord himself, *overcome* all earthly allurements by refusing to succumb to their enticements.

Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve these objectives by my own strength, I will rely upon Christ, for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."--George Burger.

*Prayer Thought*

In this new year ahead resolve to let God lead us in His way. This resolution will eliminate the need of any others.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
Scripture Reading--2 Chronicles 27:6
*What Is Seen in Your House?*

A lady had just parted with some friends who had been guests for a few days. She had been happy in having them see her new home and fine furnishings. Sitting down for a moment she noticed her Bible which had not been opened during the friends' visit. Opening the Bible, as it were at random, her eyes fell on the words of Isaiah 39:4, "What have they seen in thine house?" Hezekiah had had visitors. He, too, had been proud of his house, but somehow he had not represented God to his visitors, and God penalized him. Do our guests see a family altar in our homes? Do we wait for a "blessing" at our meals?--*Garden of Prayer.*

*Prayer Thought*

Are our Bibles lying around for show or do we show by our lives that we have read our Bibles and believe?

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
Scripture Reading--Romans 12:13
*To Save a Neighbor Embarrassment*

Years ago I was stopping in a Roman Catholic village, sixty miles south of our largest hospital in Labrador. On the morning when I was leaving, my hostess apologized for the absence of her husband, who she said had been obliged to leave home early on business. It was not until I arrived at my next stopping place that I discovered the nature of his business. This next village on my winter's round was a Methodist one, and I knew that my host there had fallen on bad times. It was with considerable surprise, therefore, that at my first meal in the cottage I found real sugar for my tea and butter for the loaf. Then the secret came out. My Roman Catholic friend had walked fifteen miles on snowshoes through the dawn of that freezing day, carrying sugar and three cans of milk from his own meager supply, in order that his Methodist friend might not be embarrassed at having nothing to offer "the doctor on his rounds," and that I might have palatable food at the end of my day's work.--Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell.

*Prayer Thought*

It's not our religious sect that is important. It is the God we worship and the lives we lead that matter.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
Scripture Reading--Psalm 37:23
*Just One Request*

"Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing--
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadst me,
But this I ask: Teach me to
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year wil be--
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee."
--Selected

*Prayer Thought*

Let us pray that God will help us t keep our hearts and minds free fror confusion that would not allow Hi will to enter our lives and lead us i His way.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
Scripture Reading--James 1:22
*Sending Our Prayers*

A good man was not only sick, bu his absence from work had deplete his pocketbook and he was in dir need of the very necessities of life. H lacked fuel to replenish his winte fires, and he lacked food to invigorat his half-starved body. The churc heard of his distress and the deacor came to pray for him. As they wer cloistered with the sick man i prayer, suddenly the door opened an as the icy breath of the day, with it blustering snow, swept in the doo way, a youthful voice chimed ou "My father could not come, but he ha sent his prayers, and they are out i the wagon!" The prayer meeting wa abandoned while the good deacon went out and brought in flour and foo in abundance. Then, the youth drov to the coal bin and put in a goo supply of coal.--Dr. R. E. Neighbour.

*Prayer Thought*

Our good wishes need to be backe up by good works. A good wish, whi nourishing to the mind, adds fe calories to the body.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
Scripture Reading--Isaiah 54:10
*Healing Rays*

The tiniest dewdrop hanging from blade of grass in the morning is b enough to reflect the sunshine and th blue of the sky.

The obscurest life, aglow with th love of God and man, can reflect th healing rays of the Sun Righteousness and the Light of th world.

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# BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Conducted by J. P. BARROW
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**Question:** Please explain, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). What are we to understand that "in the image of God" means in this verse?

**Answer:** Webster says of image: ". . . to portray or to reflect." If one should accept this then man, when he was created, portrayed or reflected God. Man in his original state portrayed the moral holiness and purity of God. He was a physical being with a more or less fixed form as the Bible indicates for he was made from solid material or substance, but he was a spiritual being for God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. All life had its origin in God, but this is a special kind of life, having a more hallowed beginning than creatures that were his predecessors in the creative act. He was the crowning point of God's creative activities and he maintains a closeness to God other creatures have not experienced, both before he fell and in his redeemed state.

According to John 4:24 "God is a Spirit." Since man is made in His image he is a spirit or a spiritual being. He was a dead spiritual being the instant he sinned, nevertheless still a spiritual being--one capable of all those spiritual atrocities mentioned in Romans 1:18--2:12. Without the new birth or until man has experienced this miraculous change he is capable of the very lowest kind of immorality. Sodom and Gomorrah and the generation destroyed in the flood are a good example of this and symbolize what is to characterize the end of this the church age.

In this age where man has reached the height of his spiritual attainments, he who has not availed himself of God's gift in grace, sinks the lowest of those of any previous age and becomes capable of the most atrocious sins of any generation that preceded him or his generation. He sinks to the depths of spiritual degeneration.

Dr. Ralph Earle has the following to say in **Peloubet's Notes, 1974-75**, on Pages 5 and 6:

". . . What is meant by the image of God? The first thing that must be said emphatically is that it does not refer to man's body. This is indicated at once by the statement: 'male and female created he them.' Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well: 'God is Spirit' (John 4:24). We read in John 1:18, 'No man has seen God at any time.' He does not have any material form that can be viewed with our physical eyes. The Israelites were carefully warned not to invent any supposed likeness to God (Deuteronomy 4:15).

"What, then, is the image of God? It is usually defined as being first of all moral holiness or purity, and then the ability to make moral decisions. The spiritual nature of man is part of that image, making it possible for him to have fellowship with his Creator. This is an essential characteristic of God's highest creation. The importance of this is seen in the repetition of 1:26a, 27 and in 15:1, 2a: 'In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them.'

"B. Sovereign over the Earth: v. 28.

"This is often referred to as another aspect of the image of God. Just as God is sovereign Lord of all, He has given to man a limited sovereignty over animal creation. This is asserted twice (vv. 26, 28). It was a part of God's purpose for man that he should have 'dominion'--or rule--over fish, birds, and 'every living thing that moveth upon the earth.' It would seem that in his disobedience and fall man lost at least a measure of this sovereignty over animal life.

"God 'blessed' the original pair of human beings. He gave them this command: 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.' The word 'replenish' has been taken by some to indicate that the earth had previously been populated by another race (angels?) and now man was to refill it. But scholars are agreed that the Hebrew word here does not mean 'refill' but simply 'fill' (cf. RSV, NAB, NEB, Berkley). God made the earth as a dwelling place forman and commissioned him to fill it and rule over it."

We find another interesting discussion of this subject in Henry C. Thiessen's book, **Lectures in Systematic Theology**, Pages 219-222:

"God is a Spirit, the human soul is a spirit. The essential attributes of a spirit are reason, conscience, and will. A spirit is a rational, moral, and therefore, also, a free agent. In making man after his own image, therefore, God endowed him with those attributes which belong to his own nature as a spirit. Man is thereby distinguished from all other inhabitants of this world, and raised immeasurably above them. He belongs to the same order of being as God himself, and is therefore capable of communion with his maker. This conformity of nature between man and God . . . is also the necessary condition of our capacity to know God, and therefore the foundation of our religious nature. If we were not like God, we could not know him. We should be as the beasts which perish. **Op. cit.**, II, 97.

"He is the image of God, and bears and reflects the divine likeness among the inhabitants of the earth, because he is a spirit, an intelligent, voluntary agent; and as such he is rightfully invested with universal dominion. This is what the reformed theologians were accustomed to call the essential image of God, as distinguished from theaccidental. **Op. cit.**, II, 99.

"That man had such a likeness to God is clear from ther Scriptures. If in regeneration the new man 'after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth' (Ephesians 4:24), it is undoubtedly correct to infer that originally man had both righteousness and holiness. The context in Genesis 1 and 2 bears this out. Only on this ground was it possible for man to have communion with God, who cannot look upon perverseness (Habakkuk 1:13). Ecclesiastes 7:29 confirms this view. There we read that 'God made man upright.' This we may also infer from the statement in Genesis 1:31, that 'God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.' This includes man, and would not be true if man had been morally imperfect.

"This original holiness may be

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## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



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### VISITING GROUPS

Recently several church groups came to the Children's Home for a visit and to bring their gifts for the Home. One such group was the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston. Another group came from Owen's Chapel Church near Wilson with their cash gifts and a truckload of food items. The ladies of Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, sent us a stack of linens by Mr. Billy Dilday. The youth of the First Free Will Baptist church of Kenly came to the Home on Sunday, December 8, with a cash contribution. They were escorted on a tour of the campus by Mrs. Gladys Weeks.



A group from Pearsall's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, came for a visit on December 8. They toured the campus and presented Mrs. Weeks with a $444.48 check. This money was raised for the Home during a three-night Thanksgiving service conducted by the Rev. S. A. Smith and two singing groups: the Smith family from Beulaville; and the Miles family from Pink Hill.



We appreciate the interests and involvement that each of our visitors has with the Children's Home. We encourage visits and invite you to come at anytime.

### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS--NOVEMBER, 1974

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| Albemarle Conference | $2,088.77 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 3,310.52 |
| Central Conference | 11,359.82 |
| Eastern Conference | 7,443.30 |
| Pee Dee Association | 664.35 |
| Piedmont Conference | 259.51 |
| Western Conference | 8,488.67 |
| Other Religious Contributions | 2,234.51 |
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**THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES AND CONVENTION GAVE $1,000 OR MORE:**

N. C. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

**Central Conference**
- Black Jack
- Elm Grove
- King's Cross Road

**Eastern Conference**
- Deep Run

**Western Conference**
- Wilson, First

**THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES GAVE $500 OR UP TO $999:**

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- Mt. Tabor

**Cape Fear Conference**
- Eastwood
- Lee's Chapel
- Tee's Chapel

**Central Conference**
- Ormondsville
- Owen's Chapel
- Spring Branch

**Eastern Conference**
- Bethel
- Gray Branch
- Kinston, First

**Pee Dee Association**
- Beaver Dam

**Western Conference**
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- Pine Level
- Pleasant Grove

**THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES GAVE $250 OR UP TO $499:**

**Cape Fear Conference**
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**Central Conference**
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- Ayden
- Dilda's Grove
- Free Union
- Grimsley
- Harrell's Chapel
- Hugo
- Otter's Creek
- Piney Grove (Beaufort)
- Reedy Branch
- Rose of Sharon
- Walnut Creek
- Winterville

**Eastern Conference**
- Macedonia
- Mt. Pleasant
- Oriental
- Warden's Grove

**Western Conference**
- Everett's Chapel
- Fremont
- Friendship
- Rain's Cross Roads
- Sherron Acres
- Stancil's Chapel
- Union Grove

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**Albemarle Conference**
- Auxiliary Convention
- Belhaven
- Corinth

Free Union
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Malachi's Chapel
Piney Grove
Plymouth
Shiloh
Sidney
Soundside
St. Paul

**Cape Fear Conference**
Auxiliary Convention
Johnston Union
Pleasant Grove
Powhatan
Riverside
Robert's Grove
St. Mary's Grove
Smithfield, First
Smyrna
Wooten's Chapel
Yelverton's Grove

**Central Conference**
Auxiliary Convention
Conference
Second Union Sunday School Convention
Bethany
Community
Daniels Chapel
Dawson's Grove
Edgewood
Friendship
Greenville, First
Hickory Grove
Howell Swamp
Hull Road
LaGrange
Little Creek
Marlboro
Peace
Pleasant Hill
Roanoke Rapids
Rocky Mount
Rose Hill
Sts. Delight
Saratoga
Sweet Gum Grove
Williamston

**Eastern Conference**
Auxiliary Convention
Carteret Union
Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention
Antioch
Bethlehem
Bridgeton
British Chapel
Christian Chapel
Core Creek
Core Point
Crab Point
Croatan
Davis
Duplin Grove
Faith
Grant's Chapel
Hillsberry
Holly Springs
Indian Springs
Jackson Heights
Juniper Chapel
Long Ridge
May's Chapel
Memorial
Moseley's Creek
Mt. Olive
Mt. Zion (Pamlico)
New Haven
Northeast
Oak Grove
Otway
Pearsall's Chapel
Reunion Chapel
Rooty Branch
Saint's Delight
Sandy Plain
Smyrna
Sneads Ferry
Snow Hill
Spring Hope
St. Mary's
Trent
Vanceboro
Warsaw
Wildwood
Wilmington
Wintergreen
Woodington
Woodrow

**Pee Dee Association**
Auxiliary Convention
Cypress Creek
Emerson
Oak Grove

**Piedmont Conference**
Bethany
East Rockingham
Highland Pines
Hilltop
House of Prayer
Old Fashion
Westwood Hill

**Western Conference**
Auxiliary Convention
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Youth Fellowship
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Branch Chapel
Elwood Lane
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Holly Springs
Kenly
Little Rock
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New Sandy Hill
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**THE TWO PRAYERS**
by Andrew Gillies

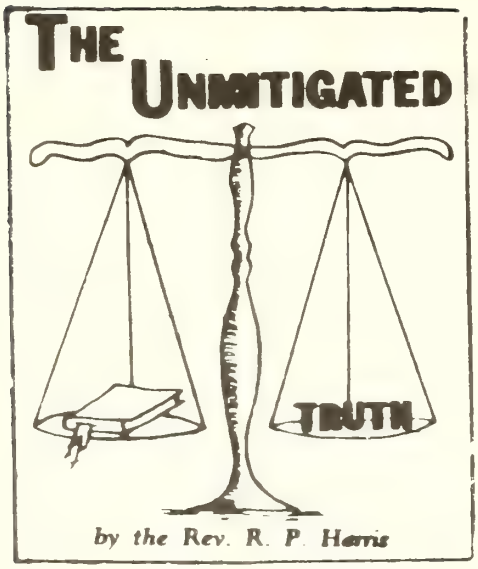
Last night my little boy confessed
To me some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee he prayed
With eyes all filled with tears;
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy--wise and strong.
Make me to love you more each day;
You can--I know you can!

Then while he softly slept,
I knelt beside his little bed;
To God I confessed my sins,
And prayed with a low bowed head:
"O God, make me a child
Like my little child here--
Pure, sweet, and guiltless,
Trusting thee with faith sincere!"

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**PLEASE NOTICE**

**Because of machine breakdown and repair which delayed printing, you will notice that this "Baptist" is dated January 8, and that we by necessity had to omit the January 1 issue which was scheduled as this year's first publication. We apologize for this difficulty and ask your indulgence. Thank you.--The Editor.**




Scriptural Basis: ". . . The Master is come, and calleth for thee," (John 11:28).

### THE MASTER IS CALLING US TO SATISFACTION

To be satisfied means to be at ease, to be happy and full of confidence. Satisfaction means that our thirst is quenched, our hunger is gone, and our minds are at ease. The dairy people tell us that milk is better if it comes from contented cows. Satisfaction is a product of contentment; it comes into fruition when all our needs are met.

Even the tiny baby in the crib knows satisfaction. As long as there is a need for something, the baby will be restless and unhappy. Give him the bottle, dry him, burp him, or correct the temperature--whatever the need--and he will be contented. This is true to a large extent to an adult person. As long as there is discomfort and discord, or a feeling of spiritual need, there will be restlessness, misery, and rebellion.

There is satisfaction in having our physical needs met, but the best feeling one ever has is when he comes to realize that his sins are all forgiven (see 1 John 2:12), and he stands justified by the precious blood of Christ our Saviour.

The forgiveness of sins and the confidence that we have in this transaction of God's grace is indeed the greatest satisfaction one has. This gives us real joy--wonderful joy--way down in our souls. To pass from death unto life is indeed the greatest miracle God ever performed.

Satisfaction also comes to us by knowing we are God's children. The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 3:26, ". . . ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." We are His children by faith in Christ Jesus because God provided redemption to all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and trust Him by His grace through faith to save them. This act of God through His Son can only be made possible to those who hear. ". . . faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). The child of God is one who has been born again (born anew) by the Spirit of God. A child of God? How nice! How wonderful!

Satisfaction comes with a knowledge that we shall never perish. Like I said before, Man is an eternal being and a saved person who becomes a child of God forever. He will never die; he will never perish. Jesus tells us in John's Gospel, ". . . I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man plunk them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (10:28, 29).

There seem to be a lot of so-called Christian teachers who contend that sinners who are committed to the lake of fire shall be burned up, and they imply that their existence will be terminated forever, completely annihilated so that there is nothing left. I am not able to accept this. God made man an eternal being and he must exist--be in a state of endurance--either in torment (lake of fire) or in heaven. I believe that since Jesus went back to heaven after the resurrection, this means that when I am absent from body I will be present with the Lord. I believe that God's elect will never die in the sense that they will never be separated in spirit from the Lord. I have searched the Scriptures under many subjects, but I am confident that God ". . . is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. James Warren, a member of the Eastern Conference, announces that he is available for pastoral duties with a full-time or part-time church. He presently is pastoring the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church of Deep Run. Mr. Warren can be reached by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; telephone, 527-1648.

## New Growth

by

Mrs. Royce Matthews

### IT'S YOUR MOVE!

The Bible is filled with promises--wonderful promises--promises of joy, hope, love, wisdom, life, peace, and salvation. The list is endless.

". . . whosoever **believeth** in him (Jesus) shall not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him **ask** of God, . . . and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

". . . if we **ask** any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

"He that **hath** my commandments, and **keepeth** them, he it is that **loveth** me: and he that **loveth** me shall be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and manifest myself in him" (John 14:21).

". . .**Repent,** . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

"**Casting** all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

". . . **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

"**Humble** yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:10).

"**Draw** nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. . . ." (James 4:8).

"Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding. . . ." (Jeremiah 3:22).

Do you notice a similar condition in each of these promises? These conditions are controlled by us. Isn't it grand the way God does not ram His gifts down our throats or serve them on silver platters before we have even studied the menu? How much more meaningful that He allows us to choose! He makes the conditions so simple.

What is your heart's desire? Love? Wisdom? Hope? **It's your move!**

# News & Notes

**Of Denominational Interest**

**inal Touch to Tarboro Church's Steeple**



In the picture above a worker is shown traightening the cross as the final touch n the new steeple for the First Free Will aptist Church of Tarboro. The fiberglass teeple was hoisted into place in three ections by a crane. The steeple climaxed wenty-one years of waiting and planning or it. The church was founded in 1953, nd the present pastor, the Rev. O. B. ones, has been with the church since May . 1974.



Above are pictured the pastor and some f the members of the First church in front f the new steeple as it awaits assemblying and placing on the church building. Left to right, back row, they are as follows: Billy Trevathan, Larry Hathaway, Homer Webb, J. M. Langley, and Mike Gardner. Front row, left to right: the Rev. O. B. Jones, Mrs. Homer Webb, Mrs. Mike Gardner, and Mrs. Ed Shackleford.

**Robert Langley Resigns Pine Level Church**

After two and one-half years as pastor of the Pine Level, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert Langley has resigned as pastor which became effective on December 15, 1974. During Mr. Langley's tenure as pastor of the Pine Level church many souls were saved and baptized. Also the church and its grounds have been renovated and a church bus has been purchased. The youth of the church have been organized with the church now experiencing the most active youth group in the history of the church.

Mr. Langley is now available for pastoral duties. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568, or calling 965-5612.

**Winterville Church to Begin Radio Program**

The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, will begin a thirty-minute radio program over Farmville Radio Station, WFAG, 1250 on the AM dial. The program will be each Sunday morning from 8 to 8:30, beginning January 5, 1975. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, and the congregation invites everyone in the listening area to tune in to the broadcast.

**Missionaries to Speak At Riverside Church**

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, Free Will Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, will visit the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton, Sunday, January 12. They will be in charge of the Sunday morning service which will begin at 10 a.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Please remember to keep these two new missionaries, along with all the other missionaries, on your prayer list.

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN A SUPREME MAKER? I DO!**

December 4, 1974, at 2:15 p.m., a man and his wife stood outside, in the cold, watching the remains of many years of gatherings slowly cool down. Nothing was saved, yet they were not resentful. They believed in a much higher Power--a Power which had taken all they owned in this world except their faith in Jesus Christ.

Why had He done this terrible thing to them? They did not question God's reason, for they had faith in each other and faith in Jesus Christ.

The couple, probably in their late seventies, have this faith which will guide them through this troubled world today. Whether we believe in this Power and have the faith this couple has, remember God always has His way. I believe; do you? We do not question God's way though sometimes the price seems very high. Sometimes it takes both the destruction of material things and of human beings to make one become a believer.

I have read this testimony several times and it still stirs my soul. It was handed to my husband last Sunday by a volunteer fireman who attends our church. Through this great tragedy and loss, God had given this fireman a new-found faith. The faithful old couple mentioned above probably does not know that God used their loss to gain a new believer.

I wonder how many Christians would give up all that they own to increase the faith of another person!

Maybe God will not require as much from you and me during this new year, 1975; but giving will play a big part in the lives of Christians during the year.

Why not give the gift that Jesus gave to us? Give of yourself!

Jenny Jones
Arapahoe, North Carolina

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The first thing that's broken after Christmas is a New Year's resolution.




## A TRIBUTE TO RANTON H. JACKSON

### A MAN FOR MISSIONS

Member of the North Carolina Board of Foreign Missions



This is not an obituary of the late Rev. Ranton H. Jackson who recently went to be with his Lord; we will leave that responsibility to someone delegated with authority from the family.

This is a simple tribute, authorized by the North Carolina State Foreign Missions Board, paid to a man whose many concerns included a compassionate interest in missions.

Brother Ranton H. Jackson served several terms on the board of foreign missions over a period of a number of years, and for some time as its chairman. At his death he was a member of the board, representing the Cape Fear area of our state. It seemed to us that Brother Jackson was always there when we needed him most.

He was there during times that called for grave decisions on vital matters relating to our mission program. He was gifted with an ability to approach these decisions with a wisdom characteristic of his timely thinking.

He was there when new missionaries were interviewed, approved, and later commissioned to their respective fields; and no one ever set forth as Christ's ambassador to regions beyond without his warm and reassuring blessings.

He was there when the rest of us may have been haunted with the disturbing prospect of failure in some noble endeavor, with the optimism and bright confidence born of an unwavering faith that God would provide. It was in such times, as board member Stewart Humphrey recently prayed, that "in quiet ways he often assured us that the kingdom was still in good hands."

Thank God for the years of Ranton H. Jackson, a man for missions.

Thank God for the inspiration he gave each of us as we sat together so often and faced our problems together.

Thank God for his companion who shared his interest in missions, and for his family, for whom we pray the best of divine blessings.

Thank God for Christ, his Master, after whose life Ranton H. Jackson patterned his own.

May he long remain in our memory as a man of missions that he was, as a brother in Christ that he was, and as one who now lives with God as he does.

## MISSIONARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

(The following is a letter received by the Rev. Taylor Hill, director-treasurer of the Home Missions Department, from Maxine Cox of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham.)

Brother Hill, I am writing this to share with you and others the wonderful service we had here at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham with three of our home missionaries on November 27. The Rev. Wayne Watson and family from Charlotte the Rev. Grayson Spencer from Hillsborough, and the Rev. Stanley Slaughter from Henderson were our special guests for our Thanksgiving service.

I am still praising the Lord and rejoicing over the service which began at 6 p.m. as the evening meal was served with a great time of fellowship and enjoyment. This was followed with fellowship around God's table at 7:30 p.m. Our woman's auxiliary was in charge of the service, and they also furnished the special music by filling the choir and singing "Win the Lost At Any Cost" and "He'll Understand and Say, Well Done." The music brought great joy and a spiritual uplift.

All the missionaries gave inspiring testimonies and a brief word about their work. Brother Watson brought the message on the subject, "Remember the Twelve Stones." By his message we were reminded of what God has saved us from and how easy it is to forget dear Christians among whom are our pastors. Brother Watson told us that we have what we have now because someone cared enough to become a missionary.



The Rev. Wayne Watson and family, missionaries to Charlotte with pounding from the First church of Durham.

We tried to show the missionaries that we here at the First church in Durham along with our district, really did care. The Watsons were given a great pounding and it really looked like Christmas as large shopping bags filled with groceries, personal items, and gifts were brought down the aisles of the church until the front section was completely filled.

Gifts of money were then presented to e missionaries with the Watsons eceiving $25 from the youth of the First hurch and $50 from the woman's uxiliary of the church. We praise God for he churches that either sent or brought hecks as follows: Highland Pines church, amlet, $50; East Rockingham church, ockingham, $50; Bethany church, adesboro, $50; Mount Olive church, annapolis, $50.



**The Rev. Stanley Slaughter being presented a communion set by Mrs. Charlotte Griffin from the Durham church.**

Brother Stanley Slaughter was resented a beautiful communion set and a heck for $50 from the woman's auxiliary f the church. Also Brother Grayson pencer was presented a $50 check from he auxiliary.



**The Rev. Stanley Slaughter of the Henderson mission and the Rev. Grayson Spencer of the West Hillsborough mission.**

It was a wonderful service, and we mention this not for man's glory but for God's glory. We also offer our thanks to those who were willing to make a sacrifice so that lost souls can hear the truth and come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, the One who gave His life for us on Calvary's Cross.

We would also like to give special thanks to our ladies here at the First church and those from other churches who helped make this service the success it was. Pray for us here as we labor together to help get the gospel message to those on the home mission field.

I am writing this from my heart, but if possible I would like for **The Free Baptist** to use this information to encourage others to do likewise.

**Director's Note:** We are indeed thankful for the spirit of love and good work that we find in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham and their pastor, the Rev. M. E. Cox. The Durham church is making great strides forward, and there is no doubt that it is their concern for others that has helped to bring God's blessings upon them. We are indeed thankful for their deeds of kindness, along with all others who are helping to encourage and support our home missions work.--Taylor Hill.

## THE KINGS COMMITTED TO THE PHILIPPINES



Readers of **Command**, our state foreign missions paper, have learned the marvelous news of two other new missionaries God has given us. Now we would like to share this news through **The Free Will Baptist**, along with some other thoughts.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King (Wayne and Deborah to thousands in our state) have committed themselves to work in the Philippines. Brother King has finished his pastoral work at Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville, and is ready to begin intinerary duties as the Lord opens doors for him.

We are grateful to the church for the way it has accepted this whole matter. They found it hard to give them up, but at the same time pledged monthly support of the Kings which will take care of all their basic needs. Praise God for this kind of devotion!

Wayne and Deborah are qualified for the foreign missions field. Both are graduates of accredited colleges, a requirement of the Philippine government, and may soon be on their way to these Pacific islands. We will tell more about this later.

In the meantime, here are three things you can do:

1. Get them into your church for a meeting. They are ready to come to you. Call or write the Rev. Joseph Ingram or Mr. King. Set up a date for a meeting. Get your people interested in the preparation of the Kings for missions. Address your letters to Board of Foreign Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, or directly to the Rev. Wayne King, Pikeville, North Carolina, 27863.

2. Pray for them. This is not a suggestion just because it sounds proper and right. They **need** your prayers. They need your personal prayers and your concerted prayers. Get your whole congregation involved in praying for the Kings.

3. Send your offerings. The addition of these two missionaries means increased financial responsibility. God has called them; we are sending them; will **you** support them?

Look for more news about the Kings in both this paper and in **Command.**

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"A friend is one to whom we may pour out the contents of our hearts, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away!"--An Arabian Definition.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

*NIGHT COURSES AT COLLEGE*

Mount Olive College will open its spring semester on January 7 with a variety of night courses in addition to its regular slate of classes. Both new and transfer students may enroll.

The night classes have been designed so that a student may complete the requirements for an associate degree in two and one-half years of night classwork. This schedule provides an opportunity for full-time employees to participate in college work without sacrificing time away from their jobs. Each class meets one night per week, and students may enroll for one to four courses according to the number of nights they can attend.

Night classes for the spring semester include:

MONDAY
Free Will Baptist Church, 7:00--9:50
Public Speaking 205, 7:00--9:50
Western Civilization 102, 7:00--9:50

TUESDAY
Intermediate Algebra, 7:00--9:50
College Algebra 103, 7:00--9:50
Trigonometry 104, 7:00--9:50
Ed. Psychology 223, 7:00--9:50

WEDNESDAY
English Literature 201, 7:00--9:50
Physchology 201, 7:00--9:50

Thursday
Christian Ethics 208, 7:00--9:50
English Composition 102, 7:00--9:50

High school seniors may begin their college work prior to graduation through the college's Joint Enrollment program. A student can obtain college credit for work at Mount Olive College during the same time he is completing his requirements for graduation from high school.

For over two years Mount Olive College has operated an experimental program in Early Admissions and Joint Enrollment of students who are in their senior year in high school. The Early Admissions program has allowed students to take courses during the summer, after completion of the eleventh grade, to take subjects which will not compete with the senior year in high school. Students take subjects which are not usually offered by the high school; such as sociology, marriage and the family, or psychology, for example. They also may take subjects in areas where they have already completed their high school work.

In the Joint Enrollment program students who are in commuting distance of Mount Olive College may enroll for college work while they are still in high school. Observations have shown that many good high school students enter their senior year needing very little additional high school work for graduation. They often have a great deal of free time which can be used for college work. The Joint Enrollment program has allowed these students to take afternoon or evening college classes and complete the requirements for high school graduation at the same time.

These experimental programs have proved to be very satisfactory. Several students who were participants in this program have since completed their college work with a straight "A" average. Although the experimental program was at first limited to students who were exceptionally well qualified, the evidence now suggests that the average students can also benefit from this opportunity. Mount Olive College is, therefore, entering the second phase of this experimental offering wherein a broader range of students will be accepted. Students interested in more information about this possibility should contact the admissions office of Mount Olive College.

A course of special interest for ministers during the spring semester includes Religion 211, *Clinical Pastoral Education.*

This course is designed to give ministerial students and area pastors clinical experience in pastoral care. The focus of the course will be on the person and identity of the pastor, a study of pastoral care theories and clinical techniques, the study of relationships that occur between the minister and patient. It will also incorporate a study of the needs of the elderly in our society and ministry to these needs. It will meet Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

A comprehensive financial aid program is offered by the College. Various grants, loans, and college work study programs allow for a personal financial aid package to meet a student's full needs.

Spring registration begins on January 7, at the Henderson Building on the new campus. For further information or application forms, please call the Director of Admissions at 658-2502.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE BRYAN SCHOLAR HONORS PROGRAM

The Bryan Scholar Honors Program at Mount Olive Colleg recognizes students' excellence and i geared toward helping the student t develop his potentials. The honor program constitutes recognitio awards and scholarships that rang from $500 to $2,000 for two years o study. Moreover, Mount Olive Colleg meets the full financial needs of an student chosen as a Bryan Scholar.

The program's guidelines state tha "awards will be made on the basis o high school records, scholastic ap titude, character, personality, an leadership. Being designated a Brya Scholar is a distinct honor and i limited to ten percent of the Moun Olive College student body."

The Bryan scholarships are mad possible through a grant from th James E. and Mary Zealy Brya Foundation which supports th program. Recipients of a Brya Foundation Grant must be bona fid residents of North Carolina.

Bryan Scholars register for on hour of supervised independent stud each semester. Studies may includ service projects and should relate t the student's career objectives The honor of being a Brya Scholar is recorded on th student's transcript and graduatio diploma.

There are seventeen students wh are currently involved in the Brya Scholar Honors Program. Th program is coordinated by Mr Kenneth Dilda, professor of socia sciences. The students' projects ar related to most of the academi disciplines at the College. Th following is an illustration of some o the students and their projects.

Donald Sloan of Mount Olive i working under the supervision of Mr Willis Brown, science professor Sloan is surveying the different type of protozoa in the lake at Eagles Nest

Donna Gaylord of Pinetown i serving O'Berry Center as a nurse' aide. Her experience is supervised b Mrs. Lorelle Martin, chairman of th Science Division.

Gary Aswell of Goldsboro i researching the history of accounting Mrs. Rebecca Worrell, chairman o the Business Department, is super vising Aswell's research.

Jennie Wall of Mount Olive, i working under Miss Carolin Castelloe, professor of mathematics in research. The projects attempt t relate the students' Scholasti Aptitudes Tests to their later schoo performance.

Brenda Sutton from Faison i working with the Girl Scouts of Moun Olive. Her experience is supervise

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# STORIES

## for our youth



## The Shoemaker

**by Colleen Myers**

TAP! Tap! went the hammer, then all was still. William, the shoemaker, sat gazing at a map of the world which hung on his wall. It was not a finely colored map such as we have, but was one which William himself had drawn on a piece of paper. On many of the countries could be seen clippings. These were little stories about the people who lived in these lands. The clippings told about idols and witch doctors, about cruel heathen customs and evil spirits the people feared.

Everyday William would quit his shoemaking and gaze at the map. The more he looked at it, the more the burden grew in his heart. He remembered the words of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). From his Bible, which lay open at the sixteenth chapter of Mark, the word "ye" seemed to stand out the plainest of all, and the young shoemaker could not get away from the thought that Jesus wanted him to go to a faraway land and preach the gospel. These people in the foreign countries had never heard of the gospel; they knew nothing about Jesus or His love for them! Nobody else seemed to have thought about this, and William did not see how he could go, for he had no money to help him pay his way.

Time passed. William would work, then sit gazing at his map. He would read what God's Word said, and his heart grew more and more burdened for the heathen. One day William heard about a group of Christians who were meeting together. He decided to meet with them to see whether he could find a way to make his wish to help the heathen come true.

Standing up bravely before all the people gathered at the meeting, William asked, "Do you think that Jesus' words, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,' were meant for only those few early disciples, or for all Jesus' followers in all lands and times?"

Then William began telling these people about his map and the clippings he had. He told how there were thousands of people dying in sin everyday because there was no one to give them the simple gospel message.

As William was talking, the old man who was leading the meeting shook his finger at him and said, "Young man, sit down! When God wants to convert the heathen, He will do it without your help or mine!"

William sat down, but his heart was still burdened for the heathen. He prayed that God would show him what to do. The words William had spoken at the meeting kept popping up in the minds of some of that group of people who had heard them. Finally, one day they decided to send a missionary to India to tell the people about Jesus. Young William Carey, the shoemaker, was the first to offer to go.

His offer was accepted, and he became the first missionary to India. In the year 1793, William Carey followed Jesus' command to "go . . . and preach." For forty years he preached and taught in India. Under his guidance and direction, about two hundred thousand Bibles or portions of Bibles were published in the Indian language. William Carey also wrote a number of religious books and articles in various languages, and he helped to write grammars and dictionaries to help the Indian people learn to read more easily.--**Story Trails.**

## Mother Owes Billy

by Herman C. DeVier

BILLY BRAY had just asked the clerk for five cents' worth of jelly beans when he spied Jimmy, another fifth-grade boy from his school, sitting at the soda fountain with a large milk shake.

"Hi, Billy!" called Jimmy. "Come on over and take a seat. I'll order you a milk shake."

As Billy went over, he thought, I wish I had as much money as Jimmy.

"Jimmy, how do you get money for milk shakes? Do you work?" Billy asked.

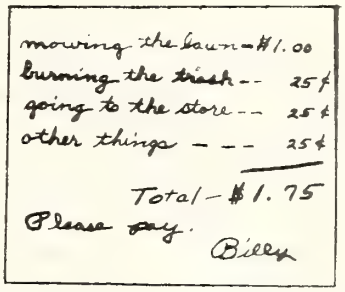
"Work?" laughed Jimmy, taking a long sip on his straw. "Yes, I work if you call cutting our grass with a power mower in fifteen minutes, work. And I get a dollar just for that!"

"A whole **dollar**!" gasped Billy.

"Don't you get paid for working for your folks?" asked Jimmy.

"No, I don't get paid for anything," Billy said shaking his head.

As Billy walked home that afternoon he decided to make a list of things he had done for his mother. She found it at her plate at the supper table. Slowly she read it:




His mother laughed lightly. She thought Billy was only having fun. "Billy, you don't mean this, do you? You are not going to charge Mother, are you?"

Billy hung his head and nodded slowly. "Yes, but--no hurry, any time," he added quickly hoping she would smile again.

Finally Billy's father spoke, "Will it be all right if Mother makes out her bill, also?"

Billy gulped and nodded. He hadn't expected this. He was close to tears as his mother began to write on the other side of the paper. Soon she placed it on Billy's plate, asking him to read it back to her aloud.

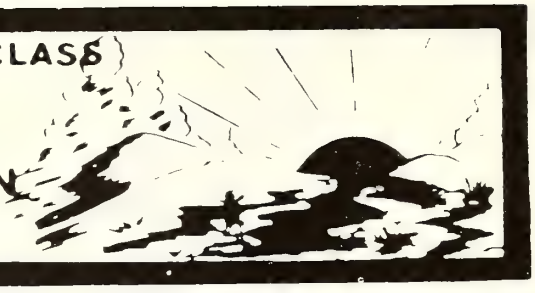
Billy read slowly through his tears, stopping once in a while to wipe his eyes with the sleeve of his shirt. "Billy owes Mother for home-cooked meals, $1.00; washing Billy's clothes, 25 cents; ironing clothes, 25 cents; other things, 25 cents." But across the bottom of her account, his

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For January 12



# THE SUFFERING SAVIOUR

**Lesson Text:** Mark 8:27-38
**Memory Verse:** Isaiah 53:5

## I. INTRODUCTION

Last Sunday we saw Jesus as the Master Teacher, one who had no peers in the art of teaching, for He stood in a class all by Himself. Today we see the third portrait of Jesus, this time as the Suffering Saviour.

Jesus had spent many happy hours with His disciples, traveling with them, teaching them, and sharing their problems, and answering their many probing questions. Now the days of joyous fellowship with them were rapidly coming to a close. Certainly there would still be other experiences of healing and saving, but as early in Mark's Gospel as the ninth chapter, He foretells His death and resurrection. (See 9:30-32.)

No man suffered as did Jesus. Even the prophets and other writers of the Old Testament foretold these things, notably in Psalm 22 and in Isaiah 53, to mention but a few passages. The time had come for His disciples to take a public stand with Him and to know that they, too, would come in for their share of suffering with Him. Even the great Paul, who did not walk with Jesus on earth, would undergo intense sufferings as he affirmed throughout his entire second epistle to the Corinthian Christians. For a splendid account of Paul's sufferings, the student would do well to read Alan Redpath's remarkable book, **Blessings Out of Buffetings.**

In today's lesson, Jesus challenges His disciples, whose time was now so short with Him, to consecrate their lives to His service and to prepare themselves to give up the whole world in order to follow Him, even to the bitter end.--**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.).**

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jesus was facing much opposition when He questioned the disciples concerning who He was. The answers the disciples gave indicate the varied feelings that existed among the people. When Jesus heard Peter's confession, it must have brought great joy to Him. It always brings joy to the Master to hear men confess His name.

B. Peter and the other disciples did not understand Jesus and His reason for coming to this earth. If they had, Peter never would have rebuked Jesus for speaking about His death. Don't our misunderstanding of and lack of understanding about Jesus cause us to make many mistakes in life?

C. One of the requisites of discipleship that Jesus gave was self-denial. There are but two great philosophies in the world. One is the philosophy of Satan that says, "Express yourself." The other is the philosophy of Christ that says, "Deny yourself."

D. Burdens are the hardships that are thrust upon us. We have to bear them; we have no choice. On the other hand, the crosses that we bear for Jesus are the things that we take up and voluntarily sacrifice for Jesus.

E. The last part of the lesson emphasizes the value of a soul as compared to the material things of life. Material things are temporary; the soul is eternal. What a difference!--**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.).**

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "A minister was boarding at a certain farmhouse. The farmer was not a Christian, but his wife had been praying for him for some time, and the minister was awaiting his opportunity to make plain to him the meaning of the sacrifice of Calvary. Early one morning the farmer beckoned to the minister to follow him out to the chicken house. There on one of the nests sat a hen with a brood of chickens peeping out from under her wings.

" 'Touch her, Mr. Everette,' the farmer said.

"As the minister put his hand on the hen he found that she was cold.

" 'Look at that wound in her head,' the farmer continued. 'A weasel has sucked all the blood from her body, and she never once moved for fear the little beast would get her chickens.'

" 'Oh,' said he, 'that was just like Christ. He endured all that suffering on the Cross. He could have moved and saved His own life, but He would not, because you and I were under His wings. If He had moved, we would have been lost.'

"The farmer saw the point, and accepted the Lord Christ as Saviour."--**Evangelical Visitor.**

B. "What Price Glory?" was the title of a famous drama about the life of soldiers in World War I. The aim was to reveal how different the muddy days and deadly nights in the trenches were from the "glory" of heroic service for the country that the recruitment posters had promised. Many have become similarly disillusioned and not just about war. The sacrifices made for an education or for success in business or to rear children may also be thought of as questionable, at times, in the light of the results achieved. Frequently such negative responses arise because one failed to "count the cost" of such endeavors before entering upon them. Every significant achievement has to be purchased with a price in dedication and effort.

Jesus points this out in our Scripture for today. He was lauded as "the Christ," the one who was God's special agent for the salvation of men; but this involved paying a terrible price. The exaltation of the Son of man was procured through His degradation and suffering at the hands of the sons of men. He would wear a diadem of glory, but only because His head would bleed beneath a spiky crown of thorns. He would draw a world to His side, but only because that side was torn by a spear of insolence and brutality. He would rise to exaltation with God only through rising from the death of a tortured criminal. And those who seek to glory in Him must not neglect to hear His words, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me."--**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

C. Before a grain of wheat can be a useful product, it must undergo a number of changes. It must be ground into flour, sifted, and then be kneaded into dough and baked in a hot oven. Only then is it ready to be useful. Just so the Christian, in order to be what God wants him to be

nust often be ground by persecution, have he sins of his life sifted or purged, and ndergo his trials by fire. Should this be ecessary, the child of God would become true cross bearer for Christ.--C. F. owen.

# THE LORD OF LIFE

For January 19

**Lesson Text:** John 11:17-27

**Memory Verse:** Galatians 2:20

## I. INTRODUCTION

In a former lesson the Lord Jesus stressed the fact that life was the most valuable of all of the gifts of God, and in our lesson for today we will consider the source of our life. We usually consider life to be of two parts: the life of the flesh, and the life of the spirit; but in the final analysis there is no life of the flesh without the presence of spiritual life. Physical life is made possible by the union of flesh and spirit, and once the spirit is separated from the body this life comes to a close. Spiritual life, on the other hand, is not dependent upon the body, but has its source in God. The body cannot live without the spirit, but the spirit can and does live without the body. When we speak of spiritual death, we do not mean to imply that the soul ceases to exist, but rather that it has lost fellowship with God, and thus is dead to all that is good and noble and uplifting.

Our lesson text for today deals with the resurrection of Lazarus, and is designed not only to show that Jesus is the Master of life and death, but also that He is our only Hope of resurrection and eternal life.

The background for today's lesson is the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, located in the village of Bethany, some few miles outside of Jerusalem.

The purpose of today's lesson is to convince us that Jesus is the source of our life.--**The Teen-Age Teacher** (**F. W. B.**)

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Someone has said that five great powers manifest themselves in the story of Christ's raising Lazarus from the dead: death, tears, love, prayer, and Jesus. Read the story again and note these five great powers.

B. Why did Jesus not return immediately to Bethany when He heard that Lazarus was sick? He had a good reason. He always has a good reason for delaying when we feel that He does not answer our prayers and do other things for us as quickly as we think He ought.

C. Jesus did not reveal Himself fully to Martha at first because He knew that she was not capable of comprehending it. He does the same with us. First, we are fed on the milk of the Word, and then as we grow and develop, He reveals more and more of Himself to us.

D. D. L. Moody once said that he was glad Jesus said, ''Lazarus, come forth.'' Otherwise, all the dead in the cemetery would have walked out of their graves. He is Lord of life, and this makes Him the Lord of death.

E. Why did Jesus weep at the tomb of Lazarus? He cared about the sorrows of His friends. We may be sure that when things happen to us He still cares.--**The Bible Teacher** (**F. W. B.**).

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Christian faith is centered in a particular view of Jesus of Nazareth. Christians are not made such because they believe in ''a spiritual view of life,'' or in ''a democratic society,'' or in ''a good moral life,'' or in ''keeping the Ten Commandments,'' or even in ''the ideals of Jesus,'' or ''the Sermon on the Mount.'' Genuine Christianity is focused on Jesus as Messiah and the Son of God. Paul summed it up in his speech in the synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia: ''Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses'' (Acts 13:38, 39).

This will save us from the vagueness that afflicts many who have a more or less friendly feeling toward certain aspects of Christian truth. There are those who believe that ''Someone in the great Somewhere'' hears prayer and that they are bound for the ''Beautiful Isle of Somewhere.'' Christian faith is faith in **Jesus**, and it is not just faith, as Arnold Lunn said, that He was ''a gentle Jew who went around Palestine teaching there is a great deal to be said in favor of loving one's neighbor.'' No, it is faith that He is, indeed, God's prophet, priest, and king, God's only Son, the Saviour of the world, and sovereign of all.--**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. There is a difference between faith healing and faith healers. One may subscribe to the former without recognizing the latter. A crippled minister went once to unmask a fraudulent ''faith healer.'' He was put aside by assistants, who said, ''You can't be healed. You don't have faith.'' His reply was, ''I have as much faith as Lazarus. He had been dead for days!''--Selected. Lazarus was brought back to life and was healed by the power of God, not by man's. Man may be an instrument in God's hand, as was Jesus, to bring healing, but one must never attribute such power to mortals.--C. F. Bowen.

C. ''Probably the greatest lesson learned in the home at Bethany was the lesson of immortality. With Lazarus raised from the dead and back in the home, the home was a different place: the Christ who said to them, 'I am the life . . .' meant more than He had ever meant before; now there was the certainty of everlasting life.

''A jester captivated the fancy of his monarch in such a way that he was presented by him with an elegant baton. The king said, 'You keep this rod until you find a man more foolish than yourself.' Time passed and the king fell sick. The jester was called in. He found the monarch in great agony.

'' 'What is the trouble?' the Jester asked.

'' 'Oh,' said the king. 'I feel very ill and I fear I am about to go on a long journey.'

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# FAMILY FIRESIDE

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*Prayer Thought*

Our stature may be slight and our status may be low, but faith and love of God can make us strong and make us whole.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Scripture Reading--Psalm 42:11

*God's Telephone Number*

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale asked a victim of crippling infantile paralysis, "How is it that you are always cheerful, radiate sunshine, and flash a smile to others?"

"It's because I have God's telephone number," replied the girl.

"That's interesting," said Dr. Peale. "Tell me about it."

The polio victim said, "It is Jeremiah 33:3."

"Why, that's a Bible verse," said the minister.

"That's right, and it says, 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.' "

The Jeremiah number is never too busy to receive your call. Anyone, anywhere, anytime may dial it and get an instant response!--Alice Marie Knight.

*Prayer Thought*

In these times of energy crises and breakdowns, it is wonderful to know that one Line is always available and unbreakable.

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# Sunday School Lesson

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" 'When will you return?' asked the jester.

" 'Never,' said the king.

" 'What do you know about the country to which you are going?'

" 'Nothing.'

" 'What preparation have you made for the journey?'

" 'None.'

"There was a pause. Solemnly the jester extended the elegant baton. 'Your Excellency,' he began, 'you told me to keep this rod until I found a man more foolish than myself. Now you tell me that you are to take a trip from which you will never return, to a country about which you know nothing, and for which you have made no preparation. Here, take the rod!"--**Tarbell's Teachers' Guide, 1964.**

# Questions & Answers

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defined as a tendency of man's affections and will, though accompanied by the power of evil choice, in the direction of the spiritual knowledge of God and of divine things generally. It is distinguished from the perfected holiness of the saints as instinctive affection and childlike innocence differ from the holiness which has developed and been confirmed by temptation.

"**It Was a Social Likeness**. God's social nature is grounded in His affections. He finds the objects of His love in the Trinity. As God has a social nature, so he has endowed man with a social nature. Consequently man seeks companionship. In the first place, he found this fellowship in God himself. Man 'heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day' (Genesis 3:8), and held converse with his Maker. God had made man for Himself, and man found supreme satisfaction in communion with his Lord. But God provided also human fellowship. He created the woman, for, He said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make the woman out of a bone taken from the man. Adam recognized that Eve was bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, and so he called her 'woman.' And because of this intimate relation between the two, 'therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh' (Genesis 2:23, 24). It is evident that God had made man with a social nature, even as He had a social nature. It is clear that God provided for man's social nature. Human love and social interests spring directly from this element in man's nature, which he has not lost in the fall."

# Boys' and Girls' Stories

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mother had written, "Billy's account paid in full."

Billy choked, "You have marked this paid in full. Oh, Mother, I could never pay you for all the things you do for me--never!"

"That's all right, son," his mother said softly, as she wiped her eyes on her faded apron. "No one is able to pay for all the good things he receives. Just think what Jesus has done for us."

"Please forgive me, Mother," said Billy through his tears. "I've been so thoughtless."

"You're forgiven Billy," said his mother sweetly. His father laid his big hand carefully over Billy's on the table. Then Billy, with his free hand, wrote in large letters across the bottom of his side of the sheet: "MOTHER'S BILL PAID IN FULL--ALWAYS!"

Mother's smile was reward enough for Billy. He ate his supper with a new sense of gratitude. Somehow it tasted much better now!--**Guide for Juniors.**

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## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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by Mrs. Irene Patten, chairman of the Misic Department.

Rick Rhodes from New Bern is working on a journalism-related project with the development office at the College.

Roberta Davis of Swansboro is tutoring English at Mount Olive Junior High School. Her experience is supervised by Mr. Sidney Johnson, chairman of the Modern Languages Department.

Derek Hines of Kinston is working on press production and office machines. His work is under the supervision of Mr. Gene Mercer, chairman of the Department of Mathematics.

Archie Pate of Mount Olive is working on a research project in physical education under the supervision of Coach Jimmy Adams.

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THIS IS YOUR DAY, BUT BE CAREFUL OF IT. . . .

# Editorial--

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## THIS IS YOUR DAY, BUT!

This is your day—yes, *your* day. It belongs to you in a singular manner; and though you share it with all other living people, this day is really your own. You can make of it what you wish, according to your desires, your judicious approach to it, and the way you use it or allow it to use you.

This day is evil. Yesterday was evil too, and so will tomorrow be—if tomorrow comes. Today will see men measure everyone else by their own standards, disdaining to bend themselves to the principles of others (however good these principles may be), with the contention that *their* way is the *only* way. Greedy, rapacious individuals will hoard up for themselves every material thing within reach, not caring that in their climb to fame and fortune they step on and take advantage of whoevever happens to be in their way. *You* may be one of this number, if you allow yourself to be. You see, this is *your* day and you live it in your own particular way.

This day is good. Yesterday was good too—for some people, and so will tomorrow be—if we are privileged to enjoy such a tomorrow. Today will see kind souls bent on serving others and giving of themselves unselfishly, not caring that they may receive no recognition for their benevolence. Persons having warm hearts will radiate that warmth to those who need it most, not out of duty but from a natural inclination to give something more precious than silver or gold. . . . You may be one of *this* number; that is, if you permit the good part of your nature to manifest itself. Again, we must remind you: This is *your* day. You live in it, and you can therefore make of it what you will.

Oh yes, your heart may be heavy. Your eyes may be swollen from tears that have found a free outlet. You may feel that the weight of the world is on your shoulders and that you cannot go on. Still, this is your day, however difficult it may be for you. Think: Is the aching of *your* heart so bad as to make you oblivious to those who suffer worse; moreover, are you not aware that there are some who have conditioned themselves and hardened their hearts against feeling? Have you really *considered* those who haven't the capacity to feel? You know, they are really less fortunate, according, at least, to the dictates of this writer's conscience. It is our strong opinion that it is far better and more desirable to have a heart full of tears than to have one completely devoid of them.

This is your day. You can like it or you can hate it. You can take it, but you can't leave it—unless you destroy yourself or are taken by divine providence. Good or bad, it will be determined to a large degree by the way you approach other people and the way you respond to their approaches or reproaches. Surely, it can be full of smiles or tears—this day— and it shall provide a certain amount of each. It wouldn't be a real day if it didn't contain a measure of both—like clouds and sun in the same sky. . . .

This is your day. You can hang your head or carry it high. You can walk, run, or crawl. You can reach your hands heavenward. You can shout or you can refuse to lift your voice. You can swear or you can pray. You can slam doors or open windows. You can sneer or smile. You can make enemies or acquire new friends or reinforce existing friendships. This your day, twenty-four hours of trouble or pleasure—all yours!

What will you do with this day? Bridge a gap from yesterday's mistakes to tomorrow's hopes, possibly? Draw a curtain around it to keep it to and for yourself? Moan over it, wallowing in self-pity, comsumed with self-interest, disregarding the cherished interests of others?

Will you, rather, accept this day as a gift— and as such—view it as something to be used and enjoyed? Will you not make something good of its badness, something happy of its sadness, something brave of its cowardice, and something lasting of its brevity? You can, you know; for this is *your* day.

For the sick, this day will drag on almost endlessly, causing greater pain and the release of deeper sighs. For the healthy, and especially the very young, it will pass all too quickly; for there is so much to do and seemingly so little time in which to do all one wants to do. It will be a living hell for some and a blissful heaven for others, a pleasant dream for the fortunate and the worst of nightmares for the ill-fated.

Will you be borne on eagles' wings this day, or will you be subjected to the weariness of spiritual and physical struggle? Will you fly to the mountaintop, or will you fall into the valley of despair? Will you plant your feet on solid ground, or will you slip into the mire or sinking sand? Will your refuge be the Rock of Ages or some materialistic, worldly shelter? Will you seek the counsel of the Almighty or the advice of foolish man? Will your courage be found in a bottle of liquid sin or in the "Faith of Our Fathers"? This is your day. There is a lot that can be done (and undone), and it's up to you.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:1

*A Famous Coach's Honesty*

Probably no man ever had a longer more distinguished career in the orld of sports than the veteran coach A. Stagg. For forty-two years he as the idol of students and graduates the University of Chicago. Yet he is ore admired for his rugged aracter and uncompromising nesty, no matter what the cost.

A successful businessman told how s whole life was changed by a little cident on the baseball diamond. agg's champion baseball team was fending its college title. The batter d singled, and one of Stagg's men as racing home with the winning n. Stag came rushing up to meet m. "Get back to third base," he outed, "you cut it by a yard." "But e umpire didn't see it," the runner otested. "That doesn't make any fference," roared Stagg. "Get ck!" *It cost a game, but a aracter battle was won.* "When I w that," said the businessman, "I termined always to play square."--*nited Presbyterian.*

*Prayer Thought*

n the game of life honesty is a ecessity; without it all is false and eaningless.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20
Scripture Reading--Ecclesiastes 9:17

*Quietness*

Around the great issues of life there quietness. Silence characterizes the ghest in art, and the deepest in ature. The surest spiritual search is ade in silence. Moses learned in idian, and Paul in Arabia, what ould have eluded them in the busy aunts of men.

Silence reaches beyond words. The ghest point in drama is silence. The ost valid emotions do not cry aloud. he most effective reproof is not a ngue lashing. The most poignant grief is not expressed in loud shriekings. The sincerest sympathy is not noisy. The best preparation for an emergency is quietness. It is the highest duty to play "The Still," and every man's duty to remain perfectly quiet for a moment, collecting his senses in preparation for intelligent action. The best proof of greatness is silence. The great engine is almost noiseless, but the cheap model is a "rattletrap."

The best proof of confidence is silence. The man who is confident of his position does not strive nor cry aloud, nor try to explain everything.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."--Selected.

*Prayer Thought*

Our Lord told us to "be still and know." Quite often we are so busy listening to our own voices we are unable to hear anyone or anything else.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21
Scripture Reading--Psalm 27:1

*Franklin's Epitaph*

Benjamin Franklin wrote the following epitaph for his own tomb: "The Body of Benjamin Franklin, Printer, Like the Cover of an Old Book, Its Contents Torn Out and Stripped of Its Lettering and Gilding, Lies Here, Food for Worms. Yet the Work Itself shall not be Lost; for it will, as He Believed, Appear once More in a New and More Beautiful Edition, Corrected and Amended by The Author."--*Wesleyan Methodist.*

*Prayer Thought*

It is a wonderful thought that we have the promise of a more beautiful life in store for us who believe in God.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22
Scripture Reading--Psalm 46:1

*How They Learned That God Answers*

A lad who had not been reared in a Christian home, knew nothing about prayer, and cared less, had been on a torpedoed ship, when all on board were thrust out into the water to swim for their lives. Twelve of the boys kept together. Suddenly, horrified, they saw a lake of burning oil coming toward them. It was impossible to escape. What could they do? Just then a Lutheran, the only Christian in the group, began to pray aloud. It was the heart cry of one in dire need to the God of mercy whom he knew: "O God, save us! O God, save us! O God, save us!" And with that, every one of the eleven, who had never known or thought about our God of love, followed aloud with, "Please, God! Please, God!" Immediately the flaming oil parted, leaving a clear, wide path directly in front of them. And what do you think our gracious Lord had placed in this path? A raft! The lad who told the story ended with, "And no one can persuade these boys that God does not hear prayer."--Selected.

*Prayer Thought*

God does hear and heed our prayers. We have only to request His help.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23
Scripture Reading--Psalm 107:9

*No Appetite*

One of the incidents of the great Chinese famine was a visit I made to the refugee camp outside the walls of Chinkiang. Mrs. Paxton was taking simple medicines to the sufferers; and, as we made the rounds of the miserable straw mat shelters, within which the starving people hungered on the cold ground, she turned to me with a startled expression and said, "Do you know what most of them are saying? They complain of lack of appetite! Even when they get a bowl of rice from our relief station, they have no appetite." These famine victims were not hungry--because they were starving. They had passed the stage of desire for food. That picture portrays many a soul's state. It has lost interest in or longing for spiritual satisfactions because it is starving.--*Christian Herald.*

*Prayer Thought*

May we whet our religious appetites with the words of God, and ward off hunger pains of the soul with morsels of the Bread of Life.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24
Scripture Reading--John 14:2, 3

*God in the Tomorrows*

The Oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep. He was in front. Any attempt upon them had to take him into account. Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men with dread. But God is there already, and all tomorrows of our life have to pass before Him before they can get to us.--F. B. Meyer.

*Prayer Thought*

With God in our present and future

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# WE MUST SAIL

Mount Olive College Founders'
Day Address
Dr. W. Burkette Raper,
President
December 5, 1974

IT has been said, "Only a people with a history know who they are."

On this day, when we commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of Mount Olive College, it is not only appropriate but prudent that we take time to know the history that gave us birth and which has made this institution what it is.

It was in September, of 1951, under the chairmanship of the Rev. David W. Hansley that the Board of Christian Education requested approval from the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists to establish a junior college. Free Will Baptists will dispose of any issue if all that is required is to vote for it. The convention granted the board its request, and on November 27, the board obtained from the State of North Carolina a charter. During the first year the Free Will Baptists of the state responded with gifts which totaled $725.

The next fall, however, the ship was launched under the leadership of the Rev. Lloyd Vernon as president. On September 22, 1952, six students enrolled at Mount Allen Junior College at the Free Will Baptist mountain retreat known as Cragmont Assembly at Black Mountain, and gifts climbed to $6,940, but hardly enough to keep the ship afloat.

In 1953, with a balance of $6.17 in the treasury, the decision was made to relocate the College in Mount Olive where an abandoned elementary school building was available for $25,000; and, in September of 1954, the first collegiate level courses were offered to twenty-two students.

For eleven years the entire operation of the College was centered in the old building now known as the downtown campus. But in the fall of 1965, the first buildings on the new campus were occupied; and during the past nine years, more and more of our program has been transferred to this campus as additional buildings were constructed.

It is noteworthy that on this day when we celebrate the twenty-third birthday of Mount Olive College, two other significant events are planned on this campus. This afternoon, the first Historical Society in the nearly two and one-half-century history of Free Will Baptists will be organized; and tonight a committee of the Board of Trustees will interview architects for the purpose of selecting the firms that will be retained to design our next two buildings: a College Union and a Physical Education Center. Upon the completion of these two buildings we hope to complete the transfer of all of our operations to the new campus.

It has been twenty-three years since the ship of Mount Olive College was launched, and we are still the youngest private junior college in North Carolina--and it appears that we will remain the youngest for a long time to come.

I am reminded of a statement I read in Israel when I was in that country not long ago: "The difficult takes time, the impossible takes a little longer."

## I. BENCHMARK OF PROGRESS

What has been achieved at Mount Olive College during these years?

— Nearly 3,500 students have been given an opportunit prepare themselves for a better life and to help others attain fulfillment of their lives.

— To the original property has been added a 100-a campus with six buildings and a 50-acre camp site, which ha combined value of $3.5 million.

— A modern library of 25,000 volumes has been develope

— The annual operating budget has grown from $50,00 1954-55 to $1.3 million in 1974-75.

— Our student-aid budget alone is nearly $250,000 nually, five times our total budget twenty years ago.

— The College has attained full accreditation.

— An endowment of more than $500,000 has b developed.

— Gifts to the College have increased from $33,689 twe years ago to $335,169 last year, and accumulated gifts since College was founded now total $3.5 million.

— A sound and creative educational program designe meet the individual needs of students has been developed.

— A highly competent and deeply committed group of ministrators, teachers, and other personnel has been gathere serve our students.

## II. A COMPASS FOR THE FUTURE

Where do we go from here? Oliver Wendell Holmes spok Mount Olive College when he said, "I find the great thing in world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we moving. . . we must sail sometimes with the wind and someti against it,--but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

As we gird ourselves for the voyage ahead, there are t points on the compass to be kept in view.

**A. Academic:** A college is first and foremost a place wh teaching and learning occur. Buildings, land, equipm budgets, programs, publications, policies, and every o tangible object are only instrumental to learning and hu development. The greatest educational asset Mount Olive Col has to offer its students is not its modern plant but its facul believe that whatever we lack in campus facilities, we more t compensate for in the professional and personal qualities of personnel.

Furthermore, our faculty reports that our students this represent an improvement in both their ability and in their desi learn.

An academic setting, however, consists of more than teacher and the student; what is taught is the heart of the ma and this consideration brings us to the curriculum--the cou and their content. There are two extremes we must avoid: Or just troubling the water and disillusioning ourselves that thi progress; the other is letting ourselves drift into stagnant wate

The stream of life flows swiftly today. The world lite changes as we walk in it; and what we teach must be consta

evaluated and revised. We must be sure that the curriculum of ount Olive College is not based on what our faculty was taught in llege but rather on what will meet the needs of our students day and prepare them for tomorrow.

We must sail and not drift, lest we be like the yacht that put wn anchor for the night, but during the darkness the anchor line as cut by a passing ship, and the yacht drifted far into the ocean. rly the next morning the cook arose to prepare breakfast, but eing what had happened he rushed to the cabin of the skipper d shouted, "Captain! Captain! Wake up! We ain't there no ore."

Look at any point in the educational history of man--and "we n't there no more." If we are to provide meaningful education day, we must set our sails and not drift.



Mount Olive College celebrated its twenty-third anniversary on December 5, at its annual Founders' Day service. President W. Burkette Raper, left, discusses the progress of the College with James Hunt Sr. of Lucama, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

**B. Student Life:** Education is more than being taught--it is nore than learning--education is becoming. The student life program of Mount Olive College is based on our belief that students are more than learners--they are persons--human beings.

We not only think, we also feel; we not only learn, we also yearn; and what we feel and yearn are as much of our lives as what we think and learn.

Not only through instruction but through counseling, group living, recreational and social activities, and religious life we grow and develop into the persons we choose to be. It is at this point that the true mission of Mount Olive College comes into clear focus. It was the intent of the founders of this institution that it would advance "the cause of education, religion, and morality"; and, unless we do so, we betray our heritage.

The location of this chapel in the center of the campus was not just by architectural design; it was placed here as a prophetic expression--to declare the centrality of God in both human life and in education. Unless we keep God at the heart of this College, we will lose our mission; unless God comes first in our lives, we will miss the purpose for human living.

The truth was beautifully expressed in a letter by a visitor to our campus who wrote: "We didn't know how to reach the campus, but we kept driving around until we saw the cross, and that gave us the right direction."

Indeed, the "Cross" always gives the right direction.

**C. Financial Affairs:** A third point on the compass which guides our future voyage is financial. Since 1970, approximately fifty private colleges in America have closed, primarily for financial reasons. At a recent workshop conducted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one speaker suggested that the association might need a new committee--one to bury dead colleges. It should be noted, however, that the speaker represented the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill which receives from the taxpayers of North Carolina nearly $3,000 per student annually in addition to fees collected from its students.

Our private colleges do not receive this kind of state support and, therefore, we must look for gifts from churches and friends. At Mount Olive College, for example, tuition and fees provide 31 percent of our current operating budget and room and board account for 20 percent, for approximately 50 percent of our budget from student sources. To meet our operating expenses we must raise more than $1,000 daily in voluntary gifts; and in addition, we must look to the Free Will Baptist Church and our friends for the funds needed for our proposed College Union and Physical Education Center.

We must constantly ask ourselves, "What are we doing to merit the level of support we ask?" The answer is with our students--the kind of persons you become, the service you render in your chosen vocation, and in what you say about us. Our only product is the change which takes place in your lives--the difference between what you were when you came and what you become while here and after leaving.

Financially, Mount Olive College has always sailed on stormy waters. We had nothing to begin with, and our backs have been kept to the wall from the day we opened. In the fall of 1954, we paid our faculty on time the first month, but then we had to put a boiler in the building which drained our treasury, and we stayed behind in salaries the rest of that year. We had no line of credit, and so we paid what we could when we could.

In the spring of 1961, I received a report from the treasurer which read:

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| Bills Due and Past Due | $ 7,098 |
| Replacement of Restricted Funds | 35,782 |
| Past Due Loan | 6,022 |
| Currently Due Loan | 3,500 |
| Needed | $ 52,402 |

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# BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** When I attended a Christian school no student of that institution was allowed to attend a public theater or movie house. Now that I am home my friends think that I am narrow because I refuse to attend such a place of public amusement. What is your opinion on such matters?

**Answer:** I too attended Christian institutions where, upon learning that a student who attended a theater or a like public place of amusement, was immediately excluded from their family. Personally, I think since they claimed to be Christian they were correct in maintaining such high standards. I also think that were so-called Christian schools of today to follow the strict moral examples of the Christian half century ago they would have nothing to lose and much to gain. This modern, worldly trend many of the so-called Bible schools and seminaries have comfortably assumed in these latter days bear no good fruit in the change as I see it.

The Bible, both in the Old Testament and in the New, is prolific in admonitions and condemnations instructing us to be what we profess. The Jews in the Old Testament times and we who profess to be Christians in this our church age have an obligation first to God, then to ourselves, and to the brethren to live holy separated lives so as to encourage each other. Also to attract lost condemned sinners who are serving the world and the devil to make a right-about-face, repent, and accept Christ by faith and join us in displaying a redeemed soul to a lost world.

My Bible says a lot to me about a changed life--one opposed to the nominal professed Christian life exhibited by the average church member. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also"(James 2:17-20, 26); "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. . . . Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:3, 4, 7, 8); "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:7, 8).

God calls upon us to be separated from this sinful world of people that we be not tainted by their unbelief and other sins. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:14-18); "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1); "For not he tha commendeth himself is approved, bu whom the Lord commendeth" (2 Corinthians 10:18); also, "And I heard anothe voice from heaven, saying, Come out o her, my people, that ye be not partakers o her sins, and that ye receive not of he plagues" (Revelations 18:4).

The theater and the moving picture industry of this our day seems to have reached degrees of corruption and have become so definitely the devil's instrument, promoting filthy morals unheard of in other generations, that it seems odd that so few voices speak out against them. Believe me Dr. James M. Gray, Reuben A. Torrey, John G. Page, P. B. Fitzwater, and many others I knew in the twenties spoke and wrote with Christian vigor and vitality against such and especially against professed Christians that participated and sanctioned such.

I attended but two movies before I went to Moody Bible Institute. One was "Over the Top," a preview of some of World War I's activities; and the other, "The Fall of Babylon," a movie that Miss Kerney, the history teacher at Atlantic Christian College, required all her class members to attend and threatened to give them no credit for the course unless they reported seeing the picture. I have not been to a commercial movie since. I have no plan ever to enter the door of another such unchristian place of entertainment. My Bible tells me "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it no robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8). "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

A Christian by doing all that he knows to be right and refraining from all that may have any semblance of evil can attract others to Christ "the true light of the world" since we Christians are His satellites. Then we are told that in everything we do, do it all in the name of

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**[The following information was submitted and brought to the editor's office by Mr. Ingram for publication in this year's first issue of the "Baptist," but due to machine breakdown and other difficulties involved in printing, the articles by necessity were held over until this time. We are sorry for the delay in printing, but we are certain that all interested parties will understand the reasons for the delay, and will, by the same token, understand that neither we, Mr. Ingram, nor anyone connected with the mission board has any intention of reemphasizing the situation. —the Editor.]**

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Colaborer in Christ:

This letter is to share with you some important news concerning our missionaries in the Philippines, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones. I trust that you will read this very prayerfully and carefully. It will give you the circumstances and also the action of your Foreign Mission Board concerning this matter.

Because of the situation in the life of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones, it is necessary that the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King be sent to the Philippines earlier than was previously planned. The former plans called for the Rev. and Mrs. King to attend Columbia Bible College for one year before departing for the field. Now, they are making plans to leave during the month of March. This can only be made possible through the cooperative efforts of each of us as we seek God's will and join in our efforts to get them there. There will be needed funds for travel and other needs that will have to be raised in such a short time; so if your church can use their services, please schedule them through our office for a visit to your church on or before March 15, 1975. I hope that many of you will plan to have a special service with them through the week. Please let us hear from you on this as soon as possible.

Your continued prayers and support are needed in the months ahead more than ever. I trust that you will be faithful in your commitment to God in this matter. Getting this situation settled is necessary that we might effectively reach the lost for Christ.

If there is further information needed or desired, we will be glad to share this upon request. Thanks again for your help in this matter.

In His service,
Joseph H. Ingram
**Director-Treasurer**

MISSIONS BOARD'S ACTION

The Foreign Mission Board of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists met on December 16, 1974, at the home of the director, with the following members present: the Revs. Fred Rivenbark, Stewart Humphrey, C. F. Bowen, and Norman Ard. The Rev. Wayne King, missionary appointee, was also present for the meeting. Brother Ard was proxy for Wayne King.

The board was called to order by the chairman, the Rev. Fred Rivenbark. The following business was transacted:

**1. Report on Philippines**

a. Motion made to retain the house in Palawan.

b. On October 30, 1974, the Rev. Harold Jones informed the board of the following: "We are at this time caught standing before two doors; one is loyalty to our denomination and the other loyalty to the real experience we are having in the Holy Spirit. The question is, Should we remain loyal to our denomination and deny what we are receiving in the Holy Spirit?

"I was baptized in the Holy Spirit with tongues on July 14, 1971, and Sandra has recently come into this full experience. Apart from salvation, this was the greatest event of my life. This growth continued for awhile, but because of loyalty to the denomination and criticism from certain quarters back home, I began to suppress the gifts of the Spirit. I did not teach the baptism in the Holy Spirit to the people we witnessed to. Our work was built on the power of hard labor and personality and not the power of the Holy Spirit.

"We went home for a year of spiritual refreshment in 1973-74, but again this experience had to be suppressed, During the year at home we did not receive the needed refreshment, so we returned to the Philippines spiritually drained and not equipped to deal with the changes that had taken place.

We began to put forth effort to build things up, but our efforts were in vain, because we lacked the needed power. Despair and depression were our lot until we discovered our problem. We were guilty of quenching the Spirit. As we began to renew ourselves in the Holy Spirit, we were again confronted with the same problem of two years before: denomination loyalty or what we know we have received in the Holy Spirit.

We have come to this conclusion, that we will not quench the Spirit in our lives again. We will practice and teach the baptism of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, and other gifts of the Spirit as needed by every born-again believer in Christ; and if the church cannot accept this, we will have to part at this point. But on the other hand, if the church will allow us freedom to practice, teach, and preach this, we are perfectly willing to remain here and work. If not we wait for your instructions as to what we are to do.

We realize fully that by saying this we are placing ourselves in an awkward position and all sorts of accusations can be made, but we must be true to ourselves. Physical security is in vain if one is not all he wants and knows he must be spiritually.

We wait your instructions. God bless you for we realize that this is of a very serious nature."

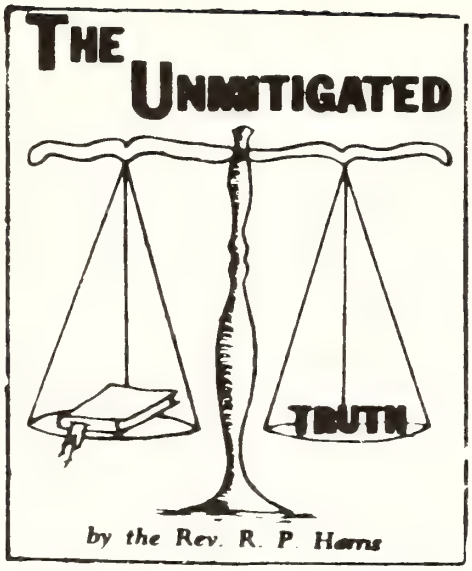
**2. The Board's Action November 11, 1974**

a. By motion that we reaffirm our position as a board in accordance with the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the Scriptures found in 1 Corinthians, Chapters 12—14.

b. Affirm that the board recognizes the right to his personal interpretation of the Scriptures and following the leadership of the Holy Spirit in his life.

c. That Harold, on an appointed date,

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Scriptural Basis: ". . . The Master is come, and calleth for thee" (John 11:28).

**THE MASTER CALLS US TO SERVICE**

If we cannot serve Christ after we are saved, He would have no more use for us here in this world. Another Christian is the fruit of a Christian. Since God knows of what use, if any, we will be to Him after He saves us, maybe He should take us on to heaven as soon as we are saved. I suppose He has done this many times.

The Christian does not retain his earthly citizenship; he becomes a stranger and a sojourner and his statue is service while passing along this earthly way. God does not save us so that we can become better citizens of the world, but that we can forfeit earthly citizenship and receive one from heaven.

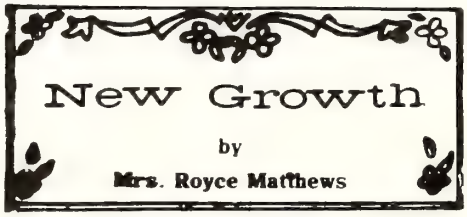
Many people seem to think that God saves people to make them better lawyers, doctors, farmers, mechanics, teachers, and professors. People are better in these things when they are saved, but that is not why God saves them. God wants them to serve Him. If it is possible to serve God through our earthly pursuits, all well and good. But many people get sidetracked into worldliness and seek worldly rewards in preference to heavenly rewards. This is dangerous and wrong! Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (10:31).

We need to take a serious look at ourselves and so determine why we do what we do. Then, if what we do tends to glorify self or some other earthly thing, we need to change what we are doing and do that which glorifies God. The price may be high, but isn't heaven worth any price you have to pay to serve God?

While the Master is calling us to serve Him, we must remember that the service He wants is simply witnessing to all people. We find recorded in Acts 1:8, ". . . ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The unsaved person must have a witness before he can be saved. Many of them are watching the so-called Christian for a witness. Many do not like what they see, and lose their desire to become a Christian just because of what they see in the so-called Christians who live careless, loose, and indifferent lives while pretending to serve Christ. Christians should be bold and hold fast to the principles taught by Christ in all their living and witnessing.

When Christ calls us to serve Him, it is not for a designated time but it is forever. Abraham had to leave his country, his property, his kindred, and whatever personal reasons he might have had to serve God in a place or country which God had not even revealed yet. What faith! That is what God wants of us. We must be willing to relinquish all ties with personal desires, ambitions, and attachments. It is a complete turnabout, an ultimatum, and we must forget those things which are behind and press on to those things which are before us.

This service is in the field of witnessing and persuading the ungodly to seek salvation through Christ. We are never to give one up. We are to follow the leadership of Christ in dealing with every person whom God allows to be influenced by our testimony. We are His stewards and whatever is accomplished, all the praise and honor should go to our Lord. Amen.




GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

The same Bible that says, "Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:13-15); also says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; . . ." (Exodus 20:7).

Nothing upsets me much more than hearing God's name coupled with profane, offensive language. I always feel that one who has to curse to get his point acros has limitations in more things tha vocabulary.

Yet, vainly using God's name on th street corner comes second to His nam being vainly used in the worship servic You don't have to curse to use His name vain.

How many times have you sung th song, "All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him freely give," when you didn't mean a wo of it? Sure you gave Him your hea several years back, but what about yo time? Your body, your home, yo children, your car, your paycheck? Yo mind, your spirit, your imagination, yo creativity? Your energy? Do all thes belong to God 100 percent? Take our car for instance. If our cars were surrender to God, don't you think they would car other people along with our family church on Sunday?

On Sunday we sing that great song dedication, "Ready to suffer grief or pai ready for service great or small, ready stay, ready to go, ready to do His will."

Then Monday, when a heartache com along, or a toothache, or the cow kic over the milk pail, it knocks us for a loo and we have a tendency to questio "Why, Lord?" We're ready for servic great or small; yet, if someone bucks o personal religious plans, we call the hypocrites just as if our direct line to God not subject to human error. Therefore, one can disagree with us and still be Christian.

Have you sung the song about lo which says, "we're brothers, we sisters in the family of God"; Yet, t feelings are so keenly intense because o rift in the congregation, you don't kn who's friendly and living anymore? If th has never happened in your church, must be so new Satan hasn't found it yet

Most dedication songs are written wh the writer was in a state of extre dedication and I don't know about you, b to be quite honest, I'm not "extrem dedicated" **every** Sunday. I wonder wh the Lord thinks of our saying phras which we don't mean.

The Bible doesn't say not to use Go name in vain on street corners barrooms. It says, "Thou shalt not period. That means anywhere--even church.

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

It was an exciting time at the ildren's Home on December 19 and 20, 74, as the children enjoyed parties and ts prior to their leaving for Christmas cation.

Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church gave e Deans Cottage a party and presented ts to each child. Mr. and Mrs. Durwood nes of Pine Level church gave the ttage a console stereo radio and tape ayer.

Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Black Creek gave the Smith Cottage their rty. They brought a clothes hamper and oy for each child.



Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of sh County gave State Cottage a party d individuals gifts to each boy; also a h aquarium and globe for all the boys to e and enjoy.



We appreciate so much each of these hurch groups who were willing to share eir names and themselves with our ildren.

On December 20, at 7 p.m., all gathered at the Recreation Center for the big Christmas party. Each child got at least one Christmas present. Some of the gifts were waiting at the cottage for the children to take home to open on Christmas Day. The Peace Free Will Baptist Church of Pinetops sent a gift for each child. Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Robersonville, and Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Fountain provided silver dollars which the Rev. Hubert Burress passed out to each child. We had many visitors at the party and all had a joyous time.



We wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for helping make Christmas a merry one for all of our children.

Due to the constant turnover of employees at the Children's Home we thought it would be of interest and benefit to our readers to publish a current listing of the Board of Trustees and the employees of the Home. Below you will find such a listing:

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## REGULATED BY GOD!

"I have no hesitation in saying," says Professor C. A. Chant, professor of Astro-Physics at Toronto University, "that at least ninety percent of astronomers have reached the conclusion that the universe is not the result of any blind law, but is regulated by a great Intelligence."--**Power.**




## AN EMPOWERED PEOPLE

**Lesson Text:** Ephesians 1:16—2:7
**Memory Verse:** Colossians 1:11

### I. INTRODUCTION

The world has felt the influence of Christianity for nearly two thousand years. Because of our long background as Christians, we cannot truly understand the impact of the Holy Spirit in our lives as did those of the first century. We grew up in a Christian nation, so-called, and relatively in Christian homes. The way of Christ is not new to us; we have heard of it all our lives.

This was not true of the early Christians; to them, the way was a new experience and meant a virtual upheaval of old practices, old concepts, and even old religion. These were the first to know the meaning of an empowered people, for the influence and memory of Pentecost were still fresh in their minds.

This is a fascinating thought, and for this reason, the next five lessons will be most exciting and beneficial. We will examine some of the people of God in the Early Church and the concepts of the Spirit-filled life as Paul wrote of it and experienced it himself. We will think of them as an empowered people, a worshiping people, a serving people, a reconciling people, and a people who lived in hope. As we consider these of the Early Church, we hope to find the counterpart in our own lives, as we apply their experience to our own.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.).**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Read Ephesians 2:1-6 and see what kind of person you were before God saved you. This will help you to see what a wonderful thing it is to be saved, and it will help you to understand the condition of the lost.

B. **But God**—can you think of your own life before you were saved, and then think what you would be today if you had not been saved? God has made a difference in the life of every Christian.

C. Since we are saved, we can walk and live in such a way as to bring glory to His name; but the greatest part of being a Christian will be manifest in the **ages to come**.

D. Doesn't just reading these verses from Ephesians 2 make you want to sing the Doxology?

**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is apparent that Paul had a daily devotional period when he made requests and thanked God for his many partners in Christian work. We notice in Romans 1:9 that he writes, "Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers"; to the Thessalonians he writes, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers" (1 Thessalonians 1:2); toward the close of his life he gave Timothy the assurance, "Without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day" (2 Timothy 1:3); and to Philemon he wrote, "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers" (Philemon 4).

It is notable that the powerful prayers Paul utters, such as the one in our lesson for today, come out of a practice of continued petitions for a long list of specific individuals. Regular prayer is the root out of which flower prayers of unusual power and helpfulness in life's situations.--**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. I stood one day in a little churchyard in Amesbury, Massachusetts, by the grave of the poet John Greenleaf Whittier. A simple stone marked the spot, and on it were engraved these words: "Here Whittier Lies." As I thought about the man and his literary work I found it difficult to believe that very much of Whittier was really under that stone. I prefer to think of him in some place such as he describes in "The Eternal Goodness."

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.,
I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

Each one of us who accepts Christ Jes as his Lord and Saviour, thus becom united with Him, can have this sa assurance, this same hope.—Selected.

C. We need the microscopic view life provided by seeing experience at cl range. How much more we need telescopic view of life that faith provid Through this telescope we can see life its eternal dimensions, viewing it throug glass brightly. Let's polish the lens of fa and take another look at life.—**Light Living.**

D. "A certain minister had two so The second son was a space engineer specialist in electromagnetics. For number of years he was on the faculty well-known university. There, he w considered a puzzle by his fellow facu members as he let it be known in a v simple way that he believed the Bible a is. He told of a conversation he had wit fellow faculty member. This person saic him, 'Well, Gutzke, you don't mean to me that you believe the Bible?'

"John said, 'Yes, I do.'

" 'Well, you certainly don't believe t Book of Genesis.'

" 'Oh, yes,' he said, 'that's part of Bible. I believe that.'

" 'Well, you certainly wouldn't beli the creation story as it is told in Genesis.

" 'Why yes, that's exactly the wa is.'

" 'I could never believe that.'

" 'Of course you couldn't.'

" 'Wait a minute. Why do you sa couldn't?'

"John replied: 'You're just looking a from a human point of view, aren't you?'

"The man said, 'Yes.'

"John said, 'As long as you look a from a human point of view, you will ne believe it.'

"Then this man said to him, 'Well, w can I do? How do you believe?'

" 'Well,' John said, 'I have the grace God, and the grace of God helps me. I able to believe.'

" 'Are you something special that have this grace of God?'

" 'Oh, no! Anybody can have it. can have it.'

"Sadly the man turned away."—**Pl Talk on Ephesians.**

# STORIES

## for our youth



## JIMMY TAKES BOTH OARS

**by M. Jeane Johnson**

THERE was nothing in the whole wide world Jimmie enjoyed more than fishing with Grandpa. Whether from the bank or from a boat it was fun because Grandpa was there. Sometimes they would sit quietly and not a word was spoken. Other times there was much to talk about that Jimmie would get to watch his cork until it bobbed down into the water.

Today was one of those late summer days, sunny and warm with just enough wind to remind you that fall was just around the corner. Jimmie treasured these last few days before school began, for it was hard to find time to spend a whole day with Grandpa after school started.

Jimmie lay back against the bank and pulled his old straw hat down over one eye. He peeked at Grandpa occasionally but this was one of the more quiet days and Grandpa didn't have much to say. The murmuth of the sun, the babbling of the stream and the quietness all around made Jimmie sleepy. He almost dozed off when Grandpa's voice startled him. "Will you come to church with me tonight, Jim?" he asked. "This is the last night of our revival meeting and now that you're 11, I think it's high time you were saved."

Rather reluctantly, Jimmie agreed to go. He knew he would enjoy the music and the quartet would be singing tonight, but it bothered him when the preacher talked about being saved. Why, he was as good as any other fellow his age and he often did good things for people.

That evening Jimmie again thought of the argument as he walked the few short blocks to the church. Grandpa would already be there, sitting near the front. He would have saved a place for Jimmie. Grandpa really loved going to church Jimmie smiled at Grandpa as he slid quietly into the pew. Soon the organ and piano prelude began. Jimmie sang lustily with the rest of the congregation. Never had a quartet sounded so good to him! They sang several fast spirituals and then a new son Jimmie had never heard before. The words were so sweet. They sang, "By grace are ye saved through faith, not of works lest any man should boast."

The sermon was fine, too, and the time sped quickly by. As the invitation hymn was announced, Grandpa leaned down and whispered in Jimmie's ear, "Don't you want to be saved tonight, Jim?"

But Jimmie was ready for him and stuck to his argument as he answered, "Why should I, Grandpa? I'm just as good as anybody else. I run errands for Mrs. Brown and do lots of things to help folks. I guess I can earn my way to heaven if anyone can."

The congregation sang softly, "Just as I am without one plea," but somehow Jimmie couldn't sing now. He glanced at Grandpa who had his eyes closed, and Jimmie knew he was praying. Many did go to the altar to receive Jesus, but not Jimmie. As soon as the service was over he slipped out into the aisle and hurried to the door. Just as he started down the steps, he heard his name called and looked around to see Grandpa coming. "I hope he doesn't say anything about me not going forward," he thought. "I just don't see why I need to be saved."

But Grandpa didn't mention the service. He just said quietly, "Want to go fishing tomorrow, Jim? I'll rent a boat and meet you at the dock at seven."

Jimmie grinned. "Swell, Grandpa! I'll see if Mom will fix us a lunch." And he turned and ran home before anyone else could talk to him.

The next morning a little before seven, Jimmie waited impatiently on the dock. He had a basket with a good lunch, his bait and fishing pole, and it was going to be a good day to fish. Soon he spotted the little boat coming around the curve in the river. Grandpa rowed close to the dock and said, "Good morning, Jim. Hope I didn't keep you waiting too long. Hand me your things and climb in."

The little boat glided smoothly as Grandpa rowed out into the lake. Jimmie sat quietly watching the oars cut the clear water. Suddenly he realized that there was writing on the oars. This was a different boat than Grandpa usually rented.

"Look, Grandpa! What's the writing on the oars? Advertising?" he asked eagerly.

"No, Jim, not advertising," Grandpa answered with a grin. "That's why I was a few minutes late. Look." And he lifted the oars carefully out of the water. Jimmie looked at the words painted in bright paint. On one oar was the word "faith" and on the other one, "works."

"What's that for, Grandpa?" he asked with a puzzled expression on his suntanned face. "What does it mean?"

Grandpa looked tenderly at Jimmie. They were in the middle of the lake now and the water was deep. "Will you row, Jim?" he asked as he handed Jimmie the oar marked "works."

Jim put the oar into the oarlock and reached for the other oar. "No, Jimmie—just "works," " he said holding back the other oar.

Jimmie pulled on the one oar he had and the boat went crazily around in circles. "Grandpa, I can't row without both oars. I need the other one, too."

"Don't you understand, Son? You are like this little boat on the great sea of life. You are trying to get through with just one oar, 'works.' You'll never make it, Jimmie. You'll just go around in circles with one oar. You need faith with your works. Good works are fine but we cannot be saved by them. In Ephesians 2:8, 9, it says, 'For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yoiurselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.' In the second chapter of James, the Bible tells us that faith without works is dead. You must receive Jesus by faith, Jimmie, and then put your faith, and your works together, and you'll have a perfect set of oars for your trip through life."

Eagerly Jimmie said, "Oh, I do understand it now, Grandpa. The words painted on the oars make it so plain. Can I receive Jesus as my own personal Saviour right now--here?"

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# News & Notes

**Of Denominational Interest**

### Special Children's Home Service To Be Held at Ayden Church

The children of the Deans Cottage of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, will be in charge of the morning worship service at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, January 19. Music will be rendered by the Memorial Chapel quartet. The pastor of the Ayden church, the Rev. C. H. Overman, and the church congregation urge the public to be in attendance for what promises to be an inspirational program of music, testimony, and presentation of the Lord's Word. Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Home, will also be present.

### Black Jack Grove Revival January 19-25

Revival services are planned for Black Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Goldsboro, for the week of January 19-25, beginning each evening at 7:30. The evangelist will be the Rev. Frank Thompson (often called the "Walking Bible") from Johnson City, Tennessee. Along with good preaching each evening, there will be special music rendered. Also a nursery will be provided.

The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend. They request the prayers of everyone for the success of the meeting.

# Missions

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bring together the native pastors to meet with the director and Brother Wayne King to evaluate the situation and prayerfully plan for the future of the work in the Philippines.

d. That until that time and other conclusions are drawn, the board requests that Harold continue to direct the work in the Philippines.

e. That the immediate direction of our work be to continue as we are—working in the locations we are now in with the same staff and that Harold continue to urge the pastors to remain loyal to God and the Free Will Baptist Church and faithfully preach the gospel to their mission congregations.

On December 16, 1974, the director and Brother Wayne King reported that Brother Harold and Sister Sandra Jones stood firm in the convictions revealed in their letter dated October 30, 1974.

The director and Brother Wayne King agreed that Brother Jones had not taught or preached contrary to the doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist Church to the native pastors and/or congregations.

The director and Brother King reported that Brother Jones said that he would help establish Brother King in the Philippines and do anything he could to insure an orderly transition should the action of the board result in his (Brother Jones) being relieved as missionary to the Philippines.

**3. The Board's Decision**

a. That Brother Jones be relieved as missionary to the Philippines as of May 1, 1975, due to doctrinal interpretations contrary to the Original Free Will Baptist beliefs, as referred to in the preamble to this statement, and that the board return him to the states at that time.

b. In the meantime his responsibility will be augmenting necessary legal governmental actions to insure the Kings' being oriented into the country and the work.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Rivenbark, **Chairman**
Joseph Ingram, **Director-Treasurer**

### To Whom It May Concern

As of this date, November 26, 1974, I find the books for the Home Missions Department to meet with my satisfaction as being correct and balanced.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Mayo

### Eastwood Mission Announces Revival

Revival services are scheduled for t Eastwood Free Will Baptist Mission, 52 Catalpa Drive, Fayetteville, for the week January 27-31. Services will begin ea



evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Way Watson, home missionary at the Charl mission, as the evangelist. The Rev. Al Howard, will be assisting Mr. Watson. T mission cordially invites the public attend.

### Organization and Implementation Of Retirement Homes

In a recent meeting the Board Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Retirem Homes elected the following persons serve as an executive committee: Mr. E W. Dilday, chairman; the Rev. Clyde C vice-chairman; Mrs. Rebecca Davenp secretary; the Rev. Walter Reynol assistant secretary; and, Mr. Sam Wee treasurer.

A planning committee and a fina committee were also established. They as follows: Planning committee--Mr. Os Webster, Mr. W. A. Jones, Mr. A. Glover Jr., and Mr. Sam Weeks. Fina committee—the Rev. Walter Reynolds, Rev. J. B. Starnes, and Mr. Sam Weeks

The executive committee will serve the admissions and discharging commi on a temporary basis.

The board also elected Mr. Sam We to serve as superintendent of retirement homes until further notice.

It is vitually important that everyone aware that the retirement homes have b in existence since January 1, 19 Construction work will not begin u adequate monies are on hand. Any pers desiring to make contributions towards work, or make application for admiss should write to the following address: Sam Weeks, Superintendent, Free Baptist Retirement Homes, Gen Delivery, Middlesex, North Carc 27557.




## Boys' and Girls' Stories

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And happily, Grandpa led Jimmie to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ right where they were--in a little boat in the middle of the lake.--Selected.

**NOTICE FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES**

On May 9, 1974, at the forty-seventh ssion of the North Carolina State Free ll Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, e executive committee recommended to e convention that the state project for 74-75 be to raise $3,000 towards air-nditioning the Memorial Chapel at the ildren's Home. This recommendation as passed by the convention and each cal auxiliary was asked to contribute $20 ring the year.

As of the end of December, or nearly ght months after the convention, there s only been $1,231.15 contributed wards this $3,000 project. Each auxiliary ould ask themselves this question: Have e sent in a $20 contribution specified for is project? If the answer is no, please get hind this project and do your part for ere is only four more months during this xiliary year. Incidently, the chapel has en air-conditioned on credit and the bill ust be paid before June, 1975.

Gladys Weeks
State Benevolence Chairman

**NOTICE FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES ATTENTION, YOUTH CHAIRMEN EASTERN DISCTRICT!**

The Eastern District Youth Convention r the spring, 1975, will be held on March 5. This is to remind you youth chairmen to et your youths busy on their declamations nd essays for the convention. The eclamation theme for this year is "What esus Means to Me," and the essay theme "Why Jesus for Today's Youth?" The ules for these contests are found in the FA handbook.

Please send all entries as soon as ssible to Melody R. Wall, Route 1, Pink ll, North Carolina 28572.

**NOTICE**

**The Woman's Auxiliary Manuals are vailable at the Press and its branch ookstores and can be purchased at the st of $1.50 plus tax.**

## MOUNT OLIVE

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The deficit represented one third of our budget for that year. In addition, we were trying to buy the land which now constitutes a major portion of our new campus; moreover, we were under severe attack from bitter enemies who were committed to the destruction of this college.

But we did not drift, nor lie at anchor; we sailed through the storm.

We are now battling the tide in another storm--a storm where the financial waters are deeply troubled, not only for our colleges but for our nation; and, we are told that the storm can be expected to continue for many months. We shall have to cast overboard all unnecessary cargo; it will be necessary for us to gird ourselves for strenuous work; sacrifices will be necessary; we hope that no jobs will be in jeopardy; and,we hope that none will become faint-hearted. Mount Olive College will sail on! We will make port!

A few days ago, a well-known businessman in this area told one of his longtime employees that he wanted to express his appreciation for her services by making a $500 gift to a church or charity of her choice. She did not select her church or her own Alma Mater which is sponsored by her denomination, nor did she select a college in the town where she works; instead she chose Mount Olive College.

At a dinner meeting where the check was presented, I asked if she would give her reason for choosing Mount Olive. Her answer was simple and direct:

"First, you give students the opportunity of an education. You do not turn them down because they don't have the money.

"Second, I believe you are a Christian College. I think you are teaching our young people what they need to know."

After the dinner, I said privately to the businessman, "How did this lady come to know Mount Olive College?" He replied, "She has been on campus, and also one of your former students works at the store with her."

The financial waters today are indeed troubled, but as long as Mount Olive

— keeps high the Cross of Christ so that people may know the right direction;

— as long as we keep the door of opportunity open to those who need us;

— as long as we have competent and committed personnel;

— as long as we teach to meet the needs of our students;

— as long as we recognize that our reason for being is the intellectual, spiritual, and personal development of people as children of God, God will be our refuge and strength.

"Therefore will not we fear, . . . Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, . . ." God is in our midst. "The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. . . ." (Psalm 46:7).

Let us be still and know that He is God; and, let us sail on!

# IN MEMORIAN

## HARVEY H. CASEY

On August 1, 1974, my father, Harvey H. Casey, age 86, went home to be with the Lord. For nearly 70 years he lived and farmed in the Elroy Community (outside Goldsboro, North Carolina) and worshiped at nearby Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

One of Dad's main interests was the church. He was a deacon for many years at Casey's Chapel . First Timothy 3:12 says, "Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well." As all ten of us can testify, this was the case in our home. None of us ever heard a cross word or disagreement between our parents. (The Lord called Mother, Lida Sutton Casey, home in 1962). Also, during the years, when my brothers and sisters and I were growing up, there was no question in any of our minds as to where we would be on Sunday—we knew we'd be going to Sunday school.

Dad provided well for his family both spiritually and physically. Although there are many incidents that typify his spiritual leadership, one stands out especially to me. In the late 1920's a theological student, who was working his way through school as a book salesman, came to our community. Dad always wanted to help the preacher boys along so he bought a set of his books and gave him a place to sleep overnight. Several days later, on a cool evening, we children were all gathered around the heater getting our lessons for school. Dad sat down next to us and began to sample the contents of the recently purchased books. Suddenly I heard paper tearing and the heater door opening. This was repeated several times and each time, a page of one of the new books would go into the fire. Finally Dad tossed the whole book in, gently got up for his chair, went over and got the entire set and tossed them all into the fire. He sat down in his chair, slowly lifted his head toward heaven, and said, "Thank you, God, for letting me get to those books before my children."

We were always well taken care of physically, too. During the depression years Dad was once asked why he din't sell the hams and eat the cheaper cuts of meat. His answer came back fast and clear, "As long as I raise my food, my family is going to eat the best."

Dad held the reins and led us well to the very end of his life. This is a great heritage.

He is survived by 10 children, 17 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Casey Tough

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# FAMILY FIRESIDE

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we have no need to fear our unknown tomorrows.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
Scripture Reading--Luke 1:37
*Hidden Resources*

When Michelangelo was ordered to decorate the walls of the Sistine Chapel, he refused. He had never done any work of that kind, and said he could not do it. But he was told his refusal would not be accepted. When he discovered that there was no alternative without unpleasant consequences, he mixed his colors and went to work. And thus came into being the world's finest painting.

There are few who realize what possibilities are locked up within them until some necessity compels them to attempt something they have always considered impossible.--*Friendly Chat.*

*Prayer Thought*

Without a need a remedy is unnecessary. We all need spiritual uplifting; with God's help we shall attain it.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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# Editorial--

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**Of course, this is the day that the Lord hath made, but it is nonetheless *your* day—a day given to you by a loving father. You can do with it what you will, but our advice would be this: More than ever before, draw close to God this day; for though it is a free gift from Him and He grants you permission to live it as you wish, you must remember that there may not be another day for you. When you think of that, it can be frightening—unless you and He are in accord.**

**Yes, this *is* your day, but it may be the death of you. Don't let the sun go down upon a disordered life—especially your own. . . .**

# Questions & Answers

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and to the glory of God. "Whe therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoeve do, do all to the glory of God. Give n offence, neither to the Jews, nor to Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Eve I please all men in all things, not seek mine own profit, but the profit of ma that they may be saved" (1 Corinthi 10:31-33).

If it were possible that we enter on those worldly theaters untainted an weak brother or hypocrite should see u so, what of the influence upon him w we witness to him, appealing to him believe on Christ? Would such an exam be a good influence upon him or help toward a full commitment to Christ? If think not, then we should assume attitude Paul expressed concerning ea meat. He said that if eating meat m cause his brother to stumble, then e though that such eating in itself was wrong, that for his weak brother's sake would eat no meat while the world stand

George H. Sandison has the followin say in answering a similar question:

"The Christian is one who has the Ch spirit, who is trusting in him, seeking to like him, and to know and do his will. cannot understand how such a one find pleasure in theatergoing and sho expect that his thoughts and feeli would lead him to very different places enjoyment. But that is a matter for his c conscience. It is not for you, or us, or church, to say that he will be exclu from heaven for any such cause.

"You must consider the effect yourself, and the effect on others, of y going. Even if you are not injured yours your example may be injurious. There many kinds of theaters, but your frie may not discriminate. A person who g to see a vicious play may quote y example in defense of himself, because like you, went to a theater, though you r detest the nastiness of such plays as delights in, and you may go only to p and elevating performances. As to effect on yourself, you must judge. think if the love of Christ and His divine are in your soul, you will not care to go to theater. You will be so much in earnes seeking growth in grace that you will have patience to watch a theatrical p formance. You will have no dispositior spend it in that way, time that may be u in Christ's service."

# GOD'S WORD AND GOD

**by Calvin Mercer Jr.**

EAR the end of the fifth century A. D., a book, or rather a llection of 66 books, came into existence t had and was to continue having the eatest impact on human history of any tings ever penned. The Bible, a word rived through Latin from the Greek **biblia** ich means "books," is the subject of s series of articles.

What do we make of these "writings" "Scriptures"? Men through the ages ve done various things with them and to m. Near the turn of the twentieth ntury, there arose a vast group of holars who said that the Bible is not d's Word, but rather is of purely human gin. "In reading it, we can," they said, rofit from the religious experiences the ble characters had."

Then, even more recently, Karl Barth s said that the Bible is human, hence ntaining human fallacies and errors, but becomes the Word of God when the Holy irit speaks through it. This neoorthodox w is an improvement on a rank liberal proach to the Bible, but, in the opinion of s writer, not good enough.

The **Free Will Baptist Statement of Faith d Discipline** states that the books of the ble " . . . were written by holy men, spired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's vealed word to man. They are a sufficient d infallible rule and guide to salvation d all Christian worship and service."

Just as this statement is found at the ry beginning of our **Statement of Faith d Discipline**, so we, as a people, must me to grips with what the Bible is. Is it d's Word, or it is something less?

In our brief consideration of what the ble is, let us go back to the writings emselves. What does the Bible claim to ?

More than 3,800 times the Old stament writers used such phrases as: hus saith the Lord," "the Lord said," d "the word of the Lord came to" such d such a person.

Our Lord himself recognized the thority of the Scriptures. We find His w of inspiration in Matthew 5:18. sus says, ". . . one jot or one tittle shall no wise pass from the law, till all be lfilled." A jot is the smallest letter in the ebrew alphabet and tittle refers to the nall strokes used to distinguish certain ebrew letters from others. So Jesus believed in the verbal inspiration of the "law," a term often used to refer to the entire Old Testament.

### GOD BREATHED

The New Testament writers also equate the Scriptures with God's Word. The standard text for the inspiration of Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, . . ." The Greek phrase translated "inspiration of God" literally means "God breathed." The word for "inspiration" also means "out breathed" rather than "in breathed"—in a sense divinely expired rather than inspired.

Further study of the Greek form of this verse reveals that the thought is not of God breathing through Scripture or Scripture as breathing out God, but rather of God as having breathed out Scripture in a passive sense.

So the Bible, in the original manuscripts, was breathed out by God; hence we can look to them as our ". . . infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service."

The entire Bible can and should be held forth with the one phrase of introduction, "Thus saith the Lord."

Augustine, an Early Church father, crystallized the historic Christian understanding of Scripture when he put into God's mouth the words, "Indeed, O man, what my Scripture says, I say."

Yet, based on the "assured results" of criticism, liberal theology has always insisted on believing that the Bible contains the Word of God, or is a witness to the Word of God, or something else; but always something less than the actual Word of God.

### TO AND FRO

This thinking is dangerous. It produces a new papalism, the infallibility of the scholars, from whom we learn what the "assured results" are. It leaves us as the people in Amos' day, running ". . . to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and not finding it" (Amos 8:12).

We need a solid basis for our convictions as we approach men everywhere who are searching and turning to everything from drugs to Eastern religions to the occult. We need the same solid basis as we confront all the false cults and "isms" of our day, practically all of which are based either on nonbiblical writings or on a misinterpretation of the Bible.

We desperately need to stand firm on the view of inspiration that the Bible claims for itself, that Jesus held, and that the historic Christian church taught—that "what the Scriptures say—God says."

With this view of Scripture we can stand confidently with Bible in hand. But what should make us as Christians and as a denomination stand in awe are the exciting, but sobering implications of holding the Bible and knowing it is the Word of God!

Some of these implications will be discussed in the next three articles.

For an excellent small work on the subject by an able scholar, read "**God Speaks to Man—Revelation and the Bible**" by J. I. Packer; published by the Westminister Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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### NOTE OF THANKS

"I would like to thank all of my friends, churches, and woman's auxiliaries for the gifts and cards I received for Christmas. May God bless all of you. Your prayers are always appreciated."--Mrs. Mary J. Parrish, P. O. Box 43, Elm City, North Carolina 27822.

"I thank you for the birthday cards and gifts I received in November and the Christmas gifts and cards for 1974. May the Lord bless each one of you and each organization."--The Rev. James A. Evans, Route 1, Box 100-C, Seven Springs, North Carolina 28578.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ed C. Taylor makes the following statement: "It seems that since I resigned as pastor of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church after eight good years of service there, a lot of people think I have resigned or retired from the ministry. This is a mistake. I am still doing the Lord's work and am available for full-time or part-time services. Any church desiring my services may contact me by writing P. O. Box 396, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524.

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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# Editorial--

## FINAL NOTICE

"This is your last catalog. We are about to remove your name from our mailing list. If you do not wish your name to be dropped, read the important message within. . . ." Thus reads a "warning" on sales catalogs for the benefit of customers who have not been consistent in placing orders with a particular company, or who have received said catalogs on a regular basis but have not ordered anything in quite awhile. Sometimes, however, after this last notice, a letter is sent allowing the person just one more chance to "cash in."

Usually, sales catalogs (or "wish books," as they used to be called) are appealing to the eye, and companies used every available gimmick at their disposal to attract customers. These gimmicks range from free gifts with the order of a certain amount of merchandise to sweepstakes offering thousands of dollars, new homes, cars, boats, or all-expense-paid vacations to some "Island Paradise." The legality of the tactics may be questioned, but we have yet to see a sharp curtailment of this type of selling. Almost every home has been hit with this buy-and-save-by-mail process, and though annoyance may be felt when there is an abundance of such literature finding its way to mailboxes, few people complain. To put it plainly, most people (at first) are tempted to try for the grand prize, and they therefore respond by ordering (sometimes a needed, but more often an unneeded item) to qualify them for contest entrance.

The companies behind all this make it clear that "no purchase is necessary . . . just return the attached card . . ." etc., but the receiver of the catalog quite naturally believes that his name will receive more attention and his possibility of winning will be greater if he orders some merchandise. So, off goes the order and the entry. What the entrant fails to consider is that his chances of winning are one in several million. To go a step further (and not without criticism), the whole business smells of *gambling*. *Gambling:* a strong word, huh? *But*, one definition of gambling is "the act of risking something on an uncertain event." The companies offering the prizes contend that they are in the legal "right" and that there is no gambling involved, because there is no betting or exchange of money. One might consider this question: Is the entering of "chance" contests really proper? What about the motivation behind the persons entering, and what about the motivation behind the companies which offer the prizes? Are not both parties hoping to gain from the other?

At first glance these next few paragraphs will appear to have nothing at all to do with the title of the editorial and the thoughts thus far expressed; yet, the association will become obvious at the conclusion.

This writer remembers how on one occasion (when he was in the fourth grade) that he and other students were selling "chances" on a cake for ten cents each (for some school benefit). Thinking that nothing connected with school policy or activity could be considered improper, and having become good friends with an elderly minister who had expressed an interest in this writer, he (the writer) knocked upon the minister's door and popped the question: "Mr. ------, would you like to buy a chance on a cake?" The usually smiling gentleman frowned and glared in response and reinforced his disapproval with a sharp, "I do not gamble! That's final!" Thenhe slammed the door. Needless to emphasize, this writer was hurt, dismayed, and thereafter was a failure so far as selling "chances" on anything was concerned.

With all due respect to the elderly minister (who is now deceased), it is our feeling that he should have *explained* gambling to the innocent youth. *Gambling* to this youth (though admittedly, he was a little naive) consisted of a card game called poker. The minister's reaction had an adverse effect on his and the little boy's relationship thereafter, for the kind gentleman who had never before raised his voice had scolded the youth for something which at that time had not been impressed upon the boy as being wrong. Kind words from the pulpit somehow took on a different tenor after the dreadful occurrence. The slamming of the door without an explanation was enough to shake the confidence of a youngster, but the tone of voice and the word, *gambling*, hurt

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# GOD'S WORD AND THE PULPIT

**by Calvin Mercer Jr.**

If "All scripture is given by inspiration f God, . . ." (2 Timothy 3:16), as we aw last week, then the same verse oints out that it ". . . is profitable for octrine, for reproof, for correction, for nstruction in righteousness."

Three verses later, Paul, still writing to imothy, a young pastor, tells him one ay to make the Scripture profitable: Preach the word; . . ." (2 Timothy :2).

If the Bible is God's Word, then the an of God should preach that Word.

Most church members hear plenty of ermons, but of what sort? As a whole, re ministers in churches throughout the orld preaching God's Word or omething less?

To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, ho is revealed in the Bible, is the andate of every preacher standing in a ulpit.

The preacher's one textbook is the ible. Only the preached Word is a true ermon—nothing else can rightly be alled biblical preaching.

It's not enough to talk about the ible—the inspired words themselves ust be studied and prayed over; then aught, expounded, and applied. The cripture must not be a basis of the ermon, it must be the sermon itself.

One might read the thirteenth chapter f 1 Corinthians, close the Bible, and en talk about love for 30 minutes. But at is nowhere near biblical preaching.

It's much more biblical, much more leasing to God, and much more effective expound, amplify, and apply the very nspired words of that profound chapter ather than talking about love ourselves. aul, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, aid it much better than we ever could.

### A SERIOUS WOE

There is a thin and dangerous line too ften crossed over by preaching in this ge—the line between preaching God's Vord and preaching "our" word. It is mperative that the preacher's cry be "Thus saith the Lord," not I think, I believe, or I see it this way. The moment ny called man of God stops saying, "God's Word says," and begins saying "I say," he at that moment loses all uthority to stand in God's pulpit.

The Bible is the book and Jesus is the ospel found therein. The man who tands in the name of Christ, claiming he authority of God and preaches nything less than His Word, is on dangerous ground. Paul says, ". . . woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

What is heard from many pulpits today needs examination. Are many modern pulpits dealing chiefly with the current political or social issues or with the ideas of finite, sinful men? If so this is not doing the job in a world shot through with uncertainty and apprehension, grasping for truth.

Faith comes from hearing the Word of God (see Romans 10:17), not from hearing trivial jokes or yesterday's news or what happened to Aunt Mary. Illustrations, analogies, personal experiences, and even jokes are fine but they must be used only to explain, amplify, or make application of God's Word, which is the only "meat" on which faith can grow.

### MODERN PREACHING

Anything less than the Word preached will fail to convict sinners and fail to build up God's people in the faith. No wonder so many times we go to church and fail to be convicted by "modern" preaching. No wonder too often this same shallow "preaching" fails to thrill us to the very depths of our souls. No wonder many of us are ignorant of the Bible and its truths, even after going to church all our lives. Much, although not all, of the blame lies at the feet of the man standing in the pulpit. It's sad that some have to endure less than the best Sunday after Sunday. God's people have a right to expect better from preachers and should demand it.

An honest look at what the New Testament says about the matter will reveal that God desires for His Word alone to be preached in all its simplicity and power. Realizing this, we wonder how many pulpits would be silent next Sunday morning, if God silenced each man not ". . . rightly dividing (or handling) the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

May God help preachers and congregations of our denomination and every denomination examine that which is being preached in God's name. May we right what is wrong and praise God for what is right.

### SEVEN B'S

**Be biblical:** Preach the Word—do nothing less and you can do nothing more. Hanging one's ideas on a few words of Scripture will not do. The pulpit's one business is the simple exposition of God's Word and nothing else. Point forth the sword and the Spirit will use it.

**Be willing to spend time:** Hours in prayer and hours preparing the sermon—going over and over the text and making use of available commentaries and helps to get at what the words mean—will be honored by God in the pulpit and will produce fruit in men's lives. Think: if you spend 30 minutes preaching a sermon not thought out and poorly prepared—you've wasted 30 minutes of your time—but if you spoke to 100 people you wasted 50 hours of your congregation's time.

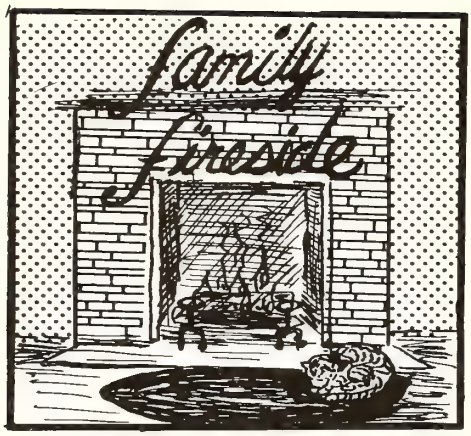
**Be earnest:** One might as well admit it—preaching is a test and demonstration of a man's call and sincerity. Don't seek necessarily to be master of God's Word, but be mastered by it. Be sincere to God—after all, it's His business we're attending to. Be sincere to your people—they'll know it if your heart's not in it. Paul preached with pools of tears at his feet (see Acts 20:31). Our Father demands nothing less from us. Don't preach because you have to say something, but preach because you have something to say.

**Be enthusiastic:** Where's the fire in our pulpits? The gospel's exciting, it's positive. But enthusiasm and excitement about the Christian life cannot be faked, it must come from the heart.

**Be simple:** Don't try to dazzle the congregation. The task is to clarify and communicate, not impress. Profound, deep spiritual truths can be communicated effectively in simple, well-thought-out sermons smothered in prayer. Paul had a Ph. D., but even he came preaching ". . . not with excellency of speech . . ." or ". . . with enticing words of man's wisdom, . . ." (1 Corinthians 2:1, 4).

**Be practical:** Apply the truths of God's Word to everyday Christian living. The

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
Scripture Reading—John 14:6

*No Brains Required*

Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "It takes no brains to be an atheist. Any stupid person can deny the existence of a supernatural power because man's physical senses cannot detect it. But there cannot be ignored the mystery of first life . . . or the marvellous order in which the universe moves about us. All of these evidence the handiwork of a beneficent Deity. For my part, that Deity is the God of the Bible and Christ, His Son."

The Bible says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14:1).—W. B. K.

*Prayer Thought*

If there is no God, who can presume to explain this complex universe? Let us turn to the Bible for our explanation; it has withstood many tests of time and unbelievers.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:6

*Children Learn What They Live*

If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.
—Dorothy Law Nolte.

*Prayer Thought*

It is possible to gain virtues in our later years through experience, but it is more gratifying to experience virtues in our growing years. Would that all parents live Christian lives!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
Scripture Reading—Philipians 3:7

*A Tip for Your Garden*

Maxine DaDndres advised, "Plant five rows of *peas*: Prayer, perseverance, preparedness, politeness and promptness; three rows of *squash*: squash gossip, criticism, and indifference; five rows of *lettuce;* let us be faithful, unselfish, loyal, truthful, and love one another; four rows of *turnips*: turn up on church, turn up with a smile and cheerfulness, turn up with new ideas and turn up with a helping hand."

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17).

*Prayer Thought*

It is as easy, if not less troublesome, to be pleasant and attempt perfection than it is to be disagreeable and obnoxious and still not attain perfection.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:21

*Tragic Apathy*

Said Martin Luther King, "It may well be that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transgression is not the noisiness of the so-called bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people. It may be that our generation may have to report not only the diabolical actions and vitriolic words of the children of darkness, but also the crippling fears and tragic apathy of the children of light."

Said Edmund Burke, British statesman, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."—W. B. K.

*Prayer Thought*

Do we as Christians really try to make life better for our children, or are we allowing them to flounder about without guidance and rescue?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:4

*Ideas Come from God*

Dr. Albert Einstein, the renowned scientist, expressed faith in God. He said with reverence, "Ideas come from God."

As he pondered the conclusions of his cosmic investigations, he soliloquized, "Could this be the way God created the universe?"

How profound is the awesome declaration: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).—W. B. K.

*Prayer Thought*

Is the means so important? or is the end product what really counts? Our paths are trail-blazed by God and our heavenly home awaits us.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
*Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:30*

*Glum, Grumpy, and Grouchy*

Emmett Kelly, Jr., the famous clow who is called the "Crown Prince c Pantomime," never smiles. He elici laughter without saying a word. Hi sad face, big red nose, and huge shoe are enough to create smiles.

It is an open secret that behind hi unsmiling mask, Kelly laughs harde than the people laughing at his antic Said he, "Laughter is one of God' greatest gifts to the world. It is reall the answer to most of our problem There is never enough laughte Maybe the infinite Being—God—i using me to help start smiles aroun the world. I believe in America wit all my hidden heart. Here, we are fre to smile. Here, our Maker make room for laughter!"

Often there is too much gloom an defeatism among God's childrer Glum, grumpy, grouchy people ar repellent. We need more joyous radiant Christians.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: an again I say, Rejoice" (Philippian 4:4).—W. B. K.

*Prayer Thought*

Our smiles are infectious. They ar one type of germ by which the whol world needs to be infected. It is small act which helps lighten th cares and burdens of our dail lives—smiling!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 5 12

*The Never-Failing Ingredient*

Some time ago the importance o love was highlighted in a dramati experiment performed in an or phanage by some social scientists.

Babies in the orphanage were divided into two groups. Both groups received all the routine care provided by the nurses and matrons. They were fed on schedule, given proper medica attention, and had their diapers changed regularly.

But one group was given personal loving care above the routine duties The babies in Group One were held and cuddled as they were fed changed, and put to sleep. The babies in Group Two had their basic physica needs met but were shown no love a all. They had nothing more than routine care.

It did not take long in the ex periment for marked differences t develop. All the youngsters in Group One thrived. They developed bright sunny personalities. But some of the babies in Group Two developed signs

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# BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** What influence should a hristian have on those of his own mmunity?

**Answer:** His influence should be as early the same as Christ had on all with hom He came in contact when He was ere as is possible, because we that are hristians are His representatives here on the earth. We are the vineyard eepers until He returns. The Jews with hom He entrusted His interest on earth s a vineyard owner trusts his interest his vineyard keepers), were found to e unfaithful. Thus, it was said: ". . . he . . will give the vineyard unto others " Mark 12:9).

We, the church which consists of orn-again people (both Jews and entiles), have committed to our trust hrist's interest here upon the earth ow. "Having yet therefore one son, his ellbeloved, he sent him also last unto em, saying, They will reverence my on. But those husbandmen said among emselves, This is the heir; come, let us ill him, and the inheritance shall be urs. And they took him, and killed him, nd cast him out of the vineyard. What hall therefore the lord of the vineyard o? he will come and destroy the usbandmen, and will give the vineyard nto others" (Mark 12:6-9).

In such a case as this parable epresents, when the vineyard keeper or usbandman was faithful and trustworthy, he kept the vineyard (including arvesting and preparing the grape roducts for the use of his master) as iligently as if all had been his. In a ense, they (the grape products) were is own.

In that same sense, Christ's usiness of soul winning is ours. We ead: "And all things are of God, who ath reconciled us to himself by Jesus hrist, and hath given to us the ministry f reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (2 Corinthians 5:18—6:1).

Through the grace of God, we have been made one with Him by having been made one in Christ; therefore, it is to us that the Great Commission is given. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8); "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Jesus did not mislead us to think that this was an easy task. Neither did He want us to think that we should find a more favorable reception in this cruel, diabolically-influenced world than that which He was experiencing as He encountered the Pharisees, the Sadducees, Herod, Pilate and the blood-thirsty mob who cried out, "Away with Him! Crucify Him! We have no king but Caesar!"

The world today is saying of us who will dare to be Christ-like in all that we do (including beseeching men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God), "Away with them! We have no king but Caesar!"

Why did the Indians of South America murder five consecrated young men a few years ago? It was simply because they (the murdered men) represented Christ as Christ calls upon all Christians to represent Him. Some of these young people who were murdered by the Auca Indians were from wealthy families and probably all above average in intelligence; and had they chosen the riches of this present age, doubtless they could have been successful in the secular walk of their choice. But no! even though "ten thousand voices from the world" called them, the Great Commission from our Lord was more impressive. Oh, that we all who name that worthy name of Christ might turn from the world and ". . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Observe this: "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:16-20).

If we are the kind of Christian symbolized by the good tree or good vine, we are the one who is obeying Christ's commission to the church as seen above in Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20.

In another parable where Jesus is teaching us to be on the alert to see that we give His invitation to all, He says, "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone" (Matthew 14:23). Of course all the compelling force we are allowed is that of the gospel, which, according to Hebrews 4:12 is quick (life-giving) and powerful; and according to Romans 1:16 it is the power of God unto salvation.

George H. Sandison, in **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, in answering a similar question has the following to say on Pages 130, 131:

"By his upright and exemplary life, his helpfulness, his readiness to give

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### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS
### December, 1974

**Albemarle Conference**

| | |
|---|---|
| Gum Neck | $ 81.25 |
| Hickory Chapel | 50.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 158.58 |
| Fifth Sunday School Sing | 63.00 |
| Sunday School Convention | 48.08 |
| Piney Grove | 5.00 |
| Sidney | 105.00 |
| Sound Side | 62.00 |
| Trinity | 145.00 |
| Union Chapel | 860.53 |
| Total | $ 1,628.44 |

**Cape Fear Conference**

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|---|---|
| Bethel | $ 100.00 |
| Faith | 150.00 |
| Hopewell | 316.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 600.00 |
| Oak Grove | 15.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 112.17 |
| Robert's Grove | 5.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Shady Grove | 15.00 |
| St. Paul | 200.00 |
| West Clinton | 78.92 |
| Total | $ 1,597.09 |

**Central Conference**

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|---|---|
| Aspen Grove | $ 229.66 |
| Ayden | 55.00 |
| Bethany | 40.60 |
| Daniels Chapel | 75.00 |
| Dawson's Grove | 50.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 150.00 |
| Edgewood | 424.78 |
| Elm Grove | 75.00 |
| Free Union | 258.37 |
| Friendship | 446.26 |
| Greenville, First | 210.00 |
| Gum Swamp | 229.05 |
| Hickory Grove | 29.50 |
| Hull Road | 266.00 |
| King's Cross Roads | 50.03 |
| LaGrange | 2.00 |
| Little Creek | 55.00 |
| Marlboro | 100.30 |
| Second Union | 8.00 |
| Old Saint's Delight | 25.00 |
| Ormondsville | 65.00 |
| Otter's Creek | 110.64 |
| Peace | 306.00 |
| Reedy Branch | 629.90 |
| Rose of Sharon | 225.00 |
| Rose Hill | 50.00 |
| Williamston | 50.00 |
| Winterville | 170.15 |
| Total | $ 4.306.24 |

**Eastern Conference**

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|---|---|
| Antioch | $ 40.00 |
| Arapahoe | 556.00 |
| Bethlehem | 123.30 |
| Beulaville | 100.00 |
| Bridgeton | 52.00 |
| British Chapel | 150.00 |
| Cabin | 30.20 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Deep Run | 110.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 74.94 |
| Folkstone | 98.42 |
| Friendship | 171.70 |
| Gethsemane | 158.07 |
| Holly Springs | 250.00 |
| Juniper Chapel | 568.50 |
| Kinston, First | 30.79 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 70.00 |
| Mount Olive | 20.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Onslow) | 37.42 |
| Mt. Zion (Pamlico) | 53.00 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| Oak Grove | 100.00 |
| Oriental | 53.39 |
| Pearsall's Chapel | 444.48 |
| Pilgrim's Rest | 30.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 60.00 |
| Rooty Branch | 10.00 |
| Russell's Creek | 25.00 |
| Smith's New Home | 92.72 |
| Sneads Ferry | 100.00 |
| St. Mary's | 634.30 |
| Verona | 25.00 |
| Warsaw | 100.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 123.88 |
| White Oak | 30.00 |
| Wilmington | 10.15 |
| Woodington | 25.00 |
| Total | $ 4,618.26 |

**Pee Dee Association**

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|---|---|
| Beaver Dam | $ 146.0 |
| Auxiliary District | 18.7 |
| Oak Grove | 52.7 |
| White Oak | 188.2 |
| Total | $ 405.7 |

**Piedmont Conference**

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|---|---|
| Durham | $ 85.0 |
| Mill Street | 15.0 |
| Union Gospel | 25.0 |
| Wayside | 20.0 |
| Sandy Grove | 100.0 |
| Total | $ 245.0 |

**Toe River Association**

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|---|---|
| Roaring Creek | $ 52.4 |

**Western Conference**

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|---|---|
| Barnes Hill | $ 57.0 |
| Black Jack Grove | 100.0 |
| Branch Chapel | 78.3 |
| Everett's Chapel | 273.2 |
| Free Union | 37.5 |
| Fremont | 60.0 |
| Friendship | 47.5 |
| Holly Springs | 65.0 |
| Kenly | 30.0 |
| Little Rock | 635.0 |
| Marsh Swamp | 266.1 |
| Milbournie | 591.7 |
| Mt. Zion (Nash) | 108.4 |
| Second Union | 75.0 |
| Second Sunday School Convention | 73.2 |
| New Sandy Hill | 175.8 |
| People's Chapel | 185.0 |
| Pine Level | 337.3 |
| Piney Grove | 146.8 |
| Pleasant Grove | 67.2 |
| Pleasant Hill | 60.0 |
| Pleasant Plain | 234.0 |
| Rock Springs | 87.0 |
| Rosebud | 5.0 |
| Sherron Acres | 120.0 |
| St. Mary's | 25.0 |
| Trinity | 75.1 |
| Union Grove | 95.0 |
| Wilson, First | 25.00 |
| Total | $ 4,136.84 |

**Other States**

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| Franklin County, Illinois | $ 100.00 |
| Total Religious Contributions | $17,090.11 |

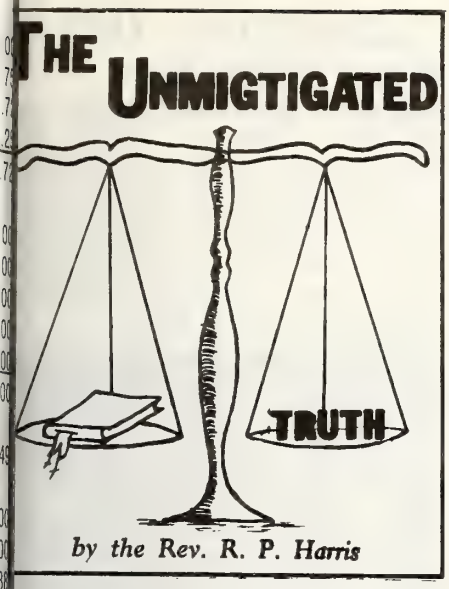
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### DECEMBER, 1974

Memorial contributions for December, 1974, totaled $60 and were as follows:

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Scriptural Basis: ''. . . The Master is ome, and calleth for thee'' (John 1:28).

THE MASTER
CALLS BELIEVERS
TO ANOTHER SPHERE

There has always been a knowledge nd a feeling that life here on earth is not l there is. There may be remote in-idents when certain individuals let it be nown that their convictions deny the act of life after death. I am aware of this, ut I believe that people who accept an scape from the real thing by claiming omething different; that is, a man who ies will come back as a new born baby nd will through this new life have nother chance to have a life acceptable o heaven. They express the idea that he an come back in a new life as many mes as it is essential to make the cceptable record necessary to reach eaven. I cannot accept this!

All through the ages of man God has ot failed to let him know that there is a od in heaven, and all departed godly eople could expect to go there when this fe is finished. Jesus himself promises is in no uncertain terms in John 14:1-. Having completed His work of edemption here on earth, He promises o go to heaven and prepare a place for ll the redeemed people. He is our Lord nd Master, and He calls us to this ifferent **sphere!** Heaven is our home and he Christian way of life guarantees that ve will arrive there in due time.

Our Lord calls us to this place and even before we reach heaven, He has us looking forward to the time when we shall be forever established in this new heavenly home. He promises ''. . . an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time'' (1 Peter 1:4, 5).

The Christian has been presented a program and a schedule through which he develops anticipation of and enjoys the solid hope of one day reaching this home beyond the tide.

Not only has He persuaded us to look for our heavenly home, but He has promised personally to escort us into its environs. Our Lord will not trust us to any other beings. Even the angels of heaven will not be trusted to bring us to heaven by themselves. Christ will bring angels into service but He will be with them to make sure we are brought to our heavenly home in first-class style—the Redeemer escorting the redeemed into the Father's home with pomp and circumstance! (See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

''For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord'' (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).




## WONDER OF WONDERS

If you want to see naked emotions in their rawest form, visit the intensive care waiting room at your local hospital.

Yet, even in the dark hours you can see and feel God at work. Somehow He gets through the social, racial, and religious barriers to the people who are brought together with a common problem—a loved one who is dangerously ill.

It seems that God's love is more prevalent as the needs of the anguished are supplied.

In the wee hours of the morning, a young lady awaits the pending death of her husband whose body, mangled in an automobile accident, is beyond repair. But God has her family around her to share the grief.

Well-meaning ladies ask probing questions to an already distraught young girl. Her mother's life is hanging precariously because of an overdose of drugs, but a godly minister reaches out to comfort and to encourage her to forgive the insensitivity.

My father's heart monitor appeared to have forgotten its university education and space-age knowledge to revert to meaningless kindergarten scribblings. I was increasingly discouraged. This same minister, who also happens to be my brother-in-law, came up with a very thought-provoking statement.

''I've prayed about it,'' he said, ''and I am convinced that his heart is doing exactly as it is supposed to be doing at this time.''

Of course, it was! After all, wasn't God the one in charge? I was encouraged when I realized that God was there.

You see, the needs were there; and each time, God, in all His love, mercy, and wisdom, had seen into the future to have someone there to fill the needs. How can we help but marvel at His wonders!

His wonders surround us everyday in all circumstances, but sometimes He has to make us sit down and listen before we can comprehend.

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**UTTER SURRENDER**

Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, our lives, ourselves, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into His hand; and then, when we have given all over to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about, or to make trouble about. —**J. Hudson Taylor.**

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### A FAMILY FUND AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

By establishing a ''Family Fund'' at Mount Olive College, you advance the work of God on earth; do something good for humanity; express your love for those who mean most to you; and, establish a meaningful and lasting memorial that will be a living legacy.

**Your Family Name**

What does your family name mean to you? Honor, respect, prestige, dignity, and more.

Nothing is closer to us than our name--it is the one thing that is ours, and responsible people want a good name. Deep down in our hearts we do not want our name to be forgotten--even when we are gone.

Through a ''Family Fund,'' Mount Olive College offers its friends an opportunity to add honor, respect, prestige, and dignity to the name of their family; and, the means for establishing such a fund are simple and within the reach of all of us.

**How to Begin**

Any interested person can begin a ''Family Fund'' at anytime with a gift in any amount; thereafter, additional gifts may be made by the original donor or other members of the family as they choose. As gifts are made, the fund grows and becomes an investment in the kingdom of God through Christian higher education.

Unless the family specifies otherwise, the College will use ''Family Funds'' as a part of its endownment. In this manner, the ''Family Fund'' becomes a permanent trust--the fund is not expended but is invested and only its earnings are used. Each year the fund provides income in the name of the family for the strengthening and development of the educational ministry of Mount Olive College.

The chart below reveals what your family could provide for Mount Olive College both during your lifetime and in years to come.

| Accumulated Amount in Fund | Annual Income Provided For College (Approximately) |
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| $ 1,000 | |
| 1,700 | $ 60 |
| 5,000 | 100 |
| 10,000 | 300 |
| 17,000 | 600 |
| 17,000 | 1,000 |
| 25,000 | 1,500 |
| 100,000 | 6,000 |

A ''Family Fund'' would be a way of endowing your support to Mount Olive College —to assure that your support will continue in your name when you are no longer here to provide it.

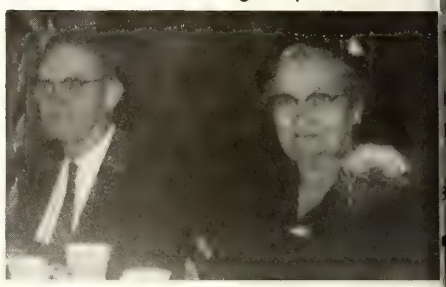
To illustrate the value of an endowment fund, consider the following example: ''**Alive and Well**, a health magazine written and edited by physicians, reports how much it costs on the average to smoke one pack of cigarettes a day for forty years and what that amount would yield if invested at eight percent and compounded monthly. The total--hold your hat--is $56,000.''

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# Lizzie Cox Day

### At Little Creek Church

RECENTLY the Little Creek Fre Will Baptist Church nea Ayden received a beautiful piano i memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hebe Cox. The piano, given by the children Mr. and Mrs. Cox, will grace the churc and be a lasting reminder of the wonderfu lives of this outstanding couple.



During the dedication of the piano an the observance of ''Mrs. Lizzie Cox Day,'' Miss Lorraine Vandiford paid tribute to Mr and Mrs. Cox. According to Miss Van diford, ''It is impossible to remember ther (Mr. and Mrs. Cox) with a sad heart, fo happiness was knowing and watchin them, seeing their smiles, and feeling th radiating warmth from their hearts. The truly exhibited an inner Christian spir which guided them in their daily lives.''

''To their memory and life,'' Mis Vandiford remarked, ''we give thanks They strived to make life more enjoyable fo others: a smile, a look of concern for troubled friend, delivering a gift, or othe expressions of love to a friend. Love wa more than a word to Mr. and Mrs. Cox; i was action, for they exhibited their love fo others.''

In her tribute, Miss Vandiford state that Mr. and Mrs. Cox loved Little Cree church and enjoyed being of service t others. Miss Lizzie, especially, enjoyed th Christian fellowship in the woman' auxiliary and served in many offices.

''As the piano is used in our services may it make more praiseful man's estate and may all the hymns we sing and hear b the kind approved and blessed by God.

''We, the Little Creek Free Will Baptis Church, are grateful to the Cox children fo this expression of their love for thei parents (the piano) which is so vital in ou church,'' stated Miss Vandiford.

''In Mr. and Mrs. Cox's memory, and a we reflect upon their Christian lives, w pray that every year the worshipers wh tarry here may feel in all the music sweet the breath of heaven with joy complete,' concluded Miss Vandiford.

# MOUNT OLIVE

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**me Suggestions for Creating a ''Family Fund''**

1. The children in a family could make an initial gift in honor of or in memory of ir parents. Additional contributions could be made on their birthdays, Christmas, anniversary of their death, or other occasions.

2. When there is a death, the family could invite friends to send a memorial gift to College in lieu of flowers.

3. An individual could establish a fund in honor of his family or in memory of neone whom he wished to memorialize; thereafter, he could add to the fund as he shed.

No pledges are necessary to establish a ''Family Fund''; it is up to the family to ke the fund the kind of expression that they want to bear the family name. Whatever size of the fund, it honors the family by helping to make life better for others.

Men will fight, and if necessary die, to perserve their good name; why not give to petuate yours?

## A FAMILY FUND AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

To begin a fund in the name of your family, simply complete and mail the form below:

Yes, _____ I _____ we would like to establish a fund at Mount Olive College that will be known as the _____ _____ Fund.

Your name _____

Address _____ City _____

_____ Zip _____ Church _____

$ _____ Amount enclosed. Comments regarding any future gifts which might be made by you or others to this fund.

Mail to: Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365

(Gifts to Mount Olive College are tax deductable as provided by Federal and State laws.)

## BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Members of the Business Affairs Committee of the Mount Olive College Board of ustees are shown in session prior to interviewing architects for the next buildings at the lege. The committee is scheduled to submit its recommendations to the full board in ruary regarding architectural service for a physical education center and a college ion.

Members of the committee, left to right, include: Arthur Kennedy, Beulaville; Ray rwick, Goldsboro and Newton Grove; James B. Hunt Sr., Lucama, chairman of the ard of Trustees; Nathan Garner, Newport, chairman of the committee; Dr. W. Burkette per, president; Marvin Edwards, Wilson; and Garland Fulcher, Oriental. Appointed to ve with the committee but not shown are Robert Bynum, Stantonsburg; J. J. Grimsley, den; Raymond Sasser, Wilson; and Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay and Dr. Ray Mooring of unt Olive.

Mount Olive, which was chartered in 1951 by the Free Will Baptist State Convention of

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**STUDY GUIDE FOR 1975 SWORD DRILL**

Below is a copy of a study guide for the State Sword Drill of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League Convention to be held March 8, 1975, beginning at 10 a.m., with the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church. The Sword Drill for the convention will be taken from this study guide. In the Character and Topical drills, you may use another Scripture than what is on this guide. The age limit is through age 15. Each church may enter one contestant from the junior league and one from the intermediate league. If your church did not get a copy or if there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Mike Conner, Route 2, Deep Run, North Carolina 28535; telephone 568-4529.

The study guide is as follows:

**I. Scripture Searching:**

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|---|---|
| Genesis 2:8 | Micah 6:8 |
| Hosea 13:11 | Deuteronomy 7:6 |
| 1 Samuel 15:11 | Joshua 1:6 |
| 2 Kings 2:11 | Luke 2:52 |
| Jeremiah 6:7 | John 12:32 |
| Daniel 2:44 | John 14:18 |
| Acts 1:7 | Exodus 20:1 |
| Nehemiah 4:3 | Revelation 1:8 |
| Matthew 9:18 | James 3:1 |

**II. Unfinished Quotations:**

A. Without shedding of blood _____ (Hebrews 9:22).

B. I came not to call the righteous _____ (Luke 5:32).

C. I am the Lord your God: walk in my statues _____ (Ezekiel 20:19).

D. I am crucified with Christ _____ (Galatians 2:20).

E. A good name is better _____ (Ecclesiastes 7:1).

F. I press toward the mark _____ (Philippians 3:14).

G. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ _____ (Revelation 22:21).

H. The Lord is my shepherd _____ (Psalm 23:1).

I. No man has seen God at any time _____ (1 John 4:12).

J. And Adam knew Eve his wife _____ (Genesis 4:1).

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
### (October—December, 1974)

| | |
|---|---|
| Anonymous | $61.41 |
| Albemarle District Convention | 42.95 |
| Mrs. Melvin R. Allen | 100.00 |
| Aspen Grove Church | 5.00 |
| Ayden Church | 5.00 |
| N. C. Woman's Auxiliary | 104.26 |
| D. W. Barrow | 25.00 |
| Bethany Church (Wadesboro) | 35.00 |
| Bethany Church (Winterville) | 57.35 |
| Bethany Church | 5.00 |
| Bethel Church (Four Oaks) | 125.00 |
| Black Jack Church | 302.61 |
| Calvary Church | 75.00 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 62.76 |
| Cape Fear Youth Officers | 97.00 |
| Cape Fear Sunday School Convention | 250.00 |
| Caretet County Union Meeting | 32.00 |
| Community Church | 5.00 |
| Core Creek Church | 47.50 |
| Crab Point Church | 75.76 |
| Daniels Chapel Church | 100.00 |
| Davis Church | 75.30 |
| The Rev. and Mrs. Lester Duncan | 10.00 |
| Eastwood Church | 362.00 |
| Edgewood Church | 35.60 |
| Elm Grove Church | 130.00 |
| Everett's Chapel Church | 54.00 |
| Faith Church (Morehead City) | 200.00 |
| Fifth Union, Eastern Conference | 20.00 |
| Fifth Union Sunday School Convention | 10.00 |
| First Union, Western Conference | 100.00 |
| Free Union Church (Nash County) | 60.00 |
| Free Union Church (Greene County) | 5.50 |
| Friendship Church | 150.43 |
| John M. Furlough Sr. | 20.00 |
| First Church, Goldsboro | 200.00 |
| First Church, Greenville | 105.00 |
| Grimsley Church | 5.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel Church | 196.90 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harris | 50.00 |
| Hickory Chapel Church | 100.40 |
| Hickory Grove Church | 25.21 |
| Holly Springs Church | 150.00 |
| Hopewell Church | 100.00 |
| Howell Swamp Church | 5.00 |
| Hugo Church | 55.00 |
| Hull Road Church | 110.00 |
| Jackson Heights Church | 58.12 |
| Johnston Union Church | 150.00 |
| Eula Jones | 15.00 |
| Juniper Chapel Church | 80.88 |
| Kenly Ladies | 2.50 |
| King's Cross Roads Church | 23.76 |
| Lee's Chapel Church | 55.23 |
| Little Creek Church | 5.00 |
| Little Rock Church | 28.50 |
| Mrs. C. S. Lupton | 10.00 |
| Macedonia Church | 107.50 |
| Malachi's Chapel Church | 50.00 |
| Marlboro Church | 12.50 |
| May's Chapel Church | 10.00 |
| Milbournie Church | 7.70 |
| Moseley's Creek Church | 92.07 |
| Mount Zion (Nash County) | 25.00 |
| Northern Church | 1,000.00 |
| Oak Grove Church | 101.00 |
| Oriental Church | 9.98 |
| Ormondsville Church | 5.00 |
| Otter's Creek Church | 36.78 |
| Owen's Chapel Church | 255.00 |
| Palmer Memorial Church Youth | 100.00 |
| Peace Church | 11.65 |
| Pee Dee District Convention | 40.00 |
| First Union Pee Dee District | 32.50 |
| People's Chapel Church | 64.68 |
| Pilgrim's Rest Church | 22.75 |
| Piney Grove Church (Johnston County) | 10.00 |
| Powhatan Church | 96.76 |
| Pleasant Grove Church (Erwin) | 390.50 |
| Pleasant Grove Church (Pikeville) | 510.00 |
| Pleasant Hill Church | 30.00 |
| Pleasant Plain Church | 75.0 |
| Piedmont District Auxiliary | 55.0 |
| Louise B. Poland | 25.0 |
| Reedy Branch Church | 105.0 |
| Riverside Church | 200.0 |
| First Church, Rocky Mount | 75.0 |
| Rose Hill Church | 55.0 |
| Sandy Plain Church | 158.4 |
| Saratoga Church Auxiliary | 5.0 |
| Second Union, Western Conference | 40.4 |
| Second Union Sunday School Convention | 88.0 |
| Shady Grove Church | 165.2 |
| Sherron Acres Church | 200.0 |
| Shiloh Church | 70.7 |
| Smyrna Church | 50.0 |
| First Church, Smithfield | 5.0 |
| Grayson Spencer | 50.0 |
| Spring Hill Church | 7.5 |
| Stoney Creek Church | 75.0 |
| St. Mary's Church (New Bern) | 72.0 |
| St. Mary's Church (Kenly) | 125.0 |
| St. Mary's Grove Church | 110.0 |
| Sound View Church | 85.1 |
| Sweet Gum Grove Church | 5.0 |
| First Church, Tarboro | 87.9 |
| Tee's Chapel Church Youth | 100.0 |
| W. E. Thigpen | 25.0 |
| Vera M. Tipps | 50.0 |
| Trinity Church | 90.4 |
| Union Chapel Church (Albemarle) | 95.3 |
| Warden's Grove Church | 14.8 |
| West Clinton Church | 226.3 |
| West Hillsborough Church | 50.0 |
| Westwood Hills Mission | 295.0 |
| Western District Auxiliary Convention | 26.2 |
| First Western Sunday School Convention | 25.0 |
| Whaley's Chapel Church | 22.5 |
| White Oak Church | 75.0 |
| First Church, Wilmington | 5.0 |
| First Church, Wilson | 125.0 |
| Wintergreen Church | 20.0 |
| Winterville Church | 118.8 |
| Winterville Church (Lela Nobles) | 5.0 |
| Wooten's Chapel Church | 139.0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wright | 2.0 |
| Yelverton's Grove Church | 231.0 |
| Total | $11,131.0 |

## NEW HOME MISSION POINT WILSON

A new home mission point ne
Wilson, North Carolina, is now operatir

ler the auspices of the Home Missions partment and its mother church, iels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, n the Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor.



Daniels Chapel Church

Our new missionary, Dale Albertson, a nsed preacher, and his wife, mine, started this work on or about vember 10, 1974. Souls are already ng saved and new members are ning in.



Dale Albertson and Family

Mr. Albertson was reared near eulaville and attended Whaley's Chapel ree Will Baptist Church before moving Wilson. He is the son of John and irginia Albertson, Route 1, Beulaville. Irs. Albertson is the former Miss asmine Jones of Route 2, Richlands. hey have two children: Britt, age 8; and reta, age 5. Mrs. Albertson is enrolled Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, udying deaf education. Mr. Albertson orks for Daniel's Construction Com- any in Greenville. Their address is Box 85, Black Creek, North Carolina 27813; elephone 291-5331.

The mission is called the Free Spirit ree Will Baptist Mission and is located pproximately two miles south and one ile off Highway 95, just out of Wilson.



Free Spirit Mission



Touring the Mission

Pictured above is a group making a tour of the Free Spirit mission. They are as follows, left to right: the Rev. Hubert Burress, the Rev. Noah Brown, the Rev. Jack Mayo, Missionary Dale Albertson, the Rev. Ray Wells, and Carl Brock. Not shown in the picture is the Rev. Taylor Hill, director-treasurer. All home missions contributions should be sent to Mr. Hill at 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

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# NEWS NOTES

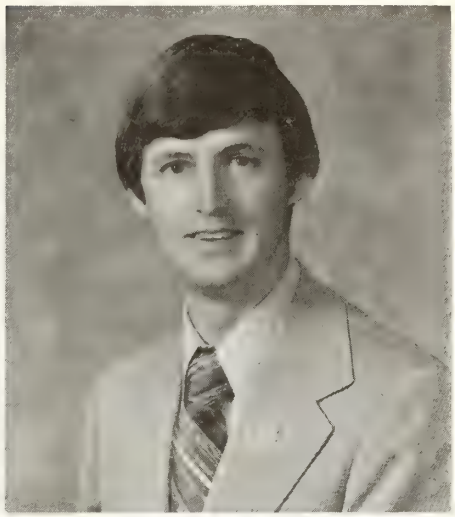
**Goldsboro Church to Host Cape Fear Youth Rally**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro will be host to the Cape Fear Youth Rally on Saturday evening, February 1, beginning at 7:30. All the youth of the district are urged to attend, and visitors are welcome.

At the December rally the Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield was presented a trophy for raising the most money for home missions, the project for 1974. The amount they raised was $229.

**Bobby Taylor Elected Clerk Of Third Eastern Union**

On December 28, 1974, during the Third Eastern Union Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Assembly Building in Pink Hill, the Rev. Bobby Taylor, pastor of Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, was elected as clerk for the coming year.



Mr. Taylor was a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church and a student at Mount Olive College when he was ordained as a minister by the Albemarle Conference. For the past year and a half, however, he has been serving in the Eastern Conference.

Other officers elected to serve the Third Union were as follows: Moderator, the Rev. Ronnie Parker; assistant moderator, the Rev. O. B. Taylor; assistant clerk, Mrs. Ernestine Summerlin; treasurer and custodian of the assembly, Mr. Herbert Jones.

Should your church need information concerning the work of the Third Eastern Union, please contact the Rev. Bobby Taylor, P. O. Box 245, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone 658-9842.

**EASTER— The Beginning**

**The modern-day play for the Easter season is written by Nancy (Mrs. Royce) Matthews of Wilson and is published by Lillenas Publishing Company of Kansas City, Missouri. It is available at the Press and its branch bookstores at a cost of 75c per book (seven books needed for production). The play is inspirational, with an evangelistic tenor, emphasizing the relationship between the resurrection and the second coming of Christ. Playing time is approximately 40 minutes.**

**Our readers have become acquainted with Mrs. Matthews through her regular column in the "Baptist," entitled "New Growth." The play is written in such a way that it will make an impact on any audience, and it should be considered favorably for use this Easter season.**

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North Carolina, is the youngest private junior college in the state. In preparation for its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in 1976, the College is currently engaged in a $2.5 million development program designed to both strengthen its educational program and to provide a physical education center and a college union on its new 110-acre campus.

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

**Black Mountain, North Carolina**

### "PRELUDE TO HEAVEN"

Dear Cragmont Friends,

Greetings from the Cragmont Assembly Board of Stockholders and the Board of Directors which met January 6, 1975, in Ayden, North Carolina. We wish to thank each of you who helped to make 1974 successful.

It was with deep regret that we accepted the resignation of Mrs. Fountain Taylor who has been our treasurer for fourteen years, and who assisted her husband who was treasurer for eleven years before that. She was made an honorary member of the board along with her husband who was already an honorary board member. We wish to thank them for all they have done for Cragmont throughout the years. They have been and will continue to be a source of inspiration to those who love Cragmont.

The board regretted to learn that Bill and Frankie Davenport will not be able to manage Cragmont during 1975. They have done a great job for the past two summers and especially in the light of inflated gasoline, food, and utility costs. We wish to thank them for their dedication to Cragmont. We shall miss them and hope they can return sometime.

A motion was passed to pay $5,000 on the indebtedness which leaves a balance of $4,000. Let's pay just as quickly as we possibly can so that we can turn our full attention to renovating the Ma Building.

From now on, those sending funds the treasurer by check will not be maile a receipt. However, a receipt will be ke on file in case of any question.

There is **great** need for a worker lounge at Cragmont. It has bee suggested that the canteen be move back to the basement and the old dinir room be converted to a worker's loung We will need furniture for it, so anyor who has sofas, couches, chairs, table or furniture which they wish to donat please contact one of the following Boar of Directors for 1975: The Rev. Will Wilson, chairman; the Rev. Har Grubbs, vice-chairman; Mrs. Rub Hancock, secretary; Mrs. Minni Chandler, treasurer and publicit secretary; Clyde Hines; the Rev. Henr Armstrong; and the Rev. Chri Singleton.

Let us work together with God t make 1975 the best year in Cragmont' history.

In His service,
Mrs. Minnie Chanc

### CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1974

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer c Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Blac Mountain, reports as follows for th month of December, 1974:

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|---|---|---|
| Balance December 1, 1974 | | $15,865.0 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $ 243.00 | |
| Sunday Schools | 34.25 | |
| Total Receipts | | 277. |
| Total for Which to Account | | $16,142. |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Operating Expenses | $ 67.66 | |
| Insurance | 280.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 347. |
| Balance January 1, 1975 | | $15,794. |

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GODLY INFLUENCE

Eleven children of Andrew Murra the saint of South Africa, grew to ad life. Five of the six sons became mi isters of the gospel, and four of t daughters became ministers' wive The next generation had a still mo striking record in that ten grandso became ministers, and thirteen b came missionaries.--Allia Weekly.

# STORIES

## For our youth



## WHY GET ANGRY?

SUPPOSE you have seen pictures of Chinatown in New City, or of Chinatown in San cisco, haven't you? I want to talk you about the boys and girls who there and who have Chinese parents. nt to talk about you, too.

ver and over I have heard that in atown there is no trouble with boys girls. Our fathers and mothers call ble with boys and girls juvenile quency. Those two words are simply her way of saying what the habits of boys and girls who do bad and ked things.

ow why do you suppose that in lies that are Chinese the boys and hardly ever get into serious trouble? do you think it is that such boys and never steal, or throw stones through dows, or do other things that other s and girls do?

hristian people who work among the ese tell us that it is because the ese families have taught the little s and girls to respect Father and her.

nd such boys and girls respect ndfather and Grandmother, too. For dreds of years Chinese boys and girls hina and throughout the world have ored older people.

ewish boys and girls, if they are perly brought up, are also taught the e kind of respect, and obedience, honor that the Chinese boys and s are. And they are taught this ause they believe the Old Testament the commandments of God.

nd one of the commandments of God s about Father and Mother.

nd what does the Fifth Comndment say? This is what is says: onour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee'' (Exodus 20:12).

Now, of course, we know that the Commandment was given to Israel, because it speaks of the land, meaning the land of Palestine. But when it comes to honoring Father and Mother it is a commandment which is for all boys and girls. How could we go on living the way we should if we did not honor Father and Mother? How could our homes be good places in which to live, unless Father and Mother had their right place?

Can you imagine what a home would be like if every boy and girl in it did just what he wanted, when he wanted?

The Apostle Paul knew very well that boys and girls should honor their fathers and mothers. That is why he said, ''Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right'' (Ephesians 6:1). If we do the right thing we may be sure that God will bless us. The way Paul puts it, if we obey Father and Mother we shall live long on the earth.

Now how can a boy or a girl live long by being obedient when he or she is little? Does this verse mean that if we are kind to Father or Mother, if we do not talk back or get angry with them, we shall live a long life?

Well, it means that in part! You see, if a boy or a girl is happy and joyful, then it is easier to get well when sick. But if a boy or a girl, and an older person, too, worries and gets excited easily, then he may get very sick.

Oh, how dreadful it is to hear a girl or a boy jumping up and down in anger with Father or Mother! Oh, how it hurts to hear a girl scream and shriek because she does not want to do something that Father or Mother has asked her! You can never take back the ugly or mean words you say!

One time I stayed in a home where there was a little girl. Suddenly she said, ''I don't want to go to bed early! And nobody in this house can make me!''

Well, of course, we knew that that was not true. We all knew that Father or Mother could easily make her go to bed. But they could not make her go to bed easily without her being angry.

But don't you suppose that little girl would have gone to bed early, if she knew she were going on a trip the next morning? Or don't you suppose that if she were going to have a birthday party early the next day she would have gone to bed early so that she could get up bright and early?

Isn't that what happens at Christmastime often? Don't boys and girls go to bed early so that they can get up very, very quietly in the dark the next morning and see their Christmas presents?

Why, then, can't boys and girls be obedient, and honor Father and Mother without hope of a reward?

There are many, many things in the Bible about how to live. There are many things which, we should believe and do as the Bible tells us. Then we would all be happier, and healthier, and wiser!

If we could only know how foolish we look when we lose our temper and throw things around. We look silly when we have fits and jump up and down, wanting our own way.

How much better it is to try to follow the example of our Lord who always knew what He was doing. He always did what He was supposed to do, and never got excited when things seemed to be going wrong!—**Christian Youth**.

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### A STORY OF BRAVE MEN

MANY years ago a great Persian army went into Greece to conquer the land. The Persians were rich and their armies were larger and better equipped than the poor Greeks who tried to defend their land against the invaders. But the Persian soldiers often had to be driven to battle, for in their hearts they did not want to fight. It has been said that the sound of the whips of the Persian generals driving their men into the fight could often be heard amid the noise of the battle.

But the Greeks were willing to fight because they loved their land and were

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## A WORSHIPING PEOPLE

**Lesson Text:** Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 4:7-11
**Memory Verse:** Colossians 3:16

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson text for today's study is taken from two books of the New Testament. The first, Acts 2:42-47, gives us an insight into the activities of the Early Church community, into the concern which they had one for another, into their faithfulness in doctrine, their devotion to each other, and their daily communion with God.

We are informed that the church at this time was blessed with perfect unity. No member considered himself as an individual apart, but all things were held by the church body in common. We will see also that, as long as the spirit of unity and concern for each other continued, the Lord blessed the work of the church and it experienced a daily growth.

The second portion of the lesson text, 1 Peter 4:7-11, would appear to have been written during the perilous days preceding the destruction of the Jewish church and nation by the Roman army under Titus, or just prior to A. D. 70. In the minds of the early Christian this event was very closely related to the end of an old dispensation and the ushering in of the kingdom of God; therefore, it is not surprising that Peter exhorts Christians to a full display and use of the virtues which have set the people apart; namely, sobriety, watchfulness, and charity.

The background for today's lesson is the uncertain conditions that existed in Palestine and all of the region of the Middle East in the days immediately preceding the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show us that the church can find a better life for itself and can make a better life for others by showing concern for the needs within its own body and by exercising the Christian virtues which make it unique.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.).**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There are some words that are diffucult to define. Deep down inside of us we feel that we know their meaning, but we find it difficult to put this meaning into words. Worship is such a word. To know really the meaning of worship one has to experience it. One wonders sometime if there is much real worship in the church these days.

B. The word "fellowship" is a meaningful word. If you will use your imagination for a moment, imagine a group of people at sea on a ship. They are fellows together; they are all committed to the same experience on board the ship. This gives us a good illustration of the meaning of fellowship. From our fellowship with other Christians we are able to get strength and courage.

C. The services of the church should be orderly, but not so formal that they do not leave room for change. The people should feel at home in them, but there should also be some enthusiasm and spontaneity. God pity the church where the people always know exactly what is going to happen next.

D. What are the elements of a worship service? Singing, preaching, praying, giving, and praising God—all of these are part of the regular worship in the church. Let us try to use them in such a way as to benefit those who attend the services of our church.

E. One of the characteristics of the Early Church was hospitality. What ever happened to hospitality? It is now difficult in many church to find someone to entertain the evangelist when the church is having a series of meetings. God helps us to love one another and to find room for one another both in our hearts an our homes.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. I**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. One of the great areas of phasis in the Protestant Reformation the priesthood of all believers. I am a that it is badly misunderstood to Most people seem to have the lim view that it means only that a man approach God on his own behalf. Scripture tells us that we have privilege of ministering to one anoth become my neighbor's priest to tercede with God for him. Hopefull is, at the same time, interceding for Taken in this context Christian hospit is not just a social convenience b sacred duty, for it gives opportunity f mutual ministry that could not c about in any other way. T. S. Eliot s "The church exists for the glory of and the sanctification of souls. . . maintains the paradox that while we each responsible for our own souls, are all responsible for each oth souls."—**Standard Lesson C mentary.**

B. Henry Ward Beecher was on the most popular preachers of his ti Once the pulpit was supplied by brother. When it became apparent t the famous minister was not on platform, many arose to leave. Then, preacher's brother stood and said,

"All of you who came to wors Henry Ward Beecher this morning m depart at this time. The rest may rem to worship God."—Selected.

C. "A man of our city was o impressed by the courtesy of a c ductor toward the passengers on street car. After the crowd had thinn out, he spoke to the conductor about it

" 'Well,' explained the conduct 'about five years ago I read in the pap about a man who was included in a v just because he was polite.'

" 'What in the world!' I thought. might happen to me.' So I start treating passengers like people. And makes me feel so good now, treati them that way, that now I don't care i ever get a million dollars."—Sour Unknown.

The real Christian doesn't live expectancy of reward. He lives as Christian because he has found that to

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nsel and aid to those who need it, his erosity to the poor, and his practical h, as shown by his works, he can t a good influence on all with whom comes in contact. He should never s an opportunity to 'let his light e,' so that men may know that he is llower of Christ. He is a living evangel by his influence and example at- ts others to the source from which he self draws courage and strength for struggle of this life and assurance for life to come.''

et us remember that the inspired d of God declares: ''Ye are our tle written in our hearts, known and d of all men'' (2 Corinthians 3:2); ing then made free from sin, ye ame the servants of righteousness. But now being made free from sin, become servants to God, ye have r fruit unto holiness, and the end rlasting life. For the wages of sin is th; but the gift of God is eternal life ugh Jesus Christ our Lord'' (Romans 8, 22, 23); ''Blessed are ye, when shall revile you, and persecute you, shall say all manner of evil against falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be eeding glad: for great is your reward eaven: for so persecuted they the phets which were before you. Ye are salt of the earth: but if the salt have his savour, wherewith shall it be ed? it is thenceforth good for nothing, to be cast out, and to be trodden er foot of men. Ye are the light of the ld. A city that is set on an hill cannot id'' (Matthew 5:11-14).

he Christian who comes up to God's dard reflects Christ as the light of the ld; and to do that, he becomes ist-like in witnessing as Christ essed to such people as the woman amaria (John 4:4-42) and Zacchaeus ke 19:1-10), and the Pharisees, the bes and priests (Luke 19:45—20:8). hen He was but 12 years of age, He essed to the doctors; and when His her and foster father failed to un- stand, quizzing Him, He asked them, w is it that ye sought me? Wist ye that I must be about my Father's iness?'' (See Luke 2:41-52.)

he obedient Christian, like his Lord, always be about his heavenly er's business—and that business ays requires that Christians be found faithful in witnessing and doing whatever the Holy Spirit prompts him to do in the name of Christ.

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## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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of serious emotional maladjustment. Their physical condition suffered too.

Love does ''make the world go 'round.'' Love is vitually important.—*Eternity.*

*Prayer Thought*

Without love as an ingredient, our cake of life will tend to crumble and even fall completely. Love is important; don't forget it.

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## Boys' and Girls' Stories

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defending their families, their homes, and their cities. They fought and served because of love, and they won the battles and drove the Persians back and out of their country. True service can only be done by a person who loves and cares. **Boys and Girls Joy.**

## FEATURE

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purpose of preaching is to glorify God by bringing forth fruit in people's lives.

**Be faithful and patient:** Biblical preaching often is not popular. Stephen, who was stoned while preaching the Word, would testify to this. In 2 Timothy 4:3, 4, Paul describes people who do not like to hear God's Word preached, which is sharper than any two-edged sword. These people turn from the truth and gather before them men who teach fables to tickle their ears.

But the man of God must stand fast and perservere. God promises that in the end His Word will not return void (see Isaiah 55:10, 11). God is with the man preaching His Word.

Note what Chapter XVII of our **Statement of Faith and Discipline** says about the qualifications and duties of Free Will Baptist ministers.

For an excellent small, easily read book for the minister or layman on preaching, read **Christ's Ambassadors—the Priority of Preaching** by Frank Colquhoun; published by The Westminister Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Sunday School Lesson

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the best way to live, reward or no reward.—**The Intermediate Quarterly (F. W. B.).**

D. Robert Hardy had a dream, and in that dream he thought he was to live only seven days. If you had only seven days to live, how would you live them? He began to study. He began to get ready. He did all in his power each day. He came to the seventh day, and he neared the end of the day. But all at once it was made known to him that he wasn't going to die. He looked around and was glad, but he said, ''Some seven days will be my last seven,'' and he lived everyday as though he were in his last. You will be in your last seven days sometime. Maybe you are there now.—Schoville as Quoted in **3,000 Illustrations for Christian Service.**

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## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ed C. Taylor makes the following statement: ''It seems that since I resigned as pastor of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church after eight good years of service there, a lot of people think I have resigned or retired from the ministry. This is a mistake. I am still doing the Lord's work and am available for full-time or part-time services. Any church desiring my services may contact me by writing P. O. Box 396, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524.

The Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis is seeking a pastor for full-time duties. Any minister that is a member of the North Carolina State Convention and is interested in serving this church may contact Mr. Morris Herbert, 140 Westover Avenue, Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081; telephone (704) 933-0742.

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Eve (Genesis 4:1)
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Pilate (Luke 23:13)
Holy Ghost (Acts 4:48)
Jude (Jude 1)
Judas Iscariot (John 6:71)
Thomas (Matthew 10:13)
Bartholomew (Mark 3:18)

**IV. Books:**

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| Exodus | Ezekiel | Ezra |
| Joshua | Romans | Daniel |
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Robe (Job 29:14)
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Neighbour (Exodus 23:16)
Charity (1 Corinthians 13:13)
Rebelled (Deuteronomy 1:26)
Understand (Matthew 13:13)

**VI. Doctrinal:**

A. That children obey your parents (Colossians 3:20).

B. That it is the will of God that we give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

C. That nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37).

D. That God named the earth and the seas (Genesis 1:10).

E. That the hand of the Lord is mighty (Joshua 4:24).

F. That we are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8).

## Final Notice

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more; and more importantly, the youth was made to feel that the minister was very disappointed in *him*. Always before, a pat on the back and words of praise had been given the lad. The reproach was nearly unbearable.

It is not our intention to criticize ministers or to categorize them by this isolated case; but we do feel that while rebuking one, an explanation of "why" is necessary How is anyone to know the *right* and *wrong* unless he is told *why*? The minister under discussion, with his adamant verbalization and door slamming gave *final notice* that he would not lower his standards for a school project or whatever. He made it absolutely clear that he *did not* and *would not* gamble—but at the expense of hurting a little boy who did not understand the intracacies of it. The minister was well within his right to refuse to buy the chance, and the little boy was well within his right to expect an explanation.

Final notice! Slam! Slam! "I do not gamble!" Lasting impressions were made. Someday, God, too, will give final notice to all who reject Him and His Word. He will not send a printed message with some catalog offering a prize for purchase of His merchandise; neither will He blurt out insensitive rebukes in loud tones and slam the door in one's face; nevertheless, He has made it clear that His Spirit will not always strive with man (see Genesis 6:3).

If you do not want your name dropped from His list, stay in close touch with Him. He does not *sell* chances, certainly; and we should not *take* chances with our final destiny. Woe be unto any of us who may hear the words, "Depart from me into outer darkness. I never knew you." That final notice *is* final. There is no possibility then that He will give another opportunity to "order." "This is your last catalog. We are about to remove your name from our mailing list." What does it mean to you?

## NOT AFTER THE PATTERN

A short time ago a Salvation A captain was preaching in Hyde (London) when a man in the crowd terrupted him. "We haven't anything a Jesus of Nazareth," said the interrup "but we have something agin' Christians because you ain't up sample."--Sunday School Chronicle.

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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# NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOR TO DO ANYTHING ELSE

Most people are consumed with self-interest. They have little, if any, time for anyone else. Their interest span is so limited that *they* are the center of it and want everything to revolve around that interest. Furthermore, they want everyone to be subject to them, to "give in" absolutely, and to pay strict attention to them. To their way of thinking, they are the important ones; and all of what they have to say, what they conceive in their minds as right, what they propose in their hearts as good, and what they qualify as their superior capabilities is not to be questioned.

What a grand overture to one's ego! What an incredible attempt to be "Mr. Big"! But, what a terrible fallacy! What a warped sense of judgment! What a ridiculous set of values! What an absurd, exalted view of individual "majesty"!

To be sure, most people consider themselves more than underlings and seek the higher seats (at banquets or wherever) and feel that those, who haven't quite so much intellect, education, or culture as they, should in some manner pay homage to them. They want proper respect paid to them and to their achievements. What they (the proud ones) fail to realize (or perhaps block from rational thought) is the fact that no matter how smart, rich, cultured, or good they are, there are those who surpass them in all respects. Oh no? Well, just look around.

The Prophet of Dune, to whom the beloved reading, "Desiderata," is attributed, stated that if one compared himself with others, he might, "become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons" than the one doing the comparing. Most people concede that there are "lesser persons" but are unwilling to admit the existence of greater ones. This is sad. If one cannot admit that there are others who can do better than he in all areas and perform better in all capacities, he is deluded—to say the least. This is not to imply that the comparer does not have his own talents, abilities, and achievements. It is, rather, to suggest that he should attune himself to the reality that he is *not* the greatest of the greats. While this be so, he must not be so hard on himself as to feel that he is the most insignificant of persons, either. This personal, derogatory view is as bad as, if not worse than, an overexalted view of oneself.

Each person has a unique contribution to make to the world. Each person can touch a life in his singular manner—a manner not possessed by his comrades, or, for that matter, by any other living person. The trouble all too often is that he, because of self-interest, does not take the time to do that which only he, himself, is able to do. This is not the whole problem, however; for just as the egomaniac suppresses others and holds himself aloft, the person obsessed with a feeling of inferiority cowers to the corner and subjects himself to outward and inward abuses—abuses inflicted physically and psychologically. He allows reproaches without rebuttals. He takes criticism without offering defense. He suffers undue scorn and ridicule without counteraction, simply because he thinks he lacks a shield of words or possibly believes that he is deserving of belittlement or feels that fate has ordained that someone should take advantage of him. But!

Let no one be afraid to speak his piece. Every person has *something* to say and can say it as no one else is able to say it. As the Prophet of Dune says, "Even the dull and ignorant have their story." Those who are categorized as "dull and ignorant" by some persons are classified as "stimulating and knowledgeable" by persons who share their interests. It all depends upon what measuring stick one is using. All people cannot be measured by *our* stick; for in the measuring, we measure our friends and those of similar interest and "station" less critically than those whom we don't particularly like. To be fair, though, an inch must always equal an inch; otherwise, our evaluation or assessment of a situation or a person is inaccurate. Yet, because we are human, it is logical to believe that double standards are used in most, if not all, circumstances relative to persons, situations, or ideals. We must be careful in regard to this, for just as we are harsh in our judgment of others, they are probably equally as harsh in their judgment of us. While one suffers acrimonious assaults from his foes, foes likewise suffer the same assaults from *their* foes. No one, however good and congenial, is without *enemies*, just as no one, however bad and disagreeable, is without *friends*.

What have we accomplished thus far in this discussion? First, most people have too much self-interest. Second, this trait is an undesirable one. Third, however glorified one may be, there are those who are viewed more favorably. Fourth, everyone has something to contribute to the world and its people.

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# GOD'S WORD AND THE CHURCH

HISTORY provides few specifics about the life and organization of New Testament churches, with the ception of the church at Jerusalem. t one thing is crystal clear—they were fied. And it's clear from the New stament pages that their unity lay in veral things. The churches were fied in their acknowledgement of sus as Saviour and Lord, and they re unified in their commitment to are this knowledge with the world. But s article centers on a third thing which aracterized the unified Early Church.

They accepted the Old Testament riptures as God's Word and the church s centered on God's Word, with Christ the foundation. A journey through the ok of Acts shows that just as the urch would have had no foundation thout Christ, it could not have existed thout the Word, for God's written Word s "searched daily," "devoted to," spoke with all boldness," preached," "taught," "spread," and ed for.

Yet, 1,000 years later, the Bible was actically an unknown book to the man the pew.

### WHAT HAPPENED?

As the centuries passed, the church creasingly gave authority not to the ble (to God), but to popes and priests man). When man attempts to take ch authority on himself, the results are sastrous. And that's just what hap- ened.

There came that time in history when e church itself forbade people to read the Bible, executed those having Bibles, and substituted its own papal decrees for God's Word. Today, it's exciting to see a tendency in the Roman Catholic Church to return to the authority of God's Word, but there was a time when the Bible was an unknown book in Catholic countries.

God raised up men through whom He worked to correct these mistakes. In the year, 1508, a certain monk, Martin Luther by name, was reading in the Book of Romans. God used His Word to speak in such a profound way to Luther's heart, that, Bible in hand, he led forth the Protestant Reformation.

One of the main cries of Luther and other reformers was that the Bible is the authority of the church, instead of the church having authority in itself.

**by Calvin Mercer Jr.**

### ONCE AGAIN

The reformation was on. In time, translations were made, copies printed and distributed to the people. Once again, as in the New Testament church, God's Word was studied, preached, taught, spread, and given the authority it demands. The church regained the Bible, and God's Word once again became the center and life of the church.

But what about today?

Much like Luther's time, in many countries today, atheistic communists outlaw the Bible, and Christians are harrassed or killed for having it. Brothers and sisters in Christ in many countries know that a war is on and the struggle is real.

But what about America? What about us?

Our churches are not harrassed for having the Bible. No state authority keeps us from having the Bible and the Christ it proclaims at the center of our churches. But is God's Word the life of our churches?

This question is not put negatively, for this writer knows that many Free Will Baptist churches are Bible-preaching, Bible-reading, and Bible-living bodies. We must constantly ask the question and we must constantly examine and make sure we ourselves are giving God's Word the place it deserves.

The church and the Bible go together. The church exists to glorify the Christ of the Bible. Any local church that does not enthrone the Bible in the lives of its people is false to its mission.

### BUT HOW?

What are some of the methods God has honored in the past to do this?

The Sunday morning worship service is usually attended by more people than any other service. God's Word preached is only a part of the true worship experience, but it's imperative that it is being preached and that people are encouraged to bring their Bibles, open them, and use them.

Midweek services are usually a combination of prayer and Bible study or preaching. If the group size is appropriate, this might be a good night for

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Scripture Reading—Psalm 103:13

*What Children Want*

A well-dressed couple confronted a salesgirl in a toy shop with a request for toys that would keep their children entertained. "My husband and I are both employed," explained the mother, "and the children are alone a great deal."

The salesgirl showed them a variety of games and play equipment, but to each there was some objection. "It seems to me," the mother finally said impatiently, "that if you knew what we are really looking for, you could find it among these toys."

The salesgirl hesitated, and then said quietly, "I'm sorry, madam, I think that what you are really looking for, and what your children want, is a mother and father, and we don't sell them here!"—Marion Leach Jacobsen.

*Prayer Thought*

Are our children in need of a mother and father? Let us consider this question seriously, while there is still time to help them.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:16

*A Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we receive pardon. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.—Selected.

*Prayer Thought*

Lord, help us to think more of others, not only of ourselves. We gain so very much when we give of ourselves.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:9

*Only a Little Girl*

Only a little girl was converted in a revival meeting. How happy she was! The next day she started on an errand, known only to her and God.

Timidly she knocked at the door of a neighbor. A well-dressed man greeted her cordially. He asked, "Why are you so dressed up?"

She replied, "I am dressed up because I want people to ask me why I'm dressed up. I want to tell them that yesterday I gave my heart to Jesus."

Next she went to Jim the blacksmith. She told him of her new-found joy in Jesus! Jim said, "I will be in church Sunday." He kept his promise. Later he was joyously converted.

In time a spiritual awakening came to the church because the little girl immediately after her conversion obeyed the command, "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, . . ." (Psalm 107:2).—Ralph M. Smith.

*Prayer Thought*

If we hear of a bargain in a store, we usually spread the word to all our friends. What better bargain can we find than God's salvation?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:10

*Tired of Being Blamed . . . Maimed*

Said K. Ross Toole, professor of history at the University of Montana: "I am forty-nine years old. It took me many years and considerable anguish to get where I am, which isn't much of any place except exurbia.

"I was nurtured in depression, lost four years to war, have had one coronary, am a liberal, a square, and a professor. I am sick of hippies, yippies, militants, and nonsense.

"I am a professor of history, and I am supposed to have liaison with the young. Worse still, I am the father of seven children.

"I am tired of being blamed, maimed, and contrite. I am tired of tolerance and of reaching out for understanding. I am sick of the total irrationality of the campus rebel, whose bearded visage, dirty hair, body odor, and tactics are childish but brutal, naive but dangerous, and the essence of arrogant tyranny, the tyranny of spoiled brats.

I am terribly concerned that I may be incubating more of the same. Our household is permissive, our approach to discipline is an apology and a retreat from standards, usually accomplished by a gift in cash kind.

"It is time to call a halt; time to l in an adult world where we belong time to put these people in th places. We owe the youn generation what the older generati have owed younger generations: lo protection to a point, and resp when they deserve it. We do not c them immunity from our mistake their own.

"I find that the great majority of young people are fine, but I decry pusillanimous capitulation to yo who haven't lived long enough to h either judgment or wisdom. country is full of decent, worr people like myself who are fed up w nonsense. We need to reassert hard-won prerogatives. It is country, too. We love it, fought fo and bled for it. It is time to recla it!"—*Orlando Reporter Star.*

*Prayer Thought*

Would that we Christian adults m receive guiding strength of the H Spirit and manage to ingrain the s of God's love into the hearts minds of our youth.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:2

*Quick and Powerful*

As a pickpocket mingled with multitude in a New York City str the bulging hip pocket of a m caught his lynx-like, greedy ey Sidling alongside his unsuspect victim, he deftly removed the objec

In his room later the thief discove that what he had thought wa pocketbook was a New Testament!

"How disguesting!" he fumed.

Curiously, however, he began to r it and made these perso discoveries: "Christ is a gr Saviour; I am a great sinner; and greatest need is His mercy forgiveness."

Penitently and earnestly the pi pocket prayed, "God be merciful me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Instan he was transformed!

How powerful is God's Word change deceitful and desperat wicked hearts. "For the word of is quick and powerful, and shar than any two-edged sword" (Heb 4:12); "The law of the LORD is per converting the soul" (Ps 19:7).—Ralph M. Smith.

*Prayer Thought*

It might be for the best if m professing Christians were p pockets, as in the above story. T might then stand a better chanc reading God's Word.

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# STORIES

## for our youth



# MISS MYRTLE'S CLASS OF YESTERYEAR

**by Sara Branch**

l, children,'' said the tiny tots' teacher as she enter- the class of eager-faced youngsters. ch student's eyes seem to glow as ams from lights turned on. ''My name Miss Myrtle and I am your Sunday hool teacher.''

The class consisted of the following ungsters: In the first row of seats sat areless Carolyn, Grateful George, and houghtful Timothy. Tearless Terry ose the second row of seats. She anted to be alone with no one to talk to r. But Dandy Dan saw a little girl ughing and full of joy, so he decided to t near Silly Sally on the third row. On e last row of seats there sat Sad ammy who was very quiet today and ad no friends to talk to him.

How did these students get these ames? Well, they are all human as you nd I. It could be a real Sunday school ass, you know. Let's see as the story ntinues.

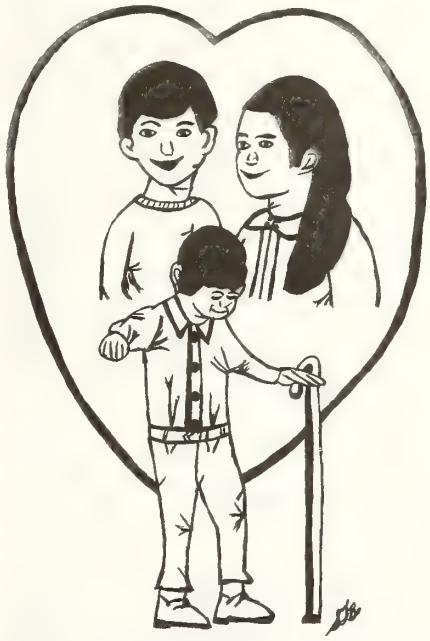
Thoughtful Timothy took the collection ate and began to pass it around to the ther students. He was always emembering to be helpful to Miss Myrtle ach Sunday. Timothy put his dollar in e plate first.

Grateful George, in his prayer, anked God for giving him a home to live , for food to eat, and a great big world which to live.

Dandy Dan was so happy today! It as just last Sunday that he had become Christian and he wanted everyone to now it.

Silly Sally laughed at everything that as said at Sunday school, but many ings which Miss Myrtle told Sally were ot funny. Miss Myrtle explained to Sally at she should love and obey God. God's ouse was a place to worship Him, not ust a place for Sally to enjoy being with er friends. She told her there would be other places for her to play with her friends. Miss Myrtle also read to Sally, but Sally didn't even seem to hear her for her mind was still on playing jump rope outside with her little playmates.

Careless Carolyn lost her money on the way to church, so she had no money to give to Jesus today. When she sat in her chair during class, Carolyn amost fell out of it. She moved about so much it seemed as if she were sitting on a pin.



Tearless Terry's lips were stuck out a mile for she did not want to come to Sunday school today.

Suddenly, after reading the Sunday school lesson, Miss Myrtle said, ''Class, we have not heard a word from Sammy.''

Immediately Silly Sally said, ''Miss Myrtle, you mean Sad Sammy. He does not talk to anyone.''

''Why?'' questioned Miss Myrtle. ''You all know he is new to our class. You have not given him a chance to talk as you have been so busy this morning talking yourselves.''

''He just will not talk,'' said Careless Carolyn, who didn't even remember Sammy's name.

''He is all right sitting on the back row,'' replied Dandy Dan. ''He seems to enjoy it.''

''But have you forgotten how it is to feel lonely?'' questioned Miss Myrtle. ''Why don't you remember Sammy? He may help you with your problems. He perhaps has a problem as you do. Let's hear from him and let him talk for himself.''

Instantly there came a feeling of warmth from the group of eager-faced youngsters which Miss Myrtle saw for the first time in her class as Sad Sammy walked to Miss Myrtle's desk with a cane in his left hand.

''I am sorry I have been so sad today, but I don't have parents as you do. I live with my grandmother on Third Street and I turned my foot over this past week while I was playing outside by myself. That is why I use the cane today. I hope it won't be too long before I can play football again,'' said Sad Sammy.

''Oh, we love you,'' said Silly Sally. ''We will be your family—your Christian family.''

''Sammy, we want you to play on our football team when your foot is well,'' said Grateful George.

''Yes, you would make a great quarterback,'' said Thoughtful Timothy.

''It's settled. I'll play with you guys and accept your offer,'' said Sad Sammy who had a half smile now.

Yes, Careless Carolyn, Grateful George, Thoughtful Timothy, Tearless Terry, Dandy Dan, Silly Sally, and Sad Sammy all learned to love God. They

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

### Tarboro Church Evening Services on Radio

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro began broadcasting its Sunday evening worship services on January 19. The part of the service, including special music and the sermon, is being broadcasted live from the church from 8 to 8:30 p.m. by Radio Station WCPS, FM, 104. 3 on your dial, in Tarboro. The pastor of the Tarboro church is the Rev. O. B. Jones.

Mrs. Lillie Case, church reporter, states: "It is hoped that these services will get the gospel message to those who are unable to attend church."

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### Missionary Candidates to Hold St. Mary's Service

The missionary candidates to the Philippines, the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, will be the guests of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, Sunday, February 9. Mr. and Mrs. King will be teaching during the Sunday school hour and Mr. King will be the speaker at the morning worship service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The youth groups of the church who are sponsoring the missionary appointees will host Mr. and Mrs. King and the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Rod Jones, at lunch.

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### Youth Revival and Youth Sunday at Owen's Chapel

A youth revival will be held at Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, January 31 through February 2. Services Friday and Saturday nights will begin at 7:30 with the Rev. Marvin Waters as the guest speaker. The Sunday night service will begin at seven o'clock with the Rev. Danny Braswell as the speaker. Along with the preaching services, special music will be rendered each evening.

Sunday, February 2, will be Youth Sunday at Owen's Chapel church. During the services the youth of the church will be performing all the duties.

The pastor, the Rev. F. M. Owens, and the youth cordially invite everyone to attend these services.

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## GOD'S WORD AND THE CHURCH

(Continued from Page 3)

an in depth Bible study of a Bible book or theme.

Sunday school was begun in 1780 by Robert Raikes. One of its original purposes was to give Bible training to poor and unschooled children. If the local church takes the task, and method seriously, and puts the time, and prayer into it, the Sunday school could be one of the most effective ministries of the church.

Each age group presents its own special problems and needs, but the basic goal of each teacher and of the whole Sunday school should be to win each student to Christ and then build him up in the faith by a constant, serious study of the Bible. Again the methods can differ, but whether it's Bible stories for the youngsters or Sunday school books for the adults, the goal must be to feed on God's Word.

Regular training sessions for teachers could not only give an opportunity to receive training, in how to teach God's Word more effectively, but also provide teachers the opportunity of discussing with each other problems or successes.

### EVANGELISM

Another arm of the local church, organized outreach into the commun is by its very nature a result of hav God's Word at the center of the chu and being obedient to it. But, in visitation night or bus ministry, Go Word must continue to have priority. I that Word which proclaims the Savi who must be communicated to the lost

But as people are won to Chr through the visitation program, through message invitations, or throu other methods, new converts must th be led to feed on God's Word. If church is Bible centered, the n convert will receive instruction in Bible at Sunday school and ot church services, but perhaps a n Christian needs more.

We are to lead people to Christ, then we are to impress upon them need to become disciples. As part of t "discipling" it would probably pr helpful if the pastor would meet with new Christian in a series of pointments. In a personal way, the r Christian could be shown from the B how to grow in Christ by feeding God's Word and being obedient to it.

May our pastors, deacons, Sun school teachers, and people be men women of the Word. May we be B centered churches so that God can sa us as He said to the church Philadelphia: thou "hast kept my wo (see Revelation 3:8).

For an exciting study of what God for the Early Church, centered on Gc Word, make a journey through the B of Acts, taking special note of authority and priority given to Gc Word, and the results of doing this.

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I find the name of Jesus Chr written on the top of every p of human history.–George Bancr

**ATTENTION!**

**Anyone having any old record pertaining to the Second Unio Sunday School Convention of th Central Conference please send the to Mrs. Almeta Harris, Route 1, Bo 267, Winterville, North Carolin 28590, so they may be turned ov to Mount Olive College to be put the Historical Collection. Thank you**




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Where was Jesus' Spirit the ree days His body was in Joseph's nb?

**Answer:** I think it was in the place here the souls of the Jews and others ent at death previous to Christ's death. e rich man and Lazarus of Luke 16 ent to a place divided by a great gulf hen they left the scene of activities here on earth. Lazarus was prepared, so he as escorted to the place called radise or Abraham's bosom by an ngelic host; whereas, the rich man had een too busily engaged in gaining and njoying this world's wealth to take time prepare, so he needed no escort of lestial beings to see that he came by s just reward. The devil, the god of this resent world system, continued to ecure him in his death grip hence the xpression ". . . in hell he lifted up his yes, being in torments, . . ." uke 6:23), which suggests quite a ntrast to the description given of azarus: ". . . the beggar died, and was arried by angels into Abraham's bosom: . ." (Luke 16:22).

"Wherefore he saith, When he scended up on high, he led captivity aptive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now hat he ascended, what is it but that he lso descended first into the lower parts f the earth? He that descended is the ame also that ascended up far above all eavens, that he might fill all things.)" Ephesians 4:8-10). Christ went to ades, but was able to ascend to the arth where He was active in His glorified ody about 40 days and then ascend to eaven from whence He descended to be ncarnated (through the virgin birth) aking the form of our sinful likeness and ecome sin for us. He thus allowed our udgment for sin to descend through the rath of God upon Him on the Cross so He could bear our sins completely away, utting them in the sea of forgetfulness, never to remember them against us again. By placing them behind Him, as far as the East is from the West, He requires only that we accept this feat on the grounds of John 3:36 and Acts 16:31. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:3, 4).

He is where He will be until the church is completed and He descends in the air for the saints, both living and those who have departed this life. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. . . . When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1, 4). Death could not hold Him! "He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. . . . For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder" (Psalm 107:14, 16); "God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land" (Psalm 68:6). "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel" (Isaiah 45:2, 3).

George H. Sandison in his book, "**1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**," has the following to say on Page 247 on a similar question:

"There is little in the Scriptures to throw light on the question, 'Where was the spirit of Jesus during the three days his body lay in the tomb?' Among the early writers, and by many of later days, the subject has been discussed. The Apostles' Creed says: 'He descended into hades' (the place of departed spirits). Some theologians, Dean Alford among them, in discussing the passage in 1 Peter 3:19, 20, contended that Christ, in the interval between his death and resurrection, preached or announced his finished work to the spirits 'in prison'; but the passage is mysterious and has always puzzled Bible students. In the early days of the Christian church, there were several writings on the subject professing to describe the exultation of the saints and the pre-Christian fathers whom he delivered from hades and brought into paradise; but these writings have long ago been stamped as uncanonical and apocryphal."

A summation of Bible teaching on this subject seems to indicate that in laying His life down and taking it up again Jesus Christ our Lord went underneath death; that is, in dying in our place and stead, He went below that level awaiting us and destroyed it forever for those who comply and shall not be subject to the second death. The thief on the cross who repented and went to paradise, where Jesus had an appointment to be with them, known also as Abraham's bosom, saw Him there, but is now in the presence of Christ who is at the right hand of God and where Paul said he would be.

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### WHICH?

The following poem by Ruth Ellen Shirley of Route 1, Farmville, provokes one to thought and to a serious decision concerning the hereafter.

To live in vain or die at ease—
Which one can be the worst?
I know not of a more evil place
To live, than here on earth.

If I had to pick from either one—
The decision—hard to face;
I want to live, but yet I yearn
To live in a better place.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him" (1 Thessalonians 5:9, 10).

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## DR. RAPER DELIVERS SENATE INVOCATION

By invitation of Lt. Governor James B. Hunt Jr., Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, delivered the invocation at the opening of the North Carolina State Senate on Wednesday, January 15, at 12 noon.

As Lt. Governor, Hunt is the presiding officer of the Senate, and his father is chairman of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees.

The invocation as given by Dr. Raper is as follows:

"Father, we pray your special blessings upon the members of this senate and their presiding officer, Lt. Governor James B. Hunt Jr.

"Let this day mark the beginning of a new era of service to the people of North Carolina who have entrusted to their leaders the directions of our government.

"Grant us the wisdom to know what is right in your sight and the courage to do it.

"We give thanks for the rich resources with which you have endowed our great state: its fertile fields and vast forests; its lofty mountains and its shining sea; and, we thank you for overshadowing our land with the rhythm of summer and winter, cold and heat, day and night so that the soil might be productive and that the food and fiber we need to sustain our lives might be abundant.

"We thank you, too, for the enrichment of our lives through commerce and industry, through research and learning, and for the compassion which you have placed in our hearts for the sick, the homeless, and the lonely.

"As we address ourselves to the tasks of government, keep us aware that good laws come from good men.

"Let our minds not be small because they are filled with ourselves, but rather let our work be great and noble because we love humanity.

"Remind us that we are responsible not only to those who elected us, but to you who created us.

"Teach us that truth and righteousness transcend not only public opinion but even the ballot box.

"May we seek your guidance in our work as much as we seek your presence in our death.

"Father, in these critical days of difficult decisions may these who sit in responsible places of leadership be imbued with wisdom that transcends the human mind and may the mantle of your Spirit fall upon each of us in the name of our Lord. Amen."

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## GIFT TO COLLEGE

Roy Williams of Goldsboro's Sears-Roebuck Company, at left presents a $500 grant to Dr. W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College as part of $47,000 the Sears-Roebuck Foundation will



distribute to 39 privately supported colleges and universities in the state. The North Carolina schools are among almost 1,000 privately accredited two and four year institutions across th country who are sharing in $1,300,00 in Sears Foundation funds for 1974-7 academic year.

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## DISCUSSING LIBRARY PLANS

Shown in the bookstacks discussin plans for the development of the Mour Olive College Library are Gary Barefo (left), librarian; and President W Burkette Raper. The library collectior which currently totals approximatel 25,000 volumes, requires continuou development to keep pace with th expanding and changing programs study at the College.



College officials explained that th library provides good opportunities fo memorial gifts. Barefoot reported tha several thousand dollars are receive annually in amounts ranging from $5 t $25 in lieu of flowers as memorials t deceased persons, and the Colleg recognizes each gift with a memori card to the family and with a nameplat in a selected book.

In recognition of gifts of $1,000, th College provides a metal plaque whic designates an entire bookstack in hon of the donor or in memory of a person his choice.

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## THIRTY-SIX MILLION SPIRITUAL ORPHANS

In our land alone, there are thirty-s million children and adolescents attendin no church or Sunday school, and receivin no definite Christian teaching. What make the tragedy worse, is the statistics sho that eighty percent of the children drop ou of the Sunday school before they are wo to Christ.--Selected.

# MISSIONS

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HOME MISSIONS

## HOME MISSIONS LOOKING GOOD

**y Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer**

e are now supporting seven home sion stations throughout the state of h Carolina and the overall picture is bright. Many souls are being saved new support continues to come in.



Our newest mission station near son was started under the en- sement of Daniels Chapel Free Will ptist Church of Black Creek. The sion pastor-director is Dale Albert- .

The Charlotte mission is buying land a building project and the Eastwood sion of Fayetteville has just recently rted a bus ministry. The Henderson ple are in their new building and are ting along just fine.

We are indeed thankful for the prayers d financial support that we are eiving, and you can be certain that we do our very best to act wisely in all of decisions as we represent you and Lord.

We want all Free Will Baptists to understand that we are here to assist you and your church in home missions and church extension work. We do not want to be in competition with any of our churches or denominational enterprises; we want to be an asset to all. We are here to help and never to hinder any phase of God's work. This department speaks well of and supports the total program of our North Carolina State Convention as we believe all Free Will Baptists should.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at anytime because we are here to serve you. Our mailing address is North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist, Home Missions and Church Extension Department, Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305; telephone 485-3980.

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

## THE GAMES SATAN PLAYS

When I was a child, to me Satan was a red creature from outer space with horns, a forked tail, and a pitchfork. I thought if I misbehaved, he'd use this pitchfork on my backside. He was a mean, ugly creature and didn't care who knew it. But since childhood I've learned a lot about this man.

Someone told me recently that Satan could not be in but one place at a time.

"I'm glad to hear that," I answered. "In order not to be piggish, it's all right with me if someone else takes a turn."

"But he doesn't bother with insignificant people like us, just heads of nations and other influential persons. He leaves us to his helpers," I was told.

"No!" I said emphatically. "What bothers me is no substitute, no counterfeit, no mere helper. He is 100 percent Satan. You could get papers with him."

Satan is beautiful on the surface and powerful all the way through. It is a mistake to forget for a moment that he knows more about us than we do ourselves. He knows our weaknesses and our strong points. It's not always the weak points he plays with either. He knows how to wiggle around and knock your cornerstone out before you know he's within a mile. You sit the middle of the wreckage and wonder what went wrong.

His beauty looks at you from the pages of magazines, from television, the movie screens, and whispers from the radio. He walks ahead of you down the street or winks suggestively in a restaurant. He smiles meekly while he attends all church services.

But always hidden behind his meek and cunning smile is his wicked grin because he's twofaced.

It is he who tempts a pastor into airing personal grievances from the pulpit, creating a division among members of the congregation.

It is the same Satan who tempts the disgruntled members to talk about the pastor and tear his influence apart.

It is Satan who tempts family members to create friction between themselves, causing misunderstandings or complete family breakdowns. He knows exactly what to tempt a husband or wife to say or do to hurt the other most deeply. He also knows how to tempt the injured party into fighting back where it is most effective.

You see, we are his toys. He plays one of us against the other where it does the most damage because he knows all about us—where our prides, our sympathies, our loyalties lie.

All the while Satan laughs gleefully over the disturbances and we blame everything and everybody except him.

Do you know who gets hurt? We all do, but it is Jesus who weeps the loudest.

By recognizing Satan and his power we come to understand we cannot handle him alone. Only God has more power and only through God comes the courage to refrain from taking part in the games Satan plays.




## A SERVING PEOPLE

**Lesson Text:** 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; James 2:14-17
**Memory Verse:** Titus 3:14

### I. INTRODUCTION

For the past two Sundays, we have observed the Christians in the Early Church as an empowered people and a worshiping people. It follows that today we see them as a serving people, for when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit and have entered into a true worship experience with God, we come under a divine compulsion to serve Him and our fellowman. It is true, as someone has said, ''True service finds its basis in self-giving,'' for we cannot truly serve God until we have truly given ourselves to Him. It begins with the new birth, is strengthened by the power of the Spirit, and reaches its full maturity through daily serving God and others.

David Starr Jordan wrote: ''Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know: it is part of action, not of whining. It is a part of love, not cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness.'' Now is our time—do we see the urgency in these simple words? Perhaps you can see it better in the words: ''the only day we have.'' The writer of these words is saying that at best our time—our day—is so brief, and every brief moment of that brevity must be used unselfishly in the service of those who depend upon us far more than we can ever realize.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.).**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Paul organized an offering for the poverty-stricken church at Jerusalem. He felt that both the church at Corinth and the church at Jerusalem would benefit if the Corinthian church took part in the offering. How could the Corinthian church benefit from giving to the people at Jerusalem?

B. We do not serve the Lord when we do those things that God has given for our own benefit. We serve the Lord only when we do something for others and do not expect anything in return for what we do. This is why giving is a great way to serve the Lord.

C. Faith and work are like the Siamese twins—they are grown together. If you separate them you kill off both. They must go together or they both die. This is the truth about faith and works.

D. Devils believe and tremble, but they do not let their faith cause them to trust Christ as Saviour and Lord. There is too much easy ''believism'' in the church today. We must remember that where there is no work, there is no real faith in the Lord.

E. There is a faith that is only mental assent. This we call head faith. It does no work and does not issue in salvation. There is a faith that gives heart consent. This is the faith that brings man into contact with God's saving grace.

**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.).**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We have studied the words of James, in which he described a dead, meangingless faith. Let us visualize this by means of an empty kerosene lamp. The lamp may look attractive, but it has no practical use in its present state. It cannot give any light, for it is empty—it has no fuel. Just so, a person who claims to be a follower of Jesus may make a fine show of pretense, but if he has no compassion for those in need he too is empty and useless in Christ's kingdom. His ''faith'' is only mental belief, and it will not influence anyone for Christ.

If the lamp is going to be useful and give light, fuel must be put in the reservoir. Now the wick can bec saturated with the fuel, and the lam ready to do the job it was intended to Jesus desires more than just a vain sh of piety in the lives of His followers. wants us to be filled with a hear commitment to Him. Among other thi this means that our hearts will touched by the problems and need others. Our faith will take possessio our hearts and fill our lives and will im us to do the kind of loving deeds Je would do if He were on earth.

With the reservoir full and the w saturated, all that remains is for a ma to be struck and touched to the wi When that is done, the lamp respo immediately by burning brightly giving off a pleasant fragrance. This is appropriate illustration of a Christ whose heart is full of a living faith. H ready at all times to perform will service in the name of Jesus. All t remains is for some human need to brought to his attention, just as match is introduced to the wick, and responds immediately to fill need.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. How does the doing of g works increase our faith?

''Being fruitful in every good work help our faith to grow,'' says Pa James maintains that ''faith with works is dead.'' We also remember old adage, ''Actions speak louder t words.'' All of this adds up to principle that we are to do our bes good works, then trust the Lord. W good works can you do? You can live Christians, visit the sick, care for needy, support the Lord's work, e confident the Lord will do His part. T your faith will grow.

The story is told of a father who t his seven-year-old son fishing. T baited a trotline, put it out into stream, and in due time found sev fish on the line. ''I knew there would Daddy,'' said the lad. ''How did know?'' ''Because I prayed about i Returning later, they found no fish. knew there wouldn't be,'' said the b ''How did you know?'' ''Becaus didn't pray this time.'' ''Why didn't pray?'' ''Because I remembered forgot to bait the line.'' God strengthen our faith by blessing our g works when we do what is expecte us.—**The Intermediate Quart (F. W. B.).**




## ATTENTION LADIES!

**he January 15 issue of the "Bap- " on Page 13, carried a notice cerning the Woman's Auxiliary uals (Manual of the Woman's iliary) and the fact that these ks are available at the Press its branch bookstores at a cost 1.50 plus tax. The manuals are not to confused with the Woman's Auxiliary gram Book, DEVOTION, which sells $1.75 plus tax.**

**he Manual of the Woman's iliary consists of rules and ulations whereby a woman's auxiliary organized and maintained. It answers h questions as the following: What is Woman's Auxiliary? How does one anize a local woman's auxiliary? What the duties of the officers and nmittees? What is, and how does one the "Standard of Achievement"? at is the "Circle Plan"? Also, the nual gives a suggested Constitution d Bylaws to govern the auxiliary.**

**The DEVOTION, on the other hand, vides State Woman's Auxiliary in- mation, interesting articles on various titutions and enterprises which are rt of the State Convention of Churches, d is to be used as a program book for al auxiliaries. Programs are included each month, and programs for special eks of prayer are provided; namely, -Easter, pre-Thanksgiving, and pre- ristmas; and monthly circle pro- ams.**

**Please understand that the manual is signed to assist in the organization of auxiliary and the execution of the ties of the officers etc., while VOTION is the official program book r auxiliaries. Every auxiliary member ould have her own manual of methods well as the program book, DEVOTION. e manual needs to be purchased only ce (unless revised, as it was this past ar); but DEVOTION is to be purchased ch year, inasmuch as it is published arly and differs from year to year.**

**We are sorry for the probable misunderstanding concerning the two books and trust that this explanation is clear.**

**—The Editor.**

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## AUXILIARY SPONSORED FOREIGN MISSIONS DRIVE



The Woman's Auxiliary of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, sponsored a special holiday drive for foreign missions this past Christmas. The first Sunday in December, a small cedar tree was placed in one corner of the church. Members were asked to place contributions for the foreign mission fields in a small church bank placed in front of the tree. Then the amount of each contribution was written on a paper decoration and placed on the tree. The name of each contributor was written on the back of each decoration. The women's donations were written on red bells, the men's donations on yellow stars, and the children's under six were written on white birds. In this manner the tree was decorated.

On December 31, 1974, a watch night service was held at the church. Everyone present took part in the Scripture reading, testimonies, special singing, and rejoicing in the Lord. Just before intermission and refreshment time, a special offering was taken for foreign missions. With the watch night offering and the contributions placed on the tree, a total of $117.83 was collected and sent to those working on the foreign fields.

Since this event was such a great success, the woman's auxiliary of the church has decided to make this an annual part of the holiday festivities.

The Mount Zion Woman's Auxiliary feels that if this could be published in "The Free Will Baptist," other churches might be encouraged to sponsor a similar event next year.

Respectfully yours,
Darlene Oliver

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## ATTENTION, EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Dear ladies, since we have been requested by our state study course chairman, Mrs. Alma Dale, to have a district study course of "Stewardship," I have planned one for Tuesday, February 11, to be held at the Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Cove City, beginning at 10 a.m. Mrs. D. W. Hancock, our state president, will teach the course. If the required number of members from your auxiliary is present, this study course can be counted for your auxiliary on the Standard of Achievement. The course will adjourn at noon.

If you care to stay for lunch and fellowship, please bring your own sandwiches. Coffee will be served by the host church. You will be free to leave at your own convenience.

Please try to attend this study course as it is very important.

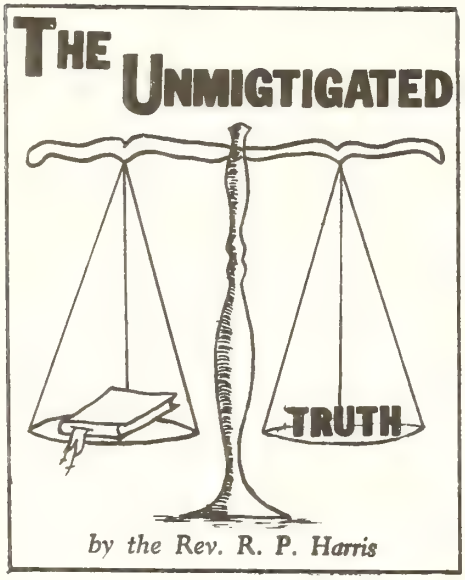
Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Richard Bryan
District Study Course Chairman

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## HEAP BIG WIND

An Indian had attended services one Sunday morning. The sermon, without real spiritual food, had been very loud in spots. The Indian, a good Christian, was not impressed.

When asked how he had liked the sermon, he said: "High wind; big thunder; no rain!"--**Marion County Mail.**




Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

**"IN THE BEGINNING GOD . . ."**

"In the beginning God . . ." (Genesis 1:1). The first four words in the Holy Bible declare that everything had a beginning but God. God has always been. He has existed of Himself through all eternity. With all the created things in this world, including the world itself, God in His own time and in His own way created them. He made them out of nothing. Man claims to **make** things, but he only uses created things to form new designs or patterns. Scientists tell us that the basic matter of which the world is made can be traced back more than two billion years. No one but God can determine this. When He is ready for man to know this, God will inform him.

Man had his earthly beginning in Adam. If indeed there were the likes of man upon this earth before Adam, God has isolated him and he is not a part of the race of man with whom the Bible deals. Since this is true, we had our beginning in the loins of Adam. God, in a sense, put us all there when Adam was created.

It is believed that God made the world and everything in it for the explicit use of man. Man was and is God's precious creative work. God made man an immortal soul. This means that man is eternal. God made man never to be voided; he must exist somewhere forever. His earthly abode only prepares him for his eternal destination which, as God declares, must be heaven or hell. Hell, in this sense, is more than a grave or a hole in the ground. Even if hell is turned into a lake of fire, it is still hell and the agonies, gnashing of teeth, and the torments go on forever and ever. We must accept the fact that "there is a **heaven** to be gained and a **hell** to be shunned."

After Adam sinned, God began a program with him designed to bring him back to God. This program is not yet completed. God is giving man warning signs even now (in our day) to prepare him for the culmination. The things which Jesus declared would take place prior to His second coming are now in evidence all around us. (Read Matthew, Chapters 23 and 24, etc.) The beginning of sorrows are upon us. God is saving all who come to Him, but the time is short! Believe Him now and be saved!

Some prominent religious advocates are being used of the devil to confuse man so that he will not prepare himself for heaven. Recently I heard a television broadcast on which the speaker scorned and belittled those who believe there is a heaven and hell. He declared that when a man dies he is no more than an animal or an insect, that he is dead and dead forever. While a man's body returns to the earth there is something about the whole man that can never be termin Man can no more be destroyed than can. Death and hell suggest destruc but this destruction is never termir even as heaven and all its beauty glory shall never be terminated. Bible is plain and can be understo the Holy Spirit is your teacher and gu

Please do not let the false prop and heretics confuse you. Search Scriptures for yourself and know truth. Amen!

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## Boys' and Girls' Stori

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became good friends. They forgot a their own little feelings as they g older. They remembered each oth feelings first. They loved Sunday sc and tried not to miss any lessons w their other teachers taught t throughout the years. They bec singers in the youth choir as the y went by. It was a real joy to hear t sing, because they had become Christians.

Now, as for these class memb they have married and have childre their own. But guess what! T children are told to live the Christian of life. Also they are told the storie Miss Myrtle's class of yesteryear, the story they seem to enjoy best is one about Sad Sammy.

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## NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOR TO DO ANYTHING ELSE

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Fifth, the person who feels inadequate may indeed be much more capable th he will admit to himself. Sixth, everybody cannnot be measured by the sa standards, for standards vary according to persons and situations involve Seventh, no one is totally without friends or enemies. And now, for the eigh and most important point: We live and take time for granted. (Trite, huh But, consider this: In our association with people, we frequently do them justice and think that we have a lot of tomorrows in which to undo the wro that we have done. "We will explain our reasoning later—when we have *time* we alibi. Still, we must consider this fact—and it is a valid claim we make: It just possible that we may never be afforded the time to explain—and even if are afforded the time, how are we to know that the person or persons will u derstand? It behooves us to be careful in all interpersonal relationships, does not?

"I don't have *time* to explain now, but I will later." It's later than we thin friends. It's probably already *too late*, in many instances. There just may be time left to explain why one was reeking with self-interest and couldn't bothered by someone else's feelings or needs. The quality of mercy may not strained, but it is certainly tightening up (to put a new slant on Shakespeare words). If one takes the *time*, however, it will especially bless him w gives. . . .

Have you the time to explain or to do anything else for *someone else*? If s take it and do it!

## Family Fireside

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
ripture Reading—1 Samuel 16:7

*Only Two Destinations*

hen the astronauts of Apollo 11 onished the world with their ctacular visit to the moon, they k their spaceship on a very narrow jectory through space. Only the lest margin for deviation was mitted, and flight corrections re made periodically throughout historic voyage.

ow suppose the NASA control ter in Houston had received word m Apollo 11 that the astronauts re off course and Houston had lied, "Oh, that's all right. There a number of roads leading to the on!" They never would have come ck!

eople today don't like the word arrow," but Jesus said that there two roads to the future, with two stinations—heaven and hell, and t the way to hell and destruction is ad, but the way to heaven is rrow, and "few there be that find

hich road are *you* on—the broad d which leads to destruction, or the rrow road which leads to eternal life?—Billy Graham.

*Prayer Thought*

Let us read our Bibles (road-maps) carefully. It is easier to take a wrong turn than it is to return to the right road. Even a shortcut never makes up for the wear and tear of carelessness.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1:10

*Too Busy*

Some are so busy doing God's work that they have no time left to observe His handiwork: "The whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3).—Selected.

*Prayer Thought*

It is well to do God's work, but unless we take time to refresh ourselves with observation and meditation we will tend to become stale and be of little use to our God or fellowmen.

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## hurches and Ministers Available

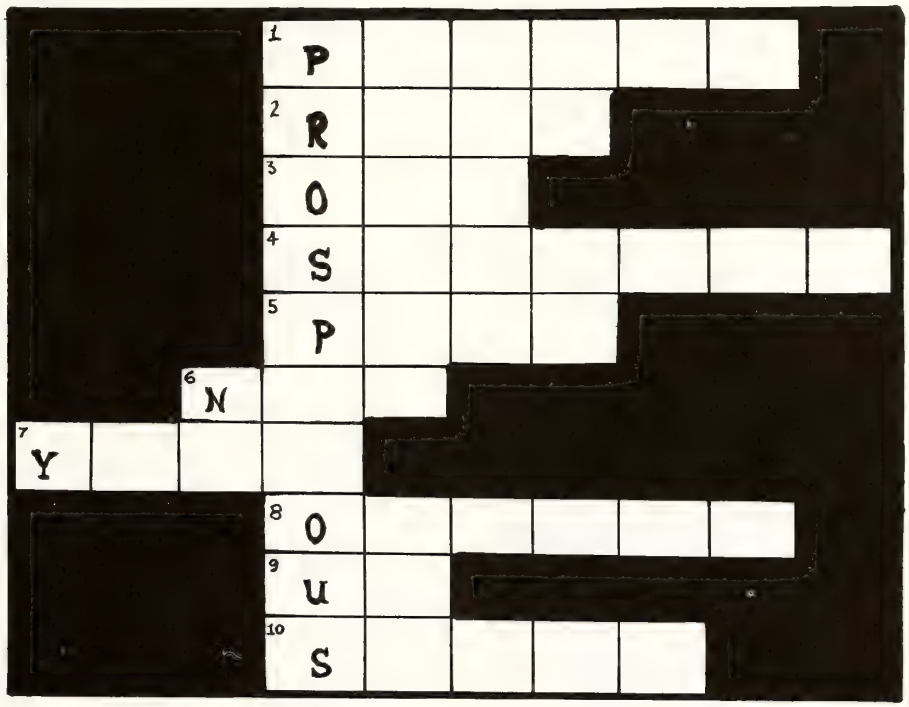
OTE: This column is provided, when eded, for any church that is seeking a stor and for any minister who is seeking church to serve and would like to give h notice. Please send the necessary inmation to the editor of "The Free Will ptist." Each notice will run for two iss only.)

The Mount Olive Free Will Baptist urch of Kannapolis is seeking a pastor full-time duties. Any minister that is a mber of the North Carolina State nvention and is interested in serving s church may contact Mr. Morris rbert, 140 Westover Avenue, Kanpolis, North Carolina 28081; telephone 04) 933-0742.

On January 20, 1975, Mr. Wayne iffin, a student at William Carter llege in Goldsboro, was licensed to each by the Central Conference. Mr. iffin states that he is seeking the portunity to speak at any Free Will ptist church (any type of service). He ay be contacted by writing Route 4, ox 316, Snow Hill, North Carolina 3580; telephone 747-5189.

## A HIDDEN MESSAGE

by Sara Branch




Our ministers (1) P ––––– the Word of God which tells us of His love. If we heed these messages, we are sure to (2) R – – – a golden harvest. The Scriptures tell us that (3) O –– things pass away when we become Christians. Since Jesus is our (4) S – – – – – –, it is the duty of every Christian to (5) P – – – for the lost so they may become (6) N – – creatures for Christ during this new (7) Y – – –. We must tell (8) O – – – – – that God loves (9) U –, and wants us to (10) S – – – – this love.

If you fill in the blanks across correctly in the above paragraph, you will find a hidden message by reading No. 1 down, and Nos. 6 and 7 across.

The answers and the hidden message will be in the next issue of "The Free Will Baptist."

# IN MEMORIAM

## THE REV. R. H. JACKSON

The Rev. Ranton Haywood Jackson came to us at Saint Mary's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church near Benson in September, 1971, and was taken from us on December 8, 1974. Mr. Jackson was the son of the late Nathan T. Jackson, a teacher, and Sally Jane Jackson. He was also the grandson of the late Rev. Robert A. Jackson, founder of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He was born on September 29, 1910, united with the Robert's Grove church in his youth, and began preaching at the age of 19.

Mr. Jackson was educated in the public schools of Sampson County, attended the Moody Bible Institute for a short time, attended Campbell College from 1930 to 1933, attended Pineland College and Edwards Military Academy from 1947 to 1948, and completed his formal education at Atlantic Christian College from 1948-1950.



During his tenure of pastoring Mr. Jackson pastored the following churches: Robert's Grove, Hickory Grove, Northeast, Pleasant Grove (Harnett County), West Clinton (he organized and help build), Saratoga, Aspen Grove, May's Chapel, Davis, Stacy, Welcome Home, superintendent Free Will Baptist Children's Home (1955-1956), Mabel Avenue, Pine Level, Marsh Swamp, and St. Mary's Grove.

He was an outstanding leader in the denominational enterprises and served in various capacities. He was the first teacher at Mount Allen College, precursor of Mount Olive College, in the summer of 1950. He also taught Hospital Chaplaincy at Wilson Memorial Hospital. Mr. Jackson taught Homiletics (sermon making) at Piedmont Bible College in Cramerton, served as a substitute teacher in the public schools of Wilson and Johnston Counties, and taught in the Wilson Christian School.

Mr. Jackson served his denomination in the following capacities: Vice-president of the North Carolina State Convention, chairman and member of the state missions board for many years, treasurer of the Carteret County Union Meeting, vice-president of the Carteret County Ministers' Association moderator of the Western Conference, member of the Western Conference Mission, moderator of the First Union Meeting of the Western Conference, president and vice-president of the Wilson County Ministerial Association, trustee of the Christian Action League, moderator of the Cape Fear Union Meeting, member of the Cape Fear Ordaining Council, member of the Cape Fear Missions Board, member of the Hospital Chaplaincy program, and a member of the Benson Ministerial Association.

Mr. Jackson was instrumental in beginning a mosquito-control program and in helping to stop dog-track betting in Carteret County. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and a past Rotarian. At Cragmont Assembly, in the spring of 1974, he was presented a certificate honoring him for 40 years' service as a minister of the gospel.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his widow, Mary Lou Britt Jackson; three daughters: Carolyn J. Price, Smithfield; Wilhelmina J. Petrillo, Clearwater, Florida; and Connie J. Humphrey, Norfolk, Virginia; two sisters: Muriel Jackson and Mrs. Mossett Parson of Clinton.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 10, at Saint Mary's Grove church with the Revs. Bruce Barrow and James A. Evans officiating. The deacons of the church and ministers served as honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were members of the North Carolina State Missions Board. Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Rocky Mount, rendered three vocal and organ selections. Interment was in the Clinton City Cemetery with the Woodmen of the World in charge. A presentation of the Christian flag to th family was made by the members of th North Carolina Ministerial Association.

The family requested that in lieu flowers that contributions be made to memorial fund established in M Jackson's memory at Mount Oli College.

The following is a poem, "My Creed, by Edgar A. Guest which we fe exemplifies the Rev. Ranton Haywoo Jackson's life as we knew him:

"To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.

"To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham
Exactly what men think I am.

"To leave some simple mark behind
To keep my having lived in mind;
If enmity to aught I show,
To be an honest, generous foe,
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine.
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed."

Respectfully submitted,
Members of Saint Mary's Grove Chu

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### HEY YOU ! ! !

When you're down and troubled
And you need a helping hand,
Turn your life to Jesus becau
He will understand.
Life is slowly coming to an e
So do you really want to be
The other end?
Pray to Him and work for Hi
Carry His Word in your heart
Well as in your hand.
Tell people of His love so they
May one day understand.
God is love and love is God!
But the beauty of it all lies ri
Here in His hands.
So please, why don't you just
Try to understand?

Written for the love of God
Ricky Lambert, son of Mr. and M
W. R. Lambert of Benson. Ricky
a freshman at Mount Olive Coll
and a member of the New Creation

# IN MEMORIAM

### Mr. Wiley Carson Dilda

ne year ago, on January 19, the Lord
d from our midst Wiley Carson Dilda,
64. After twenty years of illness,
cessive operations, and persistent
, our father was relieved of his
ering and called to a restful and
ceful home. A devoted member and
con of Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist
rch near Macclesfield, an inspiring
er, and a gentle and faithful
band, our father has left us fond and
ing memories of Christian steward-
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Ve remember him for not giving up in
face of adversity, for his unfailing
determined efforts to remain loyal to
church, even though physical
dicaps, often prevented him from
ng an active role in his latter years,
for his cheerfulness and abiding
n. Even though his loss has created a
uum in each of our lives which can
er be filled, we find solace knowing
t he "had fought a good fight, had
shed the course, and had kept the
h."

imes our thoughts go wandering
the grave not faraway,
ere lives the sweetest memory
at will not fade away.
nough your soul is now at rest
d free from care and pain,
s world would seem like heaven
ve had you back again.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family of W. C. Dilda

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### IN MEMORY OF MR. W. L. BENNETT

The Lord called Brother Lewis
nnett home August 14, 1974. It was a
d time at Cragmont Assembly that
ht when they called Sister Mozelle,
ther Lewis' wife, to come home to
n. It brought a cloud of sadness over
all. Brother Lewis was visiting his
ughter, Mrs. Earl Cowan, in Charlotte,
the time.

Brother Lewis was 69 years old. He
d been a member of Sherron Acres
ee Will Baptist Church of Durham for
35 years. He was the superintendent of the Sunday school for 25 years, and a deacon for 30 years or more. He was always there to help in any way he could. After Brother Lewis got disabled to serve in any other place in his church, he would stand at the door and give out the bulletins every Sunday morning. How we have missed his smile every Sunday and that friendly handshake. I can remember his handshake, for one finger was missing; but when we shake hands again, there will be five fingers assisting.

He loved his church. He was always a faithful tither, giving not only his tithe but his time and support in any way he could.

He was named "The Man of the Year" in his community for 1955. He worked with the Scouts, taking them to Mexico one year. They all loved him.

Heaven is dearer to Sister Mozelle since her dear husband is there.

Brother Lewis had three children and five grandchildren. His children are Calvin Bennett, Wiley Bennet, and Mrs. Earl Cowan.

We could say many more good things about Brother Lewis, but he lived his life here that says so much more than we could ever say. We know Sherron Acres is a better place to live for having Brother Lewis all those years with us. But God never does anything wrong.

I know Sister Mozelle and the children would appreciate your prayers for they all miss him.

May we all be better Christians by having known Brother Lewis Bennett.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. E. Ladd
Sherron Acres Church

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

### GARNER PRESENTED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Nathan Garner of Newport (center) is shown receiving a certificate of appreciation for his services on the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees. Making a presentation are James B. Hunt Sr. (left) of Lucama, chairman of the board; and Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president.

Garner, who is vice-president of First Citizens Bank in Newport, was elected to membership on the Mount Olive College Board in 1968 and is currently serving as



chairman of its Committee on Business Affairs. The 1974-75 operating budget of Mount Olive College is $1,290,000, and its plant value and endowments total $4 million.

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## NOTES OF THANKS

"I would like space in **The Free Will Baptist** to say thanks to the many churches, auxiliaries, Sunday school classes, and other Christian friends and neighbors for the cards, letters, and gifts received on my birthday and at Christmastime. May God bless each and everyone of you."—Mrs. Letha M. Ringgold, Route 6, Box 135, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.

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"It is impossible for my dear husband and me to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has sent us love offerings, cards, or any words of kindness in the past year; and most of all for your prayers and visits. We both know in our hearts that God has answered all our prayers to let Mr. Ferrell be with us this long. He is not able to get around but very little at this time, but we are so thankful that we are surrendered to the Lord's will being done. He is still able, however, to tell others that pass by of the mighty power of Jesus and His power to save and help us when we cannot help ourselves.

"Please keep praying that we will always be submissive to God's will. We would also be happy for any of you to come by for a visit. We pray that God will reveal our humble thanks to everyone of you that have helped us in any way. May God bless you!—Mrs. Wiley Ferrell, 608 Tower Street, Selma, North Carolina 27576.

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# FRED RIVENBARK PLANS SEMIRETIREMENT

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, announced to his congregation on January 1, that he plans to enter into semiretirement, effective March 17.



The North Carolina native entered the ministry June 9, 1935. His first pastorate was Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Durham County. During the four decades in the ministry, Mr. Rivenbark has pastored seven churches. His ministry has been marked by a strong evangelistic emphasis expressed in the hundreds of revivals conducted in the southeastern part of the United States. Mr. Rivenbark has 26 ''sons'' he has led into the ministry.

At present, Mr. Rivenbark is moderator of the Western Conference and is a member of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Board and the Foreign Missions Board.

In September, 1972, the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, the church Mr. Rivenbark pastored for 19 years, gave their former pastor and his wife two lots on which to build their retirement home. ''Members of the church have given of their time and money to the construction of this home,'' said Mr. Rivenbark, ''and we are most grateful for their generous expression of love. The church has made an invaluable contribution to our future home.''

The semiretired minister plans to continue preaching in revivals, visitation ministry, counseling, and serving as interim pastor or part-time pastor in North Carolina and will be avilable upon request.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivenbark will make their new home at 904 Midway Avenue, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

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## MOODY MONTHLY CIRCULATION HITS QUARTER MILLION MARK

With the publication of its December, 1974, issue, Moody Monthly magazine—A publication of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago--announces a paid circulation of 250,000 subscribers. This is believed to be the largest circulation of any consumer magazine connected with an educational institution. Moody Monthly is also the largest nondenominational religious magazine in the Magazine Publishers Association, whose members include such periodicals as **Readers' Digest**, **Newsweek**, and **Time**.

The increase represents a 127 percent net gain in the past three years. The March, 1973, issue showed a circulation of 180,000. In 1972, the circulation was 110,000. The editors and business staff of Moody Monthly anticipate a further circulation growth to 300,000 or greater, by some time in 1975.

The continuous monthly circulation gains are due primarily to the use of targeted direct mail marketing campaigns to selected prospects, offering specially-developed biblical reference works as premiums to attract new subscribers and to increase the percentage of subscription renewals. The continuing goal of the editors is to provide a meaningful magazine for all the family--including the growing family of advertisers offering Christian-oriented products and services.

A five-person editorial-managerial team engineered the remarkable circu success story; headed by Dr. G Sweeting, Editor-in-Chief and Preside the Moody Bible Institute. Serving wit Sweeting are: Publication Manager R Flood, who became a Christian attending California Polytechnic Unive Georgia Gill, Circulation Coordin Managing Editor Jerry Jenkins, a fo newspaper editor with **Scripture P** and Executive Editor of the **Inspir Radio and TV Guide** just prior to jo Moody Monthly; Senior Editor W Christianson who has been with the M Bible Institute for the past 26 years.

The Iversen-Norman Associates, a York based creative advertising and c marketing agency specializing in relig accounts, has been circulation consu to Moody Monthly for the past three y According to a spokesman for the age Moody Monthly's circulation success been due essentially to three factors. I the efficiency and competence of Moody Monthly staff; second, the ca planning and implementation of a circulation campaign that has utilized the internal and external resou available; third, the selection and us the right incentive premiums in all ph of the direct marketing campaigns.

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## NOTE OF THANKS

''Words fail and do not suffice wh we try to put into words our deep feel of love and gratitude to all our ma friends throughout the Free Will Bap denomination. We are so grateful for the many ways in which you remembe us during the Christmas season. Y gifts, cards, flowers, food, and the l offerings all helped to make this wonderful time for us because you ca enough to share.

''But above all, we thank you for many prayers in our behalf and ask t you continue to remember us. God been good to give us friends who re care and who come to us when there special need. We ask His rich blessings upon each of you.''—The R and Mrs. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 1 Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888.



**A sharp tongue can cut'em down to size,
and some people are in bad need of a trimming!**

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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# A SHARP TONGUE

# CUTS'EM DOWN TO SIZE

Sometimes the kindest thing a person can do for another is to tell him off. That's right, let him have it with a good tongue-lashing. Tell him exactly how you feel about what he's doing (or may have done), how he's doing it, and let him know in very definite terms just how you feel about *him*, what your evaluation of him at a given time is, and how you would go about doing things (which he's doing) in a better—or at least a much different—way.

If all this seems cruel or contrary to Christian ethics, remember: Open rebuke is better than secret love, according to Proverbs; so, rebuke all you want to—as long as it will help. Giving a person a piece of your mind (if you can spare it) often makes a lasting impression and will initially shock him to rational thought.

Too many people live in dream worlds and float around on clouds of fantasy. These are the people who deny the existence of anything bad. Everything is beautiful, according to them. Well, do they have a lot to learn! These silly optimists are almost as bad as those poor souls who are constantly falling into holes of pessimism and are never able to crawl out. Both the ultraoptimist and the pessimist who suffer with chronic maladies need to be jarred out of their delusions. Dr. Loud Words can often prescribe, if not provide, the cure.

"Get a hold of yourself! Aren't you ashamed of yourself? There's just no excuse for such behavior! You are a shame and disgrace to your family! Society would be much better off without the likes of you in it! If you're that near death, why don't you go ahead and make the arrangements? If you think you have trouble, just walk down the street; it won't be long before you're really thankful! Don't get on your high horse with me! Stop the waterworks; tears don't impress me. You'd better straighten up and fly right! You'd better take things a little more seriously. Act like a dunce if you want to, but soon enough people will have no doubt about you. I've never in all of my life. . . ."

The above are a few choice expressions which may shock a person to reality and cause him to take a really close look at himself. If we happen to be on the receiving end of the deluge of verbiage, it might not prove too pleasant for us (though needed); and if we are on the firing side, we should really *listen* to what we're saying. While we rebuke another, we should expose ourselves to self-examination. If we don't examine ourselves, we can know that others surely will—and often more severely.

If all this seems unimportant or seems to bear somewhat an unusual tenor for this type of publication or seems to allude to a not-too-favorable type of philosophy, take careful note of this: Some people suffer critical, psychological problems simply because they will not *say* what they think but rather *keep* what they think all bottled up inside. Sometimes too much steam unvented will burst the boiler. Too much pressure applied to the cooker will cause a dangerous explosion. Too much air forced into a tire will cause it to pop. Considering these facts, it cannot be all bad for people to vent their feelings. In fact, doctors *advise* it. It's actually good to unleash the "champing" words and let'em fling. Too, a lot of folks just need to know that they are *not* too high and mighty to be told off! So, two *goods* are accomplished thusly.

Certainly we have more sense than to advocate *undue criticism* or to suggest *abusive language*. Still, all of us know people who need a good telling off, but who have presented themselves in such a manner or image that people for some reason are afraid to tell them what is what. If they were indeed told what was what, perhaps they'd straighten up. Many *need* to straighten up, you know.

Frequently, those who need telling off worse are the ones who pretend to be the best Christians in the world but who, in actuality, are as far from Christianity as the sky is from the earth. Sitters-down ought to be standers-up. Laggers-back ought to be walkers-ahead. Good-for-nothings ought to be good-for-somethings. And, all these need to be told.

Tell'em off! They may very well bless you in the end. This may seem to be a strange way to express one's concern for another, but the technique has been tried and proved. So, if somebody needs a tongue-lashing, be sure that you're equal to the occasion. Yes, a sharp tongue can cut'em down to size; and some people are in bad need of a trimming! How about you?



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# GOD'S WORD AND YOU

by Calvin Mercer Jr.

THE devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust t.—Anonymous.

Ve talk about the Bible, praise the le, love the Bible, and defend the le, but many times we just don't read Bible. I know this to be true in at st one Christian life—mine.

But God has a word for us in Psalm 19, ses 7-11. In this powerful passage, 's Word is referred to by various nes such as law, testimony, and mmandments. Then some very verful claims concerning His Word are de. For this final article, let us sider in some depth how these claims ht relate to us.

### PERFECT

God's Word is perfect (see Verse 7). is perfect; therefore, that which nes from perfection is perfect. Just as universe was perfect as originally ated by God, so that Word which nes from God speaking through the le writers is perfect. And if God's rd is perfect, then we should not try to prove on it because we can't. It's ugh to read and obey it.

### CONVERTS THE SOUL

od's Word converts the soul (see se 7). Jesus saves sinners; but in a real sense, salvation is unthinkable rt from God's Word. It is the iptures which so faithfully testify of Saviour. That's why the quoted ipture is much more effective in nessing than our own words.

oo many times I've fallen into the trap trying to intellectually convince a son he should give his life to Christ. it is an enlightening and humbling erience to see the Holy Spirit aking through that Word He inspired, king the heart of the unbeliever, and ging him to the point where he can e faith in Christ. My words spoke to person's mind—God's Word spoke is mind and heart.

### WISDOM

God's Word makes wise the simple (see Verse 7). If you want to learn about math, English, and science, go to school. But if you want to be wise, read God's Word. Modern science gives us much useful information about our universe, but man and his knowledge is limited. There are some truths man just cannot come up with in the test tube. These truths must be and have been revealed by God, and He has recorded this revelation on the pages of the Bible. To be truly wise about what makes the universe tick, we must go to the Word of Him who made the universe.

I sense a general attitude among many that the Bible cannot be fully understood by the layman. You have to know Greek, or you have to know some ancient history, or you have to have education to really be able to read the Bible.

No!

Language studies do help us get at the full meaning of the inspired Word. Archeology has recently thrown enormous light on the Bible, especially the Old Testament. But to say that any man cannot read or have read to him God's Word and as a result come to a saving knowledge of Christ, mature as a child of God, and make real God's perfect will for his life is a dangerous lie of Satan.

### READ AND REJOICE

God's Word rejoices the heart (see Verse 8). The Cross is often heavy and the cost of true discipleship is great. Christ ask some pretty demanding things of His followers. But we are not to forget that He came so men might have "abundant life." Our Father loves us, and wants to thrill our souls continually.

The Bible speaks of several ways in which God makes his children joyful. One way is found in this verse. As we, His children, open His Word, He promises to give us joy even as He speaks to us. We should claim that promise, expect it, and receive it with thanks as we feed on the Word of God.

### BUT WATCH OUT!

God's Word enlightens our eyes (see Verse 8). In a sincere, prayerful reading of God's Word, we cannot only expect joy, but also conviction. Perhaps an analogy will help. I have recently been attending a church where God's Word in all its greatness is faithfully preached by a great man of God.

As I walk away from church my thoughts always settle on certain things about my life that the Holy Spirit has convicted me of—things that are not in line with God's will for my life; and this is painful. It is always painful for the dirt in our lives to be exposed by the light of God's Word. And yet, even as I feel that painful conviction, I desire to go back for more. No doubt you know the feeling. Although God's Word preached convicts our hearts, we cannot help but want more of God's Word, which satisfies the inner yearnings of the believer's heart.

So it is with our own personal reading of God's Word. We can expect to be convicted; we can expect our eyes to be enlightened as to things in our life displeasing to Him. In fact, this is a promise of God which, when we open our Bible, we should claim, expect, and receive. Yet, if done in a prayerful, serious manner, God will so commune with us, and fill us with His joy that we will have that desire to return again and again to His Word.

The inspired writer of Hebrews understood this aspect of God's Word. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:12, 13).

Verses 10 and 11 of the 19th Psalm

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Scripture Reading—Psalm 147:5

NOT GIRAFFES BUT SHEEP

A minister admonished his people thus: "Friends, to make our church services what they ought to be, you must bring with you three books: a Biblebook, a hymnbook, and a pocketbook." He spoke wisely.

Yet another book could be useful in some church services: a dictionary.

Long ago the Saviour, who spoke so simply that little children could understand Him, admonished His disciple: "Feed my lambs." His meaning is clear. We should put the spiritual food so low that little ones can reach and understand it. Then the older sheep of His pasture can get it too.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God's way is clearly defined. Man, in his inevitable confusion, clutters the way with obstacles of doubt and deceit.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Scripture Reading—Joel 1:5

IF

Said Peter L. Ream in *Home Life*, "If alcoholism is a disease, it is the only disease that is contracted by an act of the will; the only disease that requires a license to propagate it; the only disease that is bottled and sold; the only disease that promotes crime; the only disease that is spread by advertising; and the only disease that is given for a Christmas present."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Not only does alcoholism not qualify as a disease, it also does not qualify as an excuse for inexcusable abuses and mannerisms.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:15, 17

I CRIED—HE ANSWERED

One morning I was on my knees praying, asking God to send me $10 some way, so that I could buy an automobile license. If I were to preach the next Sunday morning at the penitentiary, I needed means of transportation. And so I prayed and told God that if He wanted me to preach there, it was His problem, and not mine.

While I was talking to the Lord, my wife was cleaning the carpets downstairs. She turned off the vacuum clearner and shouted upstairs, "Are you praying for $10?"

"Well, quit praying," she said. "Somebody has just shoved it through the letter slot in the door."—*The Baptist News.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God is not dead. He still answers prayers. He does not make a practice of sending out an answer, without first receiving a request.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Scripture Reading—John 1:4, 5

FOR DARK PLACES

His lamp am I,
To shine where He shall say:
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Not for the light of day.
But for dark places of the earth,
Where shame and crime and wrong have birth.
And so, sometimes a flame we find,
Clear shining through the night,
So bright we do not see the lamp
But only see the light.
So may I shine—His life the flame—
That men may glorify His name.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let our lights shine at all times, so that we shall not miss an opportunity to lead someone to God. This type of energy has not increased in price, neither is it in danger of overusage.*

THURDSAY, FEBRUARY 13
Scripture Reading—John 15:9

NOT ALONE

"I cannot do it alone;
The waves run fast and high,
And the fogs close all around,
The light goes out in the sky;
But I know that we two
Shall win in the end,
Jesus and I.

"I could not guide it myself,
My boat on life's wild sea;
There's one who sits by my side,
Who pulls and steers with me.
And I know that we two
Shall safe enter port,
Jesus and I."

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If in our periods of loneliness, we would turn to God, much of the mi of life could be converted into structive, encouraging endeavers.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Scripture Reading—Galatians 5

PERFECT LOVE

Slow to suspect—quick to trust,
Slow to condemn—quick to justify
Slow to offend—quick to defend,
Slow to expose—quick to shield.
Slow to reprimand—quick to forbe
Slow to belittle—quick to apprecia
Slow to demand—quick to give,
Slow to provoke—quick to concilia
Slow to hinder—quick to help,
Slow to resent—quick to forgive.

—*Herald of Holin*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we lived each day as though were St. Valentine's Day our l would be less plagued by ner breakdowns, drug addict drunkeness, and many of the happenings of our society.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Scripture Reading—Luke 16:15

DOWN WITH LOVE!

Anatole Lunarcharsky, for Russian Commissar of Educat said, "We hate Christians Christianity. The best of them m be considered our worst enem They preach love of one's neigh and mercy, which is contrary to principles. Christian love is an stacle to the development of the w revolution. Down with love! What want is hate. Only then can conquer the universe."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have evidences all around u what happens to nations where l reigns over love. Make haste to s our nation!*

(Devotions used by permiss *Knight's Master Book of I Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press; *Knight's Up-to-the-Minute ustrations*, Moody Press.)

## NEEDED

**Manager for Cragmont Assem Inc., Black Mountain, from 15—October 15. If interested pl contact the Rev. Willis W. Wilson, R 1, Box 18, Winterville, North Car 28590; telephone 756-1911.**




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**estion:** How do we explain, ''And it to pass, when he was come near to into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai wife, Behold now, I know that thou fair woman to look upon: Therefore all come to pass, when the Egyptians see thee, that they shall say, This is wife: and they will kill me, but they save thee alive. Say, I pray thee, art my sister: that it may be well me for thy sake; and my soul shall because of thee'' (Genesis 12:11-I have in mind Abraham's arication as a means to save his life. he as a man of God justified in this?

**nswer:** No, I do not think so. The e teaches moral perfection for those would be Christlike. Jesus told His wers of whom we are a part: ''But I unto you, Love your enemies, bless that curse you, do good to them hate you, and pray for them which bitefully use you, and persecute you; Be ye therefore perfect, even as your er which is in heaven is perfect'' tthew 5:44, 48).

ow this does not mean that we all do , for none do. However, we need to doing all we can in an honest, cated effort to be Christlike in all we k, do, and say. Paul said of himself n he had grown spiritually into quite ature Christian as all of the Bible ussing the subject would indicate: ethren, I count not myself to have rehended: but this one thing I do, etting those things which are behind, reaching forth unto those things ch are before, I press toward the k for the prize of the high calling of in Chirst Jesus. . . . Brethren, be wers together of me, and mark them ch walk so as ye have us for an ample'' (Philippians 3:13, 14, 17).

was not so much in Abraham's case that he was without fault, but the fact that he took God at His word and obeyed Him. The Bible sums it in this way: ''Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham'' (Galatians 3:6, 7).

So we see that as in the case of Abraham, so it is with us. We are not saved by works, but by faith; that is, our new birth is accomplished not by works but by faith. ''He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him'' (John 3:36); ''Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God'' (Hebrews 12:1, 2). It is just that simple but requires all of that.

We are also kept by the power of God through faith. ''(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)'' (2 Corinthians 5:7); ''This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law'' (Galatians 5:16-18). Then it is also true that we are saved by grace and kept by the same.

George H. Sandison, in answering a similar question on Page 24 of **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, says:

''We must not think that all that the Bible records of the doings of good men must all be good. Abraham was only human, after all, and had human failings. Scripture, being truthful, records the bad in a man with the good. Abraham did not succeed in being always faithful. He did not trust God to the extent that he could preserve both himself and Sarah from the perils to be met among the Egyptians. So he hit upon a scheme of passing off his wife as his sister, thereby endeavoring to run the lesser risk of having her merely confined for a time in a harem. His desire seems to have been intended merely to gain time during which he might take measures for securing her return to him. **The Speaker's Commentary** draws this conclusion: 'We see in the conduct of Abraham an instance of one under the influence of deep religious feeling and true faith in God but yet with a conscience imperfectly enlightened as to many moral duties, and when leaning to his own understanding suffered to fall into great error and sin. In this practical difficulty Abraham's faith failed. He fell back upon devices and lost his trust. The man who is consciously in divine hands need not plan and plot, need not devise and equivocate, he may simply follow the divine lead with assurance of perfect safety.' ''

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note a change of address for Mrs. R. H. Jackson, the widow of the deceased minister. Mrs. Jackson is now residing with her sister in Clinton and receives her mail as follows: Mrs. Mary Lou Britt Jackson, 1010 Raleigh Road, Clinton, North Carolina 23823. Mrs. Jackson will continue to be active in all phases of church work as has been her custom for these many years. Correspondents should note her new address and direct mail to the same.

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## THANK YOU

**Mrs. Mary Lou Britt Jackson [Mrs. R. H.] wishes to take this opportunity to express her deep appreciation for all the flowers, cards, visits, prayers—every manifestation of love and concern shown her and her family during the recent passing of her husband, the Rev. R. H. Jackson. She is now residing with her sister in Clinton, but plans no curtailment of her denominational activities.**

# MISSIONS

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**Joseph Ingram**
**Director-Treasurer**
P. O. Box 979
Goldsboro N. C. 27530

**HOME MISSIONS**

**Taylor Hill**
**Director-Treasurer**
1207 Arsenal Ave.
Fayetteville, N. C. 28305

### KINGS TO HOLD MISSION SERVICE



The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, missionary candidates to the Philippines, will be the guest speakers at a mission service sponsored by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Missions, Saturday Night, February 8, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 406 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount. The service will begin promptly at 7:30, and special music will be rendered by the youth group of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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### CHARLOTTE MISSION MOVES FORWARD

The Charlotte Free Will Baptist Mission is buying property for a building site on the east side of Charlotte, approximately three fourths of a mile to the right of the Toyota dealership, off Highway 74. The group has selected a name for their church, Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. They chose this name because they are mostly descendants of the Free Will Baptist Church and expect this heritage to live on through them. The work in Charlotte is directed by the Rev. Wayne Watson. The mission's mailing address is 6110 Honeysuckle Lane.

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### SUCCESS AT EASTWOOD MISSION



The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Mission of Fayetteville has been in operation less than a year and is proving to be very successful. They are on a full-time schedule and many souls have already been saved. The group has just recently purchased a bus. Pictured with their bus are the Rev. and Mrs. Alton Howard, directors of the mission. The mission is located at 5217 Catalpa Drive. The mailing address is P. O. Box 4125, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301.

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### BLACK JACK MOTHER CHURCH OF CHARLOTTE MISSION

We, at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, are grateful for what is being done for the causes of home missions. Because of the interest of our people in the Charlotte Mission, the church voted to become the mother church of this work and will receive a special offering on February 9, 1975, to help them with their land purchase.

This interest in the work is a result of the families that have moved from our church community to Charlotte and are working in the mission there.

Our prayer is that this will stimulate our interest in extending the cause of Christ to other places and will give mission courage to continue their work.

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### CAMP VANDEMERE MEETINGS

The Rev. Bryce Rouse, chairma the Third Union Committee, annou that there will be important meet held by the Camp Vandemere B members in the following zones of Third Union Meeting of the Eas Conference. He urges pastors, ch clerks, auxiliary presidents, Su school superintendents, and directo youth groups to attend the meetin their zone. All meetings will b promptly at 7:30 p.m.

**February 10**, Zone B, Bethle church, Harold Swinson, committeen The host pastor will be the Rev. L Barnett. This zone includes the follo churches: Angola, Folkstone, Lani Chapel, Long Ridge, Mount Z Pearsall's Chapel, Rooty Branch, Sne Ferry, and Verona.

**February 11**, Zone C, with Deep church, Odell Griffin, committeen The host pastor will be the Rev. Me Everington. This zone includes following churches: Wooding Christian Chapel, Gray Branch, Jack Heights, Kinston, Piney Grove, Smi New Home, Snow Hill, and White Grove.

**February 13**, Zone A, with Da Chapel church, Bobby Taylor, c mitteeman. The host pastor will be Rev. David W. Hansley. This zone cludes the following churches: Ca Beulaville, Grant's Chapel, Hillsbe Indian Springs, May's Chapel, Nc east, Sandy Plain, and Sarecta.

**February 14**, Zone D, with the Wa church, Carlton Lucas, committeen The host pastor will be the Rev. Joh Lee. This zone includes the follo churches: Whaley's Chapel, W Oak, Wilmington, Faith mission, Bethany.

The purpose of these meetings i give the Finance and Publicity Comm of the Camp Vandemere Board (Ca W. Hawkins, Luther Swinson, Matthew Prescott) time to explain work and program of Camp Vanden Please announce and work for a attendance in your zone.

# JAMES A. EVANS HONORED



Dr. Michael Pelt, left, vice-president of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society, presents tribute and mementos to the Rev. and Mrs. James A. Evans of Route 2, Seven Springs. The tributes were from friends unable to attend a dinner January 16, at Mount Olive College, honoring Mr. Evans on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a Free Will Baptist Minister.

by Michael Pelt

TRIBUTE was paid Thursday night, January 16, to a who has devoted a half century to Free Will Baptist ministry, most of it astern North Carolina.

onored at a banquet in the torium of Mount Olive College was Rev. James A. Evans of Route 2, en Springs, now semiretired.

bout 150 friends and fellow ministers nded the dinner sponsored by the Will Baptist Historical Society of h Mr. Evans is serving as the first ident.

Most of the churches Mr. Evans has ved were represented, including large egations from the First Free Will tist Church of Goldsboro and the First e Will Baptist Church of Kinston. se were the last two churches he ved.

orn in Lucama in 1905, Mr. Evans licensed to preach by Little Rock e Will Baptist Church of Lucama on ember 15, 1923, and was ordained in same church on January 16, 1925.

During a "Jim Evans, This Is Your e" program, the Rev. Bruce Barrow Snow Hill said that a successful minister must be willing to accept challenge, wait with patience, and know when to retreat. "Brother Evans has all three of these qualities," he said.

A review of his work during the past 50 years as a pastor was presented by Mr. Charles Lancaster of the Kinston church; as a churchman by the Rev. David W. Hansley of LaGrange; as an administrator by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College; and as a community servant by the Rev. Bill Futch, who succeeded him as pastor of the Kinston church.

"I know him as a kind, lovable, dignified, hard working Christian man," Mr. Hansley said.

"Many men have served a half century, but few have served as well," stated Dr. Raper. "Your ministry is to be measured both in breadth of its service and the depth of its quality."

It was announced that a new stained glass window has been installed in the Goldsboro church in honor of Mr. Evans.

Mrs. Evans was presented a certificate denoting that her name has been inscribed on a plaque along with the name of her husband as members of the Free Will Baptist Heritage Foundation. The honor was bestowed on her by Dr. and Mrs. Raper.

Tributes were paid the Evanses by several of those attending the dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were presented written tributes and messages from many friends unable to attend.

Special guests included the Evanses' three daughters: Mrs. Ann Haddock of Chesapeake, Virginia; Mrs. Lorraine Bass of Elm City; and Mrs. Kay Griffin of Richmond, Virginia; and members of their family. A son, J. Arthur Evans of Boerne, Texas, was unable to attend.

Master of ceremonies was Dr. Michael Pelt, vice-president of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society.




## ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

In 1938 some visionary women of North Carolina, among them Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson of Ayden, saw the great need of making some provisions for the education of our youth. They knew that many of our young people wanted and needed to enter college to further their training. Thus the Anna Phillips Loan Fund was started in the year 1938, the first loan being made in December of that year to Franklin Spencer, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Spencer.

The fund was named for Mrs. Anna Phillips, wife of one of our deceased ministers, who for many years helped students attending the old Free Will Baptist Seminary in Ayden, where she lived. She would give them clothes, food, and now and then, when providence enabled her, some money. Constantly she gave them a cheering and encouraging word.

Since 1938, the fund has helped scores of worthy students who otherwise might never have been permitted to enter college. Free Will Baptists of North Carolina owe a great debt to the founders of this fund, and every effort should be made to strengthen it and to further its influence and aid.

Funds are now needed for this woman's auxiliary project. Charts and stamps are available from the press. Each auxiliary is being asked to order a chart and make an effort to fill it by State Convention time. The charts have spaces for twenty rows of stamps at $1 per row which would net $20 for this important part of the Lord's work. The youth chairman is responsible for promoting the Anna Phillips Loan; however, a special Anna Phillips Loan chairman may be appointed by local auxiliaries.

This loan fund is available to worthy Free Will Baptist students who desire to further their education. At the end of their college work, they are to begin repayment of the loan at 4 percent interest. Maximum loan is $1,000 per year.

Free Will Baptist women should be inspired by the auxiliary president, youth chairman, or Anna Phillips Loan Fund chairman to give regularly in support of this fund.

All funds should be sent to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 497, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, earmarked Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

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## STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

by Ruby Hancock
State President

Our State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held May 8, at the East Rockingham church in Rockingham, with the Piedmont District hosting the convention. I hope you will begin now to make plans to attend.

I would like to bring you up to date on our 1974-1975 projects.

At the State Convention in May, 1974, we voted to contribute $3,000 for the air-conditioning of the Memorial Chapel at the Children's Home. The air-conditioning has been completed and the bill for the work is due very soon. Each auxiliary was asked to send $20 toward this project. To date we have only received $1,450.62 on this project. I ask you, if you have not done so, to please send your contribution for the air-conditioning. For us to help meet the needs at the Children's Home is a very important part of the Lord's work. The chapel is used for many of our state meetings, so our denomination as well as the residents of the Children's Home will enjoy the air-conditioning.

Too, we voted to adopt a two-year project of carpeting the chapel at Mount Olive College. This year we were to contribute $2,500 on the carpet. Again, we asked each auxiliary to send $20, if possible, for this project. At this tim **only** $280.74 has been sent in for th carpet. We have a long way to go here. you have not sent in a contribution please do so.

We are meeting our quota on ou $4,500 mission project. We thank an praise the Lord for your gifts to missions showing that you are dedicated to th task of giving the gospel to the whol world.

It takes money to carry on the Lord' work; and often, it takes sacrifice. Bu when we think of the great sacrifice tha was made for our salvation, we are mad to realize that we have given so little fo so much.

1975 Devotion books are available The programs are so very challengin and I believe will be a blessing to th members of the local auxiliaries.

Executive meetings are now being held making plans for the District Con ventions. May God lead and bless in you planning and I am looking forward to the blessings and inspiration that I always receive when I attend district con ventions.

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## ATTENTION, BENEVOLENCE CHAIRMAN!

Gladys Weeks
State Benevolence Chairman

The work of the benevolence chairmen is of great importance for it is through our benevolent work that we express our love and concern for others.

As your state chairman, I would like to commend you for the good work you are doing as district and local chairmen. However, let us not be content with our accomplishments in the past, but strive to do more for the "Glory of God" in 1975 than we have ever done before.

We hope as chairmen that you will make it your business to be informed on what the needs are in your community, the Children's Home, and the superannuation program. It is your duty to keep these needs before your auxiliaries and to guide our ladies as they work to meet these needs.

Let us remember our state project for the Children's Home. We said that we would give $3,000 toward air-conditioning the Memorial Chapel. We asked that each auxiliary send $20 on

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

**MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079**

## NEW CHILDREN

We are happy to announce that we have four new children living with us now.

William and Richard Bass came to live with us in November and are from the Zebulon area. William is two years old and Richard is five years old. They are now living in Albemarle Cottage.



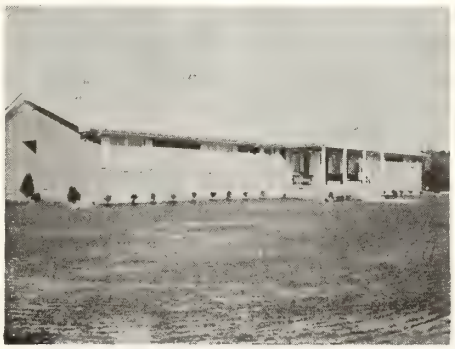
Sherry and Rosa Lee Summerlin came to live with us this past Saturday. They are from Goldsboro. Sherry is five years old and Rosa Lee is seven years old and in the second grade. They are living in the Smith Cottage.



We are very happy to have such fine children living with us.

## BUILDING FUNDS NEEDED

Most of you know that last year the Children's Home had to engage in a crash building program in order to get our cottages up to the state's standards. The Albemarle I Cottage was completely renovated which cost $25,000 and the State Cottage was built which cost $70,000. Both of these building projects totaled $95,000 and $45,000 was paid off in 1974. At the beginning of 1975 this finds us with two lovely, comfortable cottages, but with a mortgage note of $50,000. My challenge to our denomination for 1975 is to contribute enough money so that we might pay off this mortgage note before the end of this year. If each of us will commit ourselves to help with some amount, then I'm sure we'll reach that goal. Any person, group, or church which contributes at least $500 to either the Albemarle or State Cottage building fund will be recognized on a marble plaque which will be placed on permanent display in the foyer of the appropriate cottage. The plaques will not be prepared until the end of this year so that maximum participation can be realized. "Please don't delay, send your contribution today" to the Albemarle or State Cottage building fund, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.



At the time of this writing the Albemarle Cottage is completed and the State Cottage is completed, except for landscaping. If you'll notice the photograph, you will see that we're in the process of setting out shurbbery.

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## JUST CURIOUS

Last week I received a letter from a member of one of our Free Will Baptist churches. There was no signature, other than "Just Curious." Also there was no return address, nor was the identity of the party's church revealed. In the letter there were questions which deserve an answer, so I'm answering these questions through this article in "**The Free Will Baptist**" hoping that "Just Curious" will read it.

The letter was certainly not critical in nature and the writer meant no harm. Neither does this writer have any intentions or motives, other than to simply answer the questions.

The first question was: Does it take twenty-five employees to run a home for seventy-five children? Yes, it does, if you have a good, well-rounded program designed to meet the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the children. In fact, our Children's Home staff is smaller than most other similar homes of this size. Also of interest is that the staff was reduced from twenty-nine to twenty-five over the past two years. Our staff of twenty-five could be reduced still further if: (1) we were not operating a farm and bought all our food; (2) we hired people off campus to repair our appliances and equipment; (3) we did absolutely nothing except provide for the physical needs of the children. Many other factors enter into the proper staffing of a children's home of this size; but suffice it to say that it does take at least twenty-five employees to care properly for seventy-five children. Of significance is that only ten of these are directly involved in taking direct care fo the children, but it takes fifteen others in supportive roles (including me) to provide the total needs of the children and the property.

The next question was: Do the children work? Yes, they work along with the adults after school, on weekends, and during the summer. Probably not overworked, but about the same as other children in other communities.

The third and final question was: Why don't we publish the amount of each church's contribution in **The Free Will**

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## CHILDREN'S HOME

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**Baptist?** We do eleven months out of the year, but in November we list the churches by monetary groupings rather than show an exact amount. The reason we do it by groupings in November is an attempt on our part to keep from discouraging the smaller churches who make small but important contributions. My suggestion to "Just Curious" who wanted to know the exact amount that her/his church gave is to write me another letter and give me some identification so that I might provide them with the exact amount their church gave. I'd be delighted to receive any letters at anytime asking questions, but I'd prefer that persons identify themselves.

Yours in Christ,
**Sam Weeks, Superintendent**

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### OPEN HOUSE

The Children's Home held an Open House on Friday, January 24, 1975, for the principals and faculties of our four Nash County Schools. Middlesex Elementary School and Spaulding Middle School were invited to attend from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Southern Nash Junior and Senior High Schools attended from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

We began by assembling in the dining hall for a welcoming address by our superintendent, Mr. Sam Weeks. Refreshments were also served during this time. After the welcoming, the teachers were carried on a tour of our campus and educational faculties. At this time, we answered many questions concerning our policies, our facilities, and our tutorial program.

During the day, approximately 70 teachers and 3 principals visited our campus. For many of them, this was their first visit. They were very impressed with our facilities and expressed their desire to return for another visit.

In September we are planning to set aside another day to invite the principals and teachers and their families to visit our campus. We hope to have a picnic lunch and a full day of fun and games for all to enjoy. We feel this will be a positive step in helping our children to get started in the new school year.

Dianne Lane
**Educational Counselor**

### NEW HOUSEPARENTS



Pictured above are the Rev. and Mrs. David Thick and their two daughters, Kim and Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thick joined our staff the latter part of October. They are doing a wonderful job as houseparents in Smith Cottage. Mr. Thick is a Free Will Baptist minister and is "Director of Development" for the Children's Home. If you would like to have him speak in your church, let us know by writing the Home or calling 235-4079.

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## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### MODERN MACHINERY

It doesn't take a genius to know we live in a mechanized world. You don't have to be rich to rub elbows with this machinery either.

We have computers to keep books and figure mathematical problems; in fact, they can do just about anything from putting a man on the moon to talking back to you.

Twenty-five years ago who would have thought a machine would prime tobacco? Everyone knew it had to be broken carefully, leaf by precious leaf.

Now doctors can implant a device in the heart so if the heart gets lazy, a computer will prod it into working harder.

Have you seen the computerized musical organs? Using only two fingers you can make sounds like a whole professional band; that is, if you hav two professional fingers.

The machine making the greates splash in modern society is the tap recorder. The United States will never b the same after dog-paddling through th Watergate affair. It makes one seasick t realize what goes on in the political sid of our nation.

But suppose every time you picked u your phone, your words were recorde for future reference to large audiences Heaven help me because I'll sa something I have no business saying o burst at times. Would my face be red purple, or black? Depending on wh reached me first.

Suppose, for instance, all behin closed doors—church meetings deacons, or otherwise—were taped fo replay before the congregation. How many church officials would survive through a first term? Church politics make Watergate smell like an evening by the "Sweet Betsy" bush.

The government deals with the physical side of life; whereas, the church deals with the spiritual. How much more important is God's eternal work!

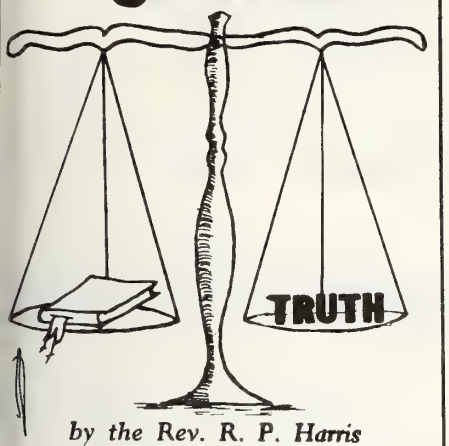
There is a great computer in the sky with its countless recorders switched to the "on" position. When the second judgment begins, how are you going to feel when God calls Gabriel to roll out the computer for a replay? We'll think back on Watergate with all its splashing power as a plaything. May the Lord be merciful!

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

On January 20, 1975, Mr. Wayne Griffin, a student at William Carter College in Goldsboro, was licensed to preach by the Central Conference. Mr. Griffin states that he is seeking the opportunity to speak at any Free Will Baptist church (any type of service). He may be contacted by writing Route 4, Box 316, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580; telephone 747-5189.

# THE UNMITIGATED




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing ve also are compassed about with so reat a cloud of witnesses, let us lay side every weight, and the sin which oth so easily beset us, and let us run vith patience the race that is set before s" (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN'S RACE HAS A BEGINNING

The Christian is running a race. This oes not mean that the winners are mited, such as a prize being awarded to ne best performer, making all the other articipants losers. But every Christian is unning a race with himself and his chievements and will be a winner. Every hristian should run with patience and letermination.

There are seven things the Christian nust know in order to complete the race n good style and with great accomplishments and rewards. Subject of his episode is "The Christian's Race Has a Beginning." Other subjects will be discussed in future episodes of **The Unmitigated Truth**.

The Christian's race has its beginning at the new birth. A person's physical life begins with conception. That is when God sparks a new person. Even so when a person has reached the age of accountability he must be born anew by the Spirit of God. This is when God sparks a new spiritual person and this is when the Christian's race begins. Jesus said, ". . . Except a man be born again (have a second birth), he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). When this happens a man becomes a different person. He is different in that his personality changes and his likes and dislikes change. He is spiritually programmed heavenward. All fleshly ties and involvements become secondary. His love for Christ and the brethren comes first in all things. The Christian s race also has its beginning when in the process of being born again he offers himself and all he possesses to God. The periousness of this offer is what makes his race interesting. The more of self he comes first in all things.

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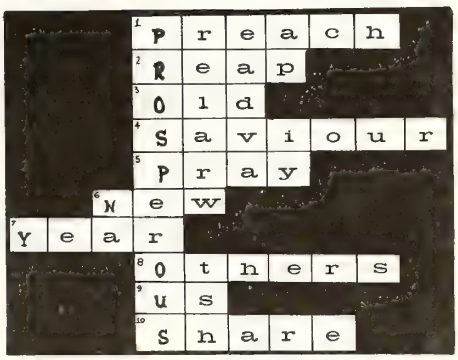
Many people have approached the launching pad with great enthusiasm and vim; but the launching took place, they backed away and continued in their sins. This is revealed in the confessions of many people who became very religious, worked tirelessly, and gave sacrificially to the so-called religious activities; when as a matter of fact, they never experienced the new birth. They have never really invited the Saviour into their souls. They have never made Him Lord of their lives or enthroned Him as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Christian's race also involves a purging process. This purging must be done by the Christian himself. He is obliged to initiate healing processes under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will neable him to clean up all his habits. A clean language, clean habits, and clean conduct are necessary. With every sacrifice the Christian makes, God will give him a greater blessing in its place. The purging process is sure and simple after the new birth, and the toal commitment becomes real in a person's life.

**Note:** Any comment on this column, "The Unmitigated Truth," should be sent to the Rev. R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801.

# A HIDDEN MESSAGE

**by Sara Branch**




The answer to last week's puzzle is in the drawing above. The hidden message by reading No. 1 down and Nos. 6 and 7 across is: "Prosperous New Year."

## THE WONDER

by
Ruth Langley Newsome

Have you lost the wonder
Of a spring night in June,
When the froggies in the puddle
Croaked out a crazy tune?

Have you lost the wonder
Of starlight in your eyes,
As you gazed with childish magic
Up into the starry skies?

Have you lost the wonder
Of the tadpoles in a stream;
Of the butterflies and flowers
In the beauty of a dream?

## "ABOUT OUT OF CHEESE"

A drummer called at the country variety store on his monthly sales visit. "Where's the boss?" the drummer asked of a gangling boy upon whose upper lip a little "goose down" was putting in its appearance. Squawked the boy, "The boss ain't in. I'm the whole cheese!" Eyeing the boy with deserved disdain, the drummer said, "Boy, when the boss comes in, tell him he is about out of cheese!" **Beware of inflating pride.--W. B. K.**




## A RECONCILING PEOPLE

**Lesson Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Galatians 6:1-7
**Memory Verse:** Galatians 3:28

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson text for today's study is taken from two of Paul's epistles. The first selection is taken from 2 Corinthians and deals with our responsibilities as ambassadors of Christ to reconcile the world unto God. In presenting this responsibility to us, Paul makes use of several Christian doctrines of the utmost importance: our new birth in Christ, the incarnation and its purpose, the atonement wherein He became sin for us, and the fact that Jesus has now committed unto us the gospel and made us His ambassadors on earth, that we might carry on to its completion the work which He instituted while here.

The selection from Galatians speaks of our responsibility to others and especially to the weaker brothers and sisters in the faith, and reminds us in memorable language that all of us must reap as we have sown. Both passages encourage Christians not only to develop the habit of being able to live together in peace and harmony with others of the faith, but also impresses upon us the fact that through Christ the entire world can be reconciled unto God, and thus reconciled unto itself.

The background for today's lesson is the Roman world and the need of reconciliation that existed in it during the first century A. D.

The purpose of today's lesson is to convince us that men can be reconciled to God through Christ and that we are charged with the responsibility of making this reconciliation a reality.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.)**.

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The greatest work that God has ever given man to do is that of reconciliation. This means that every Christian is to be a soul winner. Christ is the Prince of Peace and in proportion as men accept Him there will be peace in the world.

B. The gospel is the message that we are to use in reconciling men to God. No other message will do. Jesus Christ is the answer to man's problems.

C. We are ambassadors for Christ. This world is not the home of the Christian. We are just pilgrims passing through, and while we are here we are commissioned as ambassadors for our Master.

D. How can a man deceive himself? He can deceive himself about salvation by thinking he is saved when he is not. He can deceive himself about service by thinking he is serving the Lord when he is not.

E. Is there any way a man can keep from reaping what he sows? Think about it!

**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.).**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A radio station broadcasts its message to the people. When something prevents it from broadcasting, it is no longer doing its task. Several things may prevent a station from functioning as it should. There may be a power failure. Without power, no station can operate. There may be a breakdown somewhere in the electronic equipment. The station may be broadcasting in a language that no one can understand. Unless men can understand what is being broadcasted, the station is not getting its message across.

The church is somewhat like a radio broadcasting station. It exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to tell all men that they can now be reconciled to God. But many things go wrong to prevent it from fulfilling its mission. The church may suffer a power faliure because it is no longer in contact with God. Many of its people no longer read their Bibles or pray to God. On the other hand, th church may do these things and still fa in its mission if its interests are only i itself. In the third place, a church canno function as it should if it is proclaimin the wrong message. Some ministers an churches spend all of their tim proclaiming pet ideas without th certain sound of Christ's call to follov Him.

Do any of these things cripple the work of your congregation? If so, there is some repair work to be done before it can broadcast the message of Christ clearly.—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. If an ambassador of our country repeatedly failed to bring about a reconciliation between our country and other potentially hostile nations, the chances are he would be replaced by another who could do the job. Foreign relations depend upon good representation and judgment.

What would you do if God, upon deciding that you are a failure at reconciling unsaved people to God, should suddenly recall you and set you aside, giving your place to another? Perhaps He will not do that, but we do read in the Word something about "pruning the vines," "separating tares from wheat," and "removing chaff from the grain."—C. F. Bowen.

C. "In a mighty auditorium are four men. They really desire to come together, but neither will come to another's corner. In the center of the room is a beautiful fountain. Finally someone proposes that they all meet at the fountain. They start for the common center. They come one—forty—fifty—one hundred feet. The nearer they come to the fountain, the nearer they come to each other, each making concessions of location and space. At last they reach their destination, and clasp hands around the sparkling waters of the fountain. Jesus Christ, the great fountain of life, liberty, and love, is set up in the center of the world. The nearer God's children come to Christ, the nearer they will come to each other. Let us help hasten the day when we can all clasp hands and sing, 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.' Let the Christian world clasp hands in the spirit of those of old, who said, 'We are brethren.' "—Hall.

# STORIES for our youth



## WHO WINS?

**by Martha Inez Johnson**

JOHN and Mike went to the American school in Paris. John as the son of missionaries in France. like was the son of a government of-cial. The boys were good friends, even ough Mike thought he was better than ohn.

One day he said to John, "Well, of ourse **you're** only the son of issionaries. **My** father is important in e government. The United States of merica sent **my** father to France." And like puffed out his chest so that his blue ool sweater had to stretch itself.

"Perhaps," said John quietly, "but od sent **my** father to France. And God oks after us and helps us."

"He doesn't have to look after us," roudly boasted Mike. "The American overnment looks after us."

John said nothing more. And Mike rgot his boasting when they raced to e playground. They played ball hard.

Before the children were dismissed, Ionsieur Nicole rapped on his desk with e ruler. "Young ladies and gen-emen," he said importantly, looking at em over his glasses which hung low on is long nose, "I have an announcement make to you. A month from today the cholarship for the art school will be iven. You will all be able to try for this reat award. Your teachers will meet gether to choose the pupil who does e best work. It is not only that the pupil ust show skill in art, he or she must be good citizen, one who is kind and unselfish, one who thinks of others, one who works hard."

John sat dreaming in his corner. Wouldn't it be wonderful to win that scholarship? Even now he thought he would like to be a Christian artist when he grew up. He looked over at Mike. Mike sat tossing his head. "He thinks he will win," whispered John to himself. "But I shall ask the good Lord Jesus to help me."

Sure enough, on the way home, Mike caught up with him! "Well, John, who do you think is going to win the award?"

John said nothing. Mike went on. "Well, I tell you, **I'm** going to win it! They'll have to give it to me! I'm the official's son! They wouldn't dare to give it to any of the others!"

When John reached home, he ran to Mother, "O Mom, Monsieur Nicole told us today that the one who is the best all-round citizen and who draws best is going to win a scholarship to the great art school in Paris. A few special pupils will have a chance to enroll in the summer class. Pray, Mom, that I'll win."

Mother looked at him. "If you are thoughtful and kind to others, if you study well, if you work very hard, I am sure you will win. You do draw and paint very interesting pictures."

"But Mom, Mike says he'll have to win because his dad's in the government."

"God is able to overrule, John. You know the Bible teaches that 'whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased.' "

The afternoon of the announcement came at last. All the pupils of the American school waited anxiously to know who would win the scholarship. Monsieur Nicole looked more serious than usual. He held the scholarship paper in his hand. John wondered anxiously whose name was written on it. Would it be Mike's name? He looked at Mike. Mike seemed so sure of himself. Monsieur Nicole read slowly, "Because of his thoughtfulness and very hard work, and because we believe he has real talent in art, the teachers have awarded the scholarship to—John Nelson!"

Mike just hung his head. John felt very sorry for him, too!—**Christian Youth**.

## Are You?



Are you a Christian, little friend?
If not, you ought to be;
For Jesus said of such as you,
"Let children come to Me."

How blessed, they who hear the voice
Of God in childhood's days!
That follow Christ, the blessed One,
In faith and love always!

The noblest men the earth has known,
And noblest women, too,
Forsook the world and served the Lord,
When just as young as you.

Full many a soul in heaven today,
To God was reconciled
By pleading words and earnest tears
Of but a little child.

And has He not to all the world
This blessed saying given,
"Except becoming as a child
Ye cannot enter heaven?"

And bids He not the youth to come
And tread the heavenly path,
Ere they have heaped iniquity
Against the day of wrath?

Are you a Christian, little friend?
If not, you ought to be;
Christ calls to you with open arms:
"Come! Come immediately!"

—"Hope."

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Ormondsville Sunday School Presented 22 Attendance Pins**

On Sunday, January 26, the Sunday School of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, presented twenty-two perfect attendance pins during the Sunday school hour. The awards were for perfect attendance during the year, 1974, with Mr. Jimmie Johnson as superintendent. The highlight of the presentation was the awarding of a pin to Edward Bowen for forty-six years of perfect attendance. Other awards were as follows:

First-year pin, Jack Bowen; second-year pins, Barbara Morris, Beverly Beaman, and Natalie Meadows; third-year pins, Roxanne Beamon, Judy Beamon, and Kendall Howell; sixth-year pin, Melody Bowen; seventh-year pins, Harvey Stocks, Ivey Stocks, Eddie Butts, and Todd Tripp; eighth-year pin, Robin Bowen; ninth-year pin Jeff Newton; twelfth-year pin, Nancy Butts; thirteenth-year pins, Al Butts and Timothy Stocks; seventeenth-year pin, Jerry Ben Wall; twenty-first-year pins Clovis Bowen and Leon Butts; and, twenty-sixth-year pin, Max Butts.

Each one receiving an award was congratulated by the present superintendent, Mr. Jerry Ben Wall.

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**New Creations at Elm Grove Church**

The New Creations, a singing group from Mount Olive College, will present a program of music and testimony at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, Sunday evening, February 9, at 7:30. The public is invited to attend. The Rev. Gary Bailey is pastor.

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**Crab Point Sunday School Awards Attendance Pins**

The Sunday School of Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, awarded the following prefect attendance pins during Sunday school, January 26:

Senior Class: Kathy Kitrell, fourteenth; Lisa Buck, tenth; Chris Bennett, fifteenth; Sara Steadley and Denise Gore, second; and Butch Gore, seventh.

Intermediate Class: Shep Steadley and Andy Steadley, second; Cindy Garner, tenth; Donnie Forbes, eleventh; Karen Weeks, third; and Keith Buck and Wayne Gore, seventh.

Junior Class: Tony Turberville and Craig Bennett, tenth; Robin Weeks, third; and Kelly Buck, fifth.

Primary Class: Vernon Paul Garner III, sixth.

Nursery Class: Taylor Edwards, second; and Lynn Edwards, fourth.

Beginners' Class received Bibles: Melissa Helper, Jeanette Freeman, Melissa Taylor, Michael Becton, and Marty Smith.

The Rev. Lloyd Gore is pastor of the church.

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**Sunday School Attendance Pins Awarded by Pleasant Plain Church**

On Sunday morning, January 19, Mr. Durwood Jones, superintendent of Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Sunday School near Selma, made the following awards to those who had a perfect attendance record for the year, 1974:

Eddie Brown, Brown, twenty-fifth; Faye Parker and Treat nineteenth; Laylon Boykin, eighteenth; Lois Jones, sixteenth; Hilda Pace, fourteenth; Charles Brown, Shelly Jones, and David Jones, thirteenth; Wendy Parker and Tammy Jones, twelfth; Fonda Jones, Kim Burgess, and D. G. Jones Jr., ninth; Eva Boykin, Kevin Boykin, and Jamie Jones, seventh; and Dale Parker, sixth.

**Perfect Attendance Pins For Black Jack Grove Church**

On Sunday, January 12, forty-t persons of the Sunday school of Bla Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church ne Goldsboro, were awarded perfect tendance pins for the year, 1974. T awards were as follows: First-year pi were given to ten persons, second-ye pin to one person; third-year pins to fi persons, fourth-year pins to four pe sons, fifth-year pins to three person sixth-year pins to two persons, sevent year pins to three persons, eighth-year pi to one person, ninth-year pins to tw persons, tenth-year pins to three pe sons, thirteenth-year pins to two pe sons, fourteenth-year pins to thre persons, sixteenth-year pin to or person, nineteenth-year pin to or person, and the twenty-second-year pi to one person.

Mrs. T. C. Hines, church reporte stated, "We are very proud of thi record."

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**A PEN FOR SATAN**

**by Mrs. Ora Barnhill**

I would like to fence the devil in
So he could not get out
To worry everybody
And keep them tossed about.

He is so very busy,
He never goes to sleep.
He's trying to trap someone
And push them off the deep.

But if we would tell him
To God we now belong,
There's nothing else he can do
To keep us doing wrong.

Get behind me Satan,
Don't show your face anymore;
I would love to fence you in
And kick you out the door.

So keep moving on old Satan,
We don't want you around;
You're nothing but trouble,
Trying to get us down.

# PARABLES

# RECORDED IN

# THE GOSPELS

by

Lena Kay Branch

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In the above puzzle, "Parables Recorded in the Gospels," we have some of he parables in the four Gospels for you to locate and circle. The parables you re to look for are as follows: Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31); nprofitable Servants (Luke 17:7-10); Two Debtors (Luke 7:41-43); Pharisee nd Publican (Luke 18:10-14); Pounds (Luke 19:12-27); Sower (Mark 4:3-8); ares (Matthew 13:24-30); Mustard Seed (Mark 4:31, 32); Leaven (Matthew 3:33); Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44); Pearl (Matthew 13:45, 46); Drag et (Matthew 13:47-50); Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:23-35); Laborers in ineyard (Matthew 20:1-16); Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32); Wicked usbandman (Matthew 12:1-12); Wedding of King's Son (Matthew 22:1-14); en Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13); Talents (Mark 4:26-29); Seed Growing ecretly (Mark 4:26-29); Two Debtors (Luke 7:41-43); Good Samaritan (Luke 0:25-37); Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21); Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9); Lost heep (Matthew 18:12-14); Lost Money (Luke 15:8-10); Prodigal Son (Luke 5:11-32); Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-9).

## MISSIONS

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May God continue to bless you and all the other mission churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby G. Bazen
Pastor of Black Jack Church

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## ITINERARY FOR WAYNE AND DEBORAH KING

Below is the itinerary for the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, missionary candidates to the Philippines. As you can see their schedule is quite full in the days ahead. I trust that you of the other churches that they will not be able to attend will check the dates and places and if possible try to make arrangements to attend one or more of these places. I am sure that you will receive a blessing for attending such a service.

Thanks to those churches that gave an invitation to the Kings. The response has been very good and we appreciate your cooperation. This couple needs your support, both in finances and in prayers.

Wednesday, February 5--Warsaw Church, 7:30 P. M.
Thursday, February 6—Pilgrim's Home Church, 7:30 P. M.
Friday, February 7—Barnes Hill Church, 7:30 P. M.
Saturday, February 8—First Church of Rocky Mount
Sunday, February 9—Saint Mary's Church (New Bern), 10 A. M.
Sunday, February 9—Stoney Creek Church, 7 P. M.
Monday, February 10—Rose of Sharon Church, 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday, February 12—Northeast Church, 7:30 P. M.
Thursday, February 13—Sweet Gum Grove Church, 7:30 P. M.
Friday, February 14—Winterville Church, 7:30 P. M.
Saturday, February 15—Winterville Church, 7:30 P. M.
Sunday, February 16—Union Grove Church, 9:45 A. M.
Sunday, February 16—Fremont Church, 11 A. M.
Sunday, February 16—Angola Church, 7 P. M.
Wednesday, February 19—Saturday 22—Missionary Conference, Paul Palmer Conference, Zion Church, Blakely, Georgia, 7:30 Each Evening
Sunday, February 23—Tuesday,

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February 25—Bethlehem Church, Shellman, Georgia
Wednesday, February 26—Live Oak Church, Leary, Georgia, 7:30 P. M.
Thursday and Friday, February 27, 28—Hickory Grove Church, Bascom, Florida
Sunday, March 2—Hull Road Church, 11 A.M.
Sunday, March 2—Cedar Grove Church (Williamston), 7 P. M.
Tuesday, March 4—Bethlehem Church (Duplin County), 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday, March 5—Edgewood Church, 7:30 P. M.
Thursday, March 6—First Church of Wilson, 7:30 P. M.
Friday, March 7—Casey's Chapel Church, 7:30 P. M.
Saturday, March 8—State League Convention, Winterville Church, 10 A. M.
Sunday, March 9—Pleasant Plain Church, 11 A. M.
Sunday, March 9—Pleasant Hill Church, 7:30 P. M.
Tuesday, March 11—LaGrange Church, 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday, March 12—Living Waters Church (Commissioning Service), 7:30 P. M.
Thursday, March 13—Bethel Church (Four Oaks), 7:30 P. M.
Saturday, March 15—Eastern District Youth Convention, Wintergreen Church, 10 A. M.
Sunday, March 16—Beaver Dam Church, 11 A. M.
Sunday, March 16—Gum Swamp Church, 7 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Ingram, Director-Treasurer

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## FEATURE

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goes on to undergird what has already been said. They read as follows: "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

Men everywhere are striving for those material possessions (such as gold) which glitter, but can never fill the vacuum in the human heart. Men are searching for that which satisfies their earthly, carnal natures (as illustrated by honey). But, oh, it is sad when we Christians do the same. May God impress on our minds in such a way as to make us ever know that the old black Bible sitting on the shelf is that which is to be desired more than fine gold or honey. Let us not be as the poor man, dressed in rags, who was living in a shack built on top of a gold mine that he did not know was there.

We began this series by quoting the sixteenth verse of 2 Timothy, Chapter 3. Let us end by quoting that verse and the two surrounding it. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (vv. 15-17).

If you are a child of God by faith of God by faith in Christ, prayerfully and seriously open your Bible and open your heart and listen to God speak. And as you regularly—for 10 or 15 precious minutes each day—feed on God's Word, expect Him in time to make you into the man or woman He has created you to be. May God bless!

Anyone wishing to ask questions, comment on, or in any way respond to these articles is welcome to write me at the following address: Calvin R. Mercer Jr., 628-A Hibbard Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

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## Church Auxiliaries

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this project. If your auxiliary has not done their part toward this project, then, **please** ask them to.

Support the superannuation program regularly with your gifts. If a chur expects the Lord to bless it, it needs provide for the needs of its pastor. Dor forget to remember our superannuat ministers, wives, and widows on the birthday.

A new benevolent work has been bor into our denomination, "Retiremer Homes, Inc." We feel that God expec us to provide such a home for H servants after they have reached the ag of retirement.

May God bless you as we wor together to bring Glory to His name.

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST RETIREMEN HOMES

Gladys Weeks
State Benevolence
Chairman

A new enterprise has been born in the Free Will Baptist denomination. It i the "Retirement Homes." This ministr is another avenue of Christian service t provide care for our retired ministers wives, widows, laymen, and laywomen We are anxious to start building, but w must have funds to begin!

Ladies, please discuss this new work in your next auxiliary meeting. Pray about it. Take on a special project to raise funds so that the building can get started.

God will richly bless us as we work together to provide a home for His faithful servants—a home where they can be together and continue to enjoy sweet Christian fellowship.

Send all contributions to: Retirement Homes, Inc., General Delivery, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

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### NOTE OF THANKS

"I wish to thank each of you for the many cards I received during the holidays and on my birthday, including the money. I wish for each of you God's richest blessings as you serve Him throughout the year."—Dr. J. P. Barrow, Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

DEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1975



**It may be your last chance; so you'd better take it!**



## Editorial—

### LAST CHANCE? TAKE THE SIGN DOWN?

### NO!

Seen on the highway, while traveling westward on a leisurely trip, was a large, imposing billboard with a sign bearing these words in stark, red letters: "This May Be Your Last Chance!" *Last chance?* At *what*? It made the writer think. The strange thing about the billboard is that it was not stationed beside or in front of a furniture store or factory of any kind. It was standing alone in the "middle of nowhere," as is often said—in a large field where even the grass refused to grow.

Most grass doesn't grow too well during the wintertime, so the writer didn't really expect to see green grass in that field. Still, having become accustomed to the winter variety of grass which so many people plant to beautify the countryside, the brown nakedness of the land drew attention and made the sign all the more noticeable. It stood probably forty or fifty feet high, and the letters on it were at least six feet tall. The message blared out at passersby as they (like this writer) rounded the hill of this well-traveled highway.

"This May Be Your Last Chance!" Again we were prompted to think: *Last chance at what*? The rearview mirror reflected the same message (though backwards), and we were made to realize that this was a double-faced sign which greeted cars coming from either direction in the same manner—with the same big, red letters. We slowed our pace. The speedometer revealed that the car was traveling ten miles above what was posted as the safe speed.

As the sign was lost in the distance (we were still viewing it in the mirror), we were perplexed at its meaning. Was *speed* the subject of its warning? If so, why weren't the words, "Slow Down" or "Drive Carefully" used. Too common, probably. We continued on our way, still not satisfied.

Up ahead, blue lights were flashing. Several cars had pulled over to the side of the road; and though the weather was cold, a group of people had gathered in the middle of the highway and others scattered along the edge of the roadside, walking back and forth, obviously talking to each other about something that had happened. As we came nearer to the scene, we were able to make out the uniforms of several state troopers, one of whom was directing traffic around what appeared to be a terrible wreck.

Knowing that we could not be of any assistance and noting that the injured (or dead) were being transferred to a waiting rescue squad van, we followed the patrolman's signals and drove around the wreckage of the two cars and continued slowly on our way. In our ears rang the silent words of the sign: "This May Be Your Last Chance!" We could not help but wonder if the occupants of the westbound car had seen the sign and had considered its message or had had similar thoughts as ours before their involvement in the wreck.

*Chance* is a word that is thought provoking, for it is synonymous with such words as *fate, luck, fortune, adventure, uncertainty, bargain, risk, stake, wheel of Fortune, probability, law of averages,* and "*karma*" (for those who subscribe to reincarnation and the "working off" or paying of physical and spiritual debts in order to reach a high plateau in the next life, which we shall discuss in another editorial). *Chance* means different things to different people, certainly; and it is conceivable that many who saw the sign in passing ignored it completely. It is also believeable that others were struck with terror at its appearance and its foreboding communication.

Upon leaving the scene of the accident, we were a bit more cautious and observant of the traffic and our own driving. We met many cars—some traveling at breakneck speeds, others properly observing the rules of the highway, and others that seemed to be traveling at slower-than-safe speeds. On the right and left of the highway were only a few houses and many open fields.

Suddenly, something else compelled our attention as we rounded another hill. Another sign as large and ominous as the first was standing straight, as if to mock those who approached it. The words on this sign sent proverbial chills up and down the spine. Now it all made sense. The sign was without a doubt the second part of the message borne by the sign posted some five miles back. In big, red letters, this time a *question* imposed itself: "Did You Take It?" *Did you take it*? Did we take *what*? Then it was clear. Did we take our *last chance*. Surely that was what it was all about. Five miles back a sign had made its impression with a statement of fact: *"This May Be Your Last Chance!"* Now this sign asked the question in obvious reference to the *chance: "Did You Take It?"*

The people who were involved in the wreck probably hadn't the chance to see the second sign. Your guess is as good as ours as to what went through their minds during the sound of crashing glass and scraping metal and probable

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PICTURE BY ED CARLIN

SMALL PICTURE BY HAROLD LAMBERT



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# SOMETHING WONDERFUL

DURING the week of this past November 18-24, the Revs. William Dale, Harry Jones, James Joyner, and I—along with our State Mission Director, the Rev. Joe Ingram—visited our North Carolina State Convention mission work in Texas and Mexico. While we were visiting the Institute in Texas and several of our Spanish congregations in Mexico, I was, and I still am, deeply impressed at what I saw and what I experienced at the Institute in Texas and the congregations in Mexico. I sincerely believe that the Institute in Texas and the Spanish congregations in Mexico have something wonderful going for God in Christ Jesus and themselves. For instance, the confession of faith that the Institute has taught the Mexicans to confess; the communion of worship that the Institute has taught the Mexicans to practice; and, the kind of commitment that the Institute has taught the Mexicans to demonstrate. This teaching program, under the directions of the Timmons and the Links, is having a profound affect and effect on the lives and in the lives of hundreds of Mexicans; and, I feel, in the near future, thousands will become involved in Mexico in bringing people to know God through Christ Jesus.

In the remaining paragraphs of this article, I want to try briefly to share a few details about the influence and results of the confession, communion, and commitment that the Timmons and Links have taught and the work that the Holy Spirit has given birth to in the hearts and lives of our Mexican Free Will Baptist people. The rewarding privilege that I had in visiting, fellowshiping, worshiping, and observing them in worship and service will become apparent.

**1. Their Confession of Faith**

There is no doubt or question, friends, about the God in whom and to whom the Mexican Free Will Baptist people, we visited, believe in and confess their sins to. He is the Jesus of the Bible, born of the Virgin, sent to Calvary for the sins of His people, raised from the dead for His people's eternal hope, lifted into heaven to prepare mansions for His people who receive Him as Saviour, to be returned in a cloud to call His people to Himself, and returned to this earth to reclaim His kingdom for Himself for ages to come. Such a rich and rewarding faith is documented in the Mexicans' Bible they read, the public testimonies that they give, the hymns that they sing, and the visual displays they display in their churches. May I just share in passing two examples of some of their church displays: On the front of a lecturn in one church, we visited, are the written words, "Dios es amor," meaning "God is love"; in another church we visited, the words, "Jesucristo es neustro a Dios," meaning "Jesus is our God" were written with a yellow marker on cardboard and tacked to the wall behind

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the pulpit. If I have misquoted or miscopied, and I likely have, our Mexican brethren, I sincerely apologize and want to be corrected. I feel that the Mexican Free Will Baptist people whom I observed, and our group worshiped with, have something wonderful going for God in Christ and themselves in their confessions of faith.

**2. Their Communion in Worship**

Let me emphasize: The Free Will Baptist Mexicans, I observed in the four worship services that our group attended while we were in Mexico, worshiped! Oh yes, they worshiped in Spanish style; but they worshiped! Several gave testimony—one at the time; several read a few verses of Scripture—one at the time; several sang solos, duets, trios, quartets—one, two, three, or four at the time. Several formed a group and sang together as a chorus or a choir and all of them sang hymns, perhaps, a dozen or more in one service. In no way is the following intended to ridicule or criticize

**by Leonard B. Woodall Jr.**

our Mexican Free Will Baptists for their singing. If the Mexican Free Will Baptist people could sing their way into the "Pearly Gates," I feel all of them are well on their way. As I observed our Mexican brethren in the fellowship of their music, those people truly have something wonderful going for themselves with God in Jesus Christ.

**3. Their Commitment to Service**

The Free Will Baptist Mexicans' commitment to service, as I viewed it, seemed to me to be an Andrew-to-Peter type of ministry. I don't think that their ministry is a well organized visitation program. Their gathering program seemed more to be a one-to-one ministry, and let me hasten to point out, when church time came for those congregations we visited to go to church, they came to church; besides, they truly came to participate in the activities of their services in such ways as I've already mentioned. The last congregation that we visited on Sunday night before we left to return home on Monday, November 25, there were, as best I could count, between ninety and a hundred people in that worship service. And, I believe, seventy-five percent of them was from the ages of one to twenty years old. In fact, I told them through Mr. Timmon's interpeting that I would be the happiest preacher in North Carolina if I had that many young people to work with in Smithfield, North Carolina.

Now, all of us want youth services in our churches, and we should have them. If Free Will Baptists here in North Carolina want to see youth in action for Jesus Christ, they should make an effort and go with Mr. Ingram the next time he plans to revisit the Mexican work that

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# FOR THEMSELVES




SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Scripture Reading—Revelation 2:10

"PUT ONLY AMERICANS ON GUARD TONIGHT!"

We Americans want leadership that can be trusted, such as we had from General Washington—leadership that is both truthful and trustworthy. When the little and ragged American army was in places of great danger, General Washington gave instructions: "Put only Americans on guard tonight!" That counsel is as sound today as it was then; and the issues at stake are infinitely larger than even those of 1776.—Dr. Victor Raymond Edman.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*General Washington was a brave intelligent leader. Yet, he has gone from our midst. God is infinitely more perfect a leader and He never leaves our side.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Scripture Reading—Acts 20:32

GOD'S STRANGE ANSWERS

He was a Christian, and he prayed. He asked for strength to do greater things, but he was given infirmity that he might do better things.

He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise.

He asked for power that he might have the praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

He had received nothing that he asked for; all that he hoped for. His prayer seems unanswered, but he is most blessed.—*The Standard.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God realizes our needs more than we, ourselves. Make the best of our lot. It could prove a lot better than our most desired wishes.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:1, 2, 5

"ALAS FOR HIM!"

Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!
Who, hopelessly, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Without the hope of Christianity we are, indeed, hopeless, pitifully lost creatures. Eternal life with our heavenly Father presents a bright and shining future.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 12:15

SAVE OTHERS

Mr. Moody tells of one day seeing a steel-engraving which pleased him very much. He says: "I thought it was the finest thing I had ever seen, at the time, and I bought it." It was the picture of a woman coming up out of the water and clinging with both hands to the Cross of Refuge. "But afterward," he goes on to say, "I saw another picture which spoiled this one for me entirely—it was so much more lovely. It was a picture of a person coming out of the dark waters with one arm clinging to the Cross, but with the other she was lifting someone else out of the waves."—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*To clutch the Cross and have oneself saved is truly wonderful; but to be able to bring others to salvation, as well, epitomizes the real meaning of a Christian.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Scripture Reading—Joshua 1:8

THE BIBLE

Within this awful volume lies
The mystery of mysteries.
Happiest they of the human race
To whom God has granted grace
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,
To lift the latch and force the way.
And better had they ne'er been born
Who read to doubt, or read to scorn.
—Sir Walter Scott.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our Bibles open our eyes to the fears and hopes of times gone past and days to come. We are to glean knowledge from its pages not in an antagonistic vain, but with hearts filled with love and anticipation.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Scripture Reading—James 1:17

WHAT'S NEWS?

In one of his letters the poet Tennyson furnishes a delightful autobiographical item. Upon arriving to spend a few days on the Lincolnshire coast with two "perfect honest Methodists," the poet said his hostess, "Well, what is the news?"

"Why, Mr. Tennyson!" said she, "haven't you heard? There is but one bit of news—that Christ died for our sins."

"That," said the poet, "is old news and new news, and good news."
—*New Century Leader*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*"Christ Died for Our Sins!" Would we be more impressed if our morning papers carried these words as a headline? Is the fact sufficient for our acceptance of Christ and redemption of our souls?*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 1:11

"MOTHERS, LORD, WHO BEND THE KNEE!"

Because we love our country, Lord,
And do revere thy precious Word;
Because all nations are distressed
And men and women sore perplexed—
Bring back, O God, we pray to thee,
The mothers, Lord, who bend the knee.

The mothers, Lord, whose lives do shine
With noble deeds, with thoughts sublime;
Who teach their sons to fear thy Name,
And never stoop to things of shame—
O God on high, we ask of thee:
Send mothers, Lord, who bend the knee.
—Walter J. Kuhn.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Mothers who are not too proud to bend their knees in prayer to God make a backbone for families that is hard for materialistic cultures to bend or break.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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Dr. J. H. Jowett spoke of the uniting of sundered people in these words: "At low tide there are multitudes of separated pools along the shore. At high tide they flow together, and the little distinctions are lost in a splendid union.--Missionary Monthly.




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Please explain, ". . . many e called, but few chosen" (Matthew 0:16).

**Answer:** The invitation to come to esus in such passages as Matthew 1:28-30; Isaiah 1:18; and Acts 16:31 is niversal and meant for all. However, ere is a sense in which the Jews are alled first; that is, the biblical message salvation came to them before the entile nations heard it, but the Jews as nation rejected it. Hence, we have the amous verses: "He came unto his own, nd his own received him not. But as any as received him, to them gave he ower to become the sons of God, even o them that believe on his name" (John :11, 12).

There was a sense in which while n earth Jesus officially offered the Messianic kingdom to the Jews and they fficially rejected it as a nation. Read Matthew, Chapters 21--23 and note that n accord with what had been taught in he Old Testament, Jesus sends two of is disciples to secure animals for the urpose of fulfilling the Scriptures. He ays to them in Matthew 21:2, ". . . ye hall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: oose them, and bring them unto me." ote also in Matthew 21:4-9, "All this as done, that it might be fulfilled which as spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell e the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King ometh unto thee, meek, and sitting pon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. nd the disciples went, and did as Jesus ommanded them, And brought the ass, nd the colt, and put on them their lothes, and they set him thereon. And a ery great multitude spread their gar- ents in the way; others cut down ranches from the trees, and strawed em in the way. And the multitudes that ent before, and that followed, cried, aying, Hosanna to the son of David: lessed is he that cometh in the name of he Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

Notice that in Verse 9 Jesus receives the acclaim of an oriental King on His coronation day. But note what reaction was to be seen of the officials of the nation in Jerusalem.

"And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee" (Matthew 21:10, 11). The poor and young unofficial folk received Him with much joy and gladness, but the officials who had the authority to act in behalf of Him and the nation of Israel rejected Him. "And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" (Matthew 21:23).

After proving His authority in the verses that follow Jesus officially rejects the Jews as a nation, leaving the way open for individual Jews and Gentiles to come to Him and be saved. He said to them, ". . . Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them" (Matthew 21:42-45).

Goerge H. Sandison gives the following answer to a similar question on Pages 325, 326 in his book **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"This is one of Christ's terse and memorable sayings, several times uttered. It is interpreted to mean that many receive the invitation of the gospel who never reach the stage of spiritual progress where they can be said to be 'chosen' to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief on the truth. (See 2 Thessalonians 2:13.) The 'chosen' were those who were set apart for special duty to become living examples of devoted service. Paul was such an illustration of God's sovereignty in choosing his instrument. It should not be held to imply, however, that salvation is forfeited, except through the fault and wickedness of those who are rejected. Christ's death was all-sufficient, and it is not the divine will that any should perish. Many controversies have arisen over this passage, but we can safely rest upon the language of the Saviour himself, who said: 'Whosoever will may come. . . .' and 'Him that cometh I will in no wise cast out.' This promise is absolute and assures us that saving grace is within the reach of all who will forsake sin and accept salvation through Christ. The broad interpretation of the passage would seem to be that while many are called, or set in the way of salvation, the invitation alone does not save them; they must themselves comply with all the conditions. Thus a means is provided for the salvation of all, except those who willfully reject it. This is the true grace of the gospel and it is so clear and unmistakable that no human doctrine or interpretation can change it."

So for the time being, and in keeping with what Jesus said in Matthew 16 and 21, the Jews are set aside as a nation until the last member of the church, the body of Christ, is saved and united with Christ. The church age will run its course and fulfill the purpose of God. This, now the church period, is that in which the wild olive branch is grafted into the tame olive tree; but when the visible church becomes corrupt as did Israel, the nation, then will God remove the wild olive branch, the false church, and take all the true church to Himself. The dead in Christ will be raised first and then will we, who are alive and remain, be changed and caught up and so shall we all ever be with the Lord, including a thousand years in His kingdom on earth.

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A father was one day teaching his little boy what means of a man a Christian is. When the lesson was finished, the father got the stab of his life, when the boy asked, "Father, have I ever seen a Christian?"--W. B. K.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE NORTH CAROLINA

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE TOUR

Mount Olive College will sponsor a tour of twenty-two days to the British Isles this summer, beginning on July 21 and ending on August 12. The director of the tour will be Mr. Claude H. Moore, professor of history at the College.

The group will fly Royal Dutch Airlines from New York to London. They will board a chartered coach and proceed to Bath, Bristol, Oxford, Stratford, and to Wales. Then they will go to Chester, the Lake District, to Glasgow in Scotland, to Loch Lomand, to the Scottish Highlands, to Edinburg on to York (England), to Cambridge, and to London.

After three days of sightseeing in London, the group will fly to Dublin, Ireland, where they will have five days touring Southern Ireland, including Wexford, Blarney, Killarney, to Galway, to Shannon, and to Limerick.

The tour may be taken for three hours college credit as well as for teaching certificate renewal.

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## MOYE LIBRARY RECEIVES JACKSON BOOKS AND PAPERS

The family of the late Rev. Ranton Haywood Jackson has given over two hundred books from Mr. Jackson's personal library to the Moye Library at Mount Olive College. The books, though for the most part are in the area of religion and theology, cover a wide spectrum of subjects and will enrich the library's holdings.

In addition to books from his personal library, Mr. Jackson's papers were also given to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. Included in these, in addition to sermon outlines, were his correspondence and materials collected while he was a member and chairman of the Mission Board of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. Also included were papers and correspondence of Mr. Jackson's work with the Western Conference during the 1960's, of membership on the National Association Home Mission Board, and of membership on the Board of Christian Education of the North Carolina State Convention during the establishment and early years of Mount Olive College.

The collection was also greatly aided by several books, pamphlets, brochures, periodicals, and printed minutes that were in the papers, because of Mr. Jackson's involvement in various denominational enterprises and organizations.

Librarian Gary Barefoot gratefully acknowledges the wisdom of the Jackson family in providing these books and papers for the use of present and future generations. He further encourages others to help make the Moye Library and Free Will Baptist Historical Collection more valuable by providing materials of merit and historical value.

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## MOC CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

by Roberta Davis
Freshman

Plans are underway at Mount Olive College for the Christian Music Festival to be held on Saturday, May 3, 1975. Eagles Nest Conference Center will be the site for the festival, which will begin at 9 a. m. and continue until 6 p. m.

Miss Caroline Castelloe, of Mount Olive College's Mathematics Department, is supervising the planning of the festival. But, the work lies in the hands of a group of young dedicated Christians. The members of the Christian Music Festival Committee are Phillip Wood of Chinquapin, Harper Shackelford of Walstonburg, Kim Mason of Wilmington, Debbie Rackley of Nashville, Cathy Wallace of Mount Olive, Steve Hanchey of Wallace, Calvin Heath of Cove City, Cathy Edwards of Wendell, Sharlene Creech of Goldsboro, Ann Wiggs and Eddie Gray of Kinston, Wanda Boyk and Deborah Pittman of Wilson, a Barbara Lassiter and Debbie Kight Sunbury. They are working on individu committees designed to make the festiv a success.

Twelve gospel groups will appear the festival to sing. The groups expecte are: The Guiding Lights from Clinto The Young World Singers of Vancebor The Boys of Bethlehem fro Jacksonville, The Messengers of Ne Bern, The Prescott Family from Grants boro, The Foundations of Pikeville, Th Wise Family from Selma, The Singin Samaritans of Wallace, The Revelator from Fayetteville, and The Dixie Melod Boys of Kinston. Performing as a specia treat will be The New Creations fro Mount Olive College.

Miss Castelloe states the purpose o the Christian Music Festival as "to hono and glorify God. We want to share th gospel with those who come." Th theme for this year's festival will b "Let's Just Praise the Lord" with th symbol displaying uplifting hands.

The Christian Music Festival is open t the public, and Mount Olive College urges everyone to come. There will be a catered lunch served, with lunch tickets on sale until 11 a. m. Those wishing t bring a picnic lunch are invited to do so. This year no swimming will be allowed, but canoes may be rented on the waterfront.

Anyone interested in helping the Christian Music Festival Committee is asked to contact Miss Castelloe at Mount Olive College. "Come sing with us," Miss Castelloe urges, "and we'll just praise the Lord."

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## LOVE

by Mrs. Royce Matthews

Love is giving,
Love is forgiving;
Love is bearing,
Love is forebearing;
Love is gracious,
Love is kind;
Love requires no answers,
Love gives no vengeance;
Love is loyal,
Love is caring;
Love is hearts touching,
Love defies reason.
The only thing better than love
Is love being returned.




## TREASURER'S REPORT
## NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST
## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

**End of Third Quarter—January 31, 1975**

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| alance in Bank October 31, 1974 | | $ 3,250.30 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| eneral Fund: | | |
| Promotional (CSF) | $ 131.24 | |
| Interest | 35.86 | |
| Life Membership | 40.00 | |
| Contributions | 69.40 | |
| enominational Enterprises | 5,322.47 | |
| Total Receipts | | 5,598.97 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 8,849.27 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| onvention Expenses and Allocations | $ 667.64 | |
| enominational Enterprises | 5,322.47 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 5,990.11 |
| alance in Bank January 31, 1975 | | $2,859.16 |
| **Summary of Bank Account Balances** | | |
| eneral Fund | | $2,427.35 |
| nterest | | 431.81 |
| Total | | $2,859.16 |
| ranch Banking and Trust Company (Checking) | | $1,927.35 |
| tlantic Savings and Loan | | 931.81 |
| Total | | $2,859.16 |

**Denominational Enterprise Report**

| | Itemize | Received | Disbursed |
|---|---|---|---|
| issions: | | | |
| Church Extension (Home Missions) | $ | $ 608.77 | $ 608.77 |
| Foreign Missions (General) | 43.40 | | |
| Mexico | 140.00 | | |
| Vance Link | 5.00 | | |
| Harold Jones | 36.75 | | |
| State Project (equally Divided Among Mrs. Link, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Timmons | 596.86 | 822.01 | 822.01 |
| Central Conference | | 63.00 | 63.00 |

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## ALL PASTORS, YOUTH SPONSORS, AND YOUTH

There have been several months past since the General Conference meeting in South Carolina. There have been many churches that have called and needed assistance. This has thrilled me to work with you. There are many local churches, districts, and states that I know are planning to participate in the Bible Bowl Quiz this year. There have been some that I have seen that are doing a tremendous job studying and competing together on the Book of Exodus. As the time is drawing near, let me remind you of a few of the basic rules that must be followed in order to participate in the General Conference Bible Bowl Quiz on Monday night, June 23, 1975.

1. The local church must have a runoff of your local youth and select three YFA and three AFC members to represent your church at your district's meeting.

2. At the district meeting, there will be a runoff among the churches to select one AFC and one YFA team to represent at your state youth meeting. If your state does not have a district meeting, plan to have your local team represented at the state meeting.

3. At the state meeting, one team will be selected to represent the AFC and one team to represent the YFA at the General Conference.

4. All local churches, districts, and states are urged to see that your youth know the answers as recorded from the Bible Bowl Quiz book. Any changes in the wording, other than when two or more names or items are used in the answer, will be declared incorrect unless otherwise decided by the judges. (An example of multiple answers would be bread, water, and air. You might answer; water, air, and bread.)

Please let me know when you are having your district meeting and your state meetings, and if I can be of assistance, I would be happy to help any way I possibly can. I would like to attend your district and state meetings and know what you are doing not just in Bible Bowl but in the youth work in general.

I ask for your continued prayers that Christ might use me in the way that will glorify His name. I want no praise from man, only to be pleasing to Christ.

Yours in Christ's service,
(Mrs.) Charlotte Griffin
**Youth Chairman, General Conference**

## Church Auxiliaries

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Olive College: | | | |
| General Fund | 12.50 | | |
| Alice Lupton Scholarship | 118.00 | | |
| J. C. Griffin Scholarship | 25.00 | | |
| Chapel Carpet (State Project) | 611.82 | | |
| Fred Baker Fund | 25.00 | | |
| Books | 10.00 | 802.32 | 802.32 |
| Children's Home: | | | |
| General Fund | 232.75 | | |
| Clothing | 100.00 | | |
| Allowance | 21.00 | | |
| Chapel Air-Conditioning (State Project) | 890.53 | | |
| Linens | 115.00 | | |
| Child's Christmas gift | 50.00 | | |
| Life Membership Fees | 160.00 | 1,569.28 | 1,569.28 |
| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | 269.75 | | |
| Adopted Widows and Ministers | 32.00 | | |
| Pastor Retirement | 8.00 | 309.75 | 309.75 |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc.: | | | |
| General Fund | 270.35 | | |
| Dining Room | 227.00 | | |
| Old Building Repair | 35.00 | 532.35 | 532.35 |
| Camp Vandemere | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Anna Phillip's Loan Fund | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| *Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Missions | 131.25 | | |
| Mount Olive College | 131.25 | | |
| Children's Home | 98.43 | | |
| Cragmont Assembly | 98.43 | | |
| Superannuation | 65.63 | 524.99 | 524.99 |
| Totals | | $5,322.47 | $5,322.47 |

*20 percent retained for promotional (see receipts, $131.25).

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, **Treasurer**

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please observe that the Rev. Rudy Shepard has a new address as follows: 137 Navaho Trail, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. His new telephone number is 791-6274. His correspondents should observe these changes.

## ATTENTION WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES!

**Now is the time for you to collect yo per capita dues, if you have not alread done so. These dues should be collecte during the first months of the year, time to be sent to your district treasur before, or in time, for your distri convention. The dues are $.40 p member per year. Send these dues your district treasurer; she will kee $.20 and send $.20 to your sta treasurer. It is necessary that yo cooperate in this as these dues provide part of the funds for the operation expenses of your convention. Singly w can do very little; together we can ac complish much. Let us continue to wor together! Thank you.**

**Respectfully submitte Your State Teasurer**

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## PLEASANT PLAINS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY INSTALLS OFFICERS

On Sunday, January 12, during th morning worship services, the Woman' Auxiliary officers of the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2 Selma, were installed for 1975. Officiating in the installation was Mrs. Merle Stephenson, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1 Clayton. Those taking office were as follows:

President, Nancy Foster; vice president, Annie Taylor; secretary Peggy Jones; assistant secretary, Beulah Helms; treasurer, Lois Jones; assistant treasurer, Mae Jeanette; program chairman, Faye Parker; assistant program chairman, Gladys Hartley; study course chairman, Letha Burgess; benevolence chairman, Dean Hatcher; flower chairman, Hazel Hatcher; AFC chairman, Lois Jones; YFA chairman, Annie Taylor; Missions chairman, Estelle Phillips; benevolence committee, Thelma Lassiter and Pauline Pulley.

Each officer installed lit a blue candle, and white candles were lit by their assistants. The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr., pastor of the church, offered a prayer of dedication. The ushers for the service were David Jones and D. G. Jones Jr.

## MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND LIST

The following is a list of ministers participating in the Ministers' Widows' Fund as f January 31, 1975. Any Original Free Will Baptist minister of North Carolina who esires to participate may do so by sending ten dollars ($10) to the Board of uperannuation. For any additional information contact the North Carolina Board of uperannuation, c/o The Rev. Walter Reynolds, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North arolina 28513.

. W. Allman, Benson
mery Ard, Clayton
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ary Bailey, Ayden
. E. Ballard, Greenville
mmie L. Barfield, Kenly
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oe Barrow, Texas
. B. Barrow, Snow Hill
V. D. Barrow, Dunn
. D. Beaman, Snow Hill
dgar Benton, Wilson
uther Bissette, Sims
ewey Boling, Clayton
. F. Bowen, Wilson
V. L. Brickhouse, Roanoke Rapids
ene Britt, Clayton
homas Brooks, Thomasville
elmas Brown, Dover
larry Brown, Bahama
Noah Brown, Morehead City
allas Bryson, Holly Ridge
Hubert Burress, Pinetops
esse Caton, Garner
Roy L. Cauley, Dover
A. B. Chandler, Winterville
. B. Cherry, Wilson
R. C. Cherry, Micro
C. M. Coats, Smithfield
Clyde Cox, Kenly
E. F. Crary, Kinston
W. L. Dale, Goldsboro
Bruce Dudley, Davis
Lester L. Duncan Jr., Wilson
DeWayne Eakes, Lucama
E. E. Edwards, Vandemere
Eddie Edwards, Vanceboro
J. A. Evans, Seven Springs
Graham Faucette, Kenly
Wiley Ferrell, Selma
Bill Futch, Kinston
Foy Futrelle, Goldsboro
Francis Garner, Pinetown
C. Felton Godwin, Newton Grove
J. B. Godwin, Selma
M. E. Godwin, Dunn
Milford Hales, Kenly
Bobby Harrell, Mount Olive
D. W. Hansley, LaGrange
C. B. Hansley, Cove City
James Hardee, Elizabethtown
Raymond W. Hardison, New Bern
Lloyd Hargis, Clayton
Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive
Leslie Hawley, Kenly
Taylor Hill, Fayetteville
R. N. Hinnant, Denham Springs, La.
James E. Howard, Merritt
Joseph H. Ingram, Goldsboro
James F. Johnson, Hamlet
Emmitt Jones, Mount Olive
James V. Joyner, Kenly
Wayne King, Pikeville
A. Graham Lane, New Bern
Robert Langley, Pine Level
W. O. Lassiter, Four Oaks
John R. Lee, Four Oaks
James Lupton, Pikeville
L. B. Manning, Fountain
W. A. Martin, Benson
W. R. Martin, Micro
Alton Mason, Oriental
Robert May, Ahoskie
Ed Miles, Goldsboro
Hilery Minchew, Kenly
Rom L. Moore, Clayton
E. C. Morris, Walstonburg
J. B. Narron, APO San Fransisco, Ca.
Billy Nowell, Dunn
C. H. Overman, Ayden
W. C. Overton, Ahoskie
Maurice Owens, Elm City
L. L. Parker, Sneads Ferry
Ronnie Parker, Clinton
C. L. Patrick, Walstonburg
Michael Pelt, Mount Olive
Jack Phillips Jr., New Bern
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Dunn
W. M. Pollard, Greenville
W. L. Poythress, Wilson
Wesley Price, Seven Springs
W. B. Raper, Mount Olive
Charles Renfrow, Plymouth
Walter Reynolds, Ayden
Fred Rivenbark, Goldsboro
Robert Rollins, Bailey
J. E. Rowe, Newport
R. T. Sasser, Wilson
Boyd Shook, Selma
Floyd Smith, Selma
S. A. Smith, Beulaville
Grayson L. Spencer, Trinity
J. Walter Stanley, Four Oaks
J. B. Starnes, Newport
Willie Stilley, New Bern
Eugene Sumner, Raleigh
Ralph Sumner, Bridgeton
Luther Swinson, New Bern
Cooper P. Thompson, Four Oaks
J. Elmer Thompson, Smithfield
J. E. Timmons, Texas
Don Venable, Rocky Mount
Lloyd Vernon, Newport News, Va.
John R. Williams Jr., Wilson
W. H. Willis, Kinston
Willis Wilson, Winterville
L. B. Woodall Jr., Smithfield
Herman Wooten, Garner

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## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of January, 1975:

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| Balance January 1, 1975 | $15,794.63 |

**Receipts**

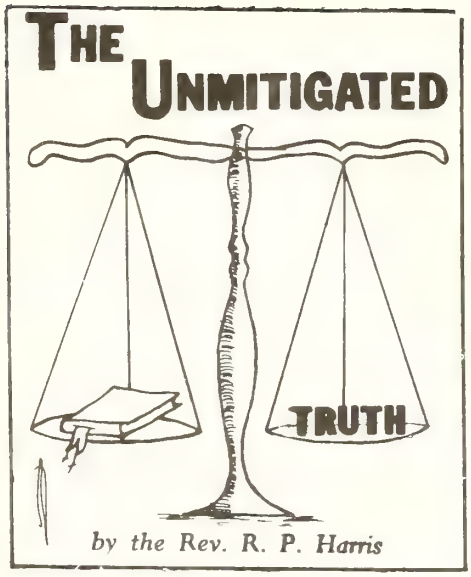
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|---|---|---|
| Churches | $ 713.76 | |
| Sunday Schools | 19.68 | |
| Leagues | 114.20 | |
| Sunday School Conventions | 18.00 | |
| Union Meetings | 40.28 | |
| Total Receipts | | 905.92 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 16,700.55 |

**Disbursements**

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|---|---|---|
| Operating Expenses | $ 381.14 | |
| Debt Retirement | 5,000.00 | |
| Interest on Loan | 444.13 | |
| Auditing Fee | 430.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 6,255.27 |
| Balance February 1, 1975 | | $10,445.28 |

**Earmarked Funds**

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|---|---|
| Debt Retirement | $ 75.00 |
| Renovation of Main Building | 3,131.09 |
| Chapel Fund | 3,206.54 |
| Curtain Fund | 25.00 |
| General Fund | 4,007.65 |
| Total | $10,445.28 |




Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN'S RACE HAS RULES

The Christian's race is no different from other races in that it must be governed by rules. These rules must be fair to all who may enter. These rules which govern the processes and protect the participants are designed to make the rewards more valuable and more plausible. The participants can benefit more and can achieve greater applause by adhering strictly to the rules.

One of the three most essential rules is that the Christian must run the race with his eyes on Christ. Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the Father's right hand on the heavenly throne. The Christian is obligated to have his sense of direction locked in Christ. If he allows his attention to be diverted for any reason, he may alter his course and miss the mark. Things of the world and those influenced by Satan can change one's attention and make the earthly goal seem more relevant. Space travelers learn that as long as their spaceship's guiding system remains locked in a target the rest of their equipment responds satisfactory. It is when the system loses its target that trouble begins. No man taking the plow can run a straight row if he turns his head to look back or in any other direction. No man can stay on the right course towards heaven if he takes his eyes off Jesus.

The second rule for the Christian to learn and obey is to run the race with heavenly affection. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). This is where many Christian's go wrong. They make more of earthly things than they do of the heavenly things. Even the tone of their prayers go something like this: "O Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife; us four and no more. Amen."

Many Christians (that is so-called) allow their affection to be wrapped up in earthly interests, pursuits, and involvements and very seldom give real concern or interest in the heavenly things. When once a born-again Christian begins his race, he should concentrate on making the heavenly home his one consecrated determination. He should declare his ambition and his efforts by resigning himself to God's will for his life. The Christian that reaches heaven will have achieved his only real great success.

The third rule for those who run the Christian race to keep is to run the race with his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel (see Ephesians 6:15). Many people fail to realize how necessary the Holy Bible is. Only a very small percent of church members attend the midweek prayer meeting and Bible study. Those who do attend seem to neglect the preparation in the study of God's Word. The prayer meetings of the church describe the heartbeat of the church. The love and compassion and the concern and interest of the church is measured by the faithfulness (or faithlessness) of the midweek prayer meeting attendance and the preparation by the people.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Pictured above are members of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. as they appeared at their recent meeting at the Press. Left to right are the Revs. D. W. Hansley, Fred A. Rivenbark, C. Felton Godwin, Dewey C. Boling, James B. Hardee, Hubert Burress, and Robert May.

ARE YOU THIS BUSY?

Luther once said: "I am so busy now that I find if I did not spend two or three hours each day in prayer, I could not get through the day. If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."--**Link and Visitor.**

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**astwood to Host**
**ape Fear Youth Rally**

The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church f Fayetteville will be host to the Cape ear Youth Rally Saturday, March 1. All he youth of the district is urged to attend nd visitors are welcome. The Rev. aylor Hill is pastor of the church.

**edication and Note-Burning**
**ervice at Rock Springs**

On Sunday, January 19, the ongregation of Rock Springs Free Will aptist Church, Bailey, with grateful earts held a dedication and note-urning service. The indebtedness was ue to the bricking of the church.

In March, 1973, the idea of bricking he church building was presented to the hurch members. This was followed with ledges being made to pay for the brick. Vhen enough pledges had been made for he brick, a loan was secured for the abor and work began in March, 1974. n May 16, 1974, the work was ompleted and in December, 1974, nough money had been raised to pay off he indebtedness which amounted to pproximately $10,000.



Shown in the picture above of the ote-burning service is the pastor, the ev. Luther Bissette, and three members of the deacon board: Elmer Whitley, Oscar Whitley Jr., and John Tuck.



A part of the congregation is shown in the above picture in front of the church for which the membership is so grateful.

It was through faith, prayer, work, cooperation, and the blessings of God that this work has been accomplished.

The pastor extends his appreciation to each member and friend who helped make this task possible.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION AT WINTERVILLE CHURCH**

"Nothing Is Impossible" is the theme of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues to be held at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, Saturday, March 8, at 10 a. m. At the convention last year a project was adopted to raise $500 for the building fund at Cragmont. At this writing, no contributions have been sent in on the project. Nevertheless, it is possible to reach the goal by convention time.

The leagues of each church are requested to set $50 as a goal to try to give to the project. If a church cannot give this much, any amount will be appreciated.

The contributions may be sent to the treasurer, Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590; or sent in along with report blanks to the corresponding secretary.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

On December 15, 1974, the Rev. Robert L. Langley resigned the pastorate of Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. He will be available for pastoral duties to any church desiring his services on March 15, 1975. You may contact him by writing P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568 or telephoning 965-5612.

The Rev. Franklin Brinson states that he is available for pastoral and evangelistic work. He may be contacted by writing P. O. Drawer H, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557 or telephoning 726-5930.

## Coming Events . . .

March 8—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues, Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Beginning at 10 A. M.

March 8—Piedmont District Youth Rally (Bible Bowl Quiz, Essay, and Declamation Runoffs for AFCs and YFAs) First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 12 Noon

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P. M.

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host




## A PEOPLE OF HOPE

**Lesson Text:** Romans 5:1-5; 8:18-25
**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 3:15

### I. INTRODUCTION

We cannot overestimate the value and the influence of hope on human life and its activities. For most of us it can be truthfully said that it is the hope that tomorrow will be better than today; that time will give place to an eternity that is filled with peace and happiness that moves us to continue to labor and to sacrifice in the face of manifold difficulties, in spite of oppositions from all sides.

For the Christian this hope takes on added signifance. To him it is much more than idle speculations or wishful thinking. Faith moves him to live and to labor as if his hope were a present reality. The reason for this is simple: His hope is not dependent upon blind chance or the workings of a haphazard providence, but is based upon the promise of an unlimited God. Thus his faith moves him to bear suffering with fortitude; tribulation, with patience; and present defeat, with the full assurance that the ultimate victory belongs to him. With Paul he can say: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8, 9).—**The Senior Quarterly** [**F. W. B.**].

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Book of Romans had been called the greatest treatise in existence on Christian doctrine, and there is no greater doctrine than that which we study today which is the basis of our hope. This is the doctrine of justification. Have you ever stopped to realize how wonderful it is that sinful man can be made just before a holy God?

B. Since the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden, a state of hostility exists between God and man; but justification makes peace with God and man. This means that our sins are forgiven and that again we have free access to the throne of God. We can come to Him without an intermediary. We do not have to pray to a saint or the Virgin Mary, but pray in the name of Jesus only.

C. When a man is saved, his soul is cleaned and his sins are forgiven. It is as though he had never sinned, but his body is still subject to pain and corruption. We will not realize the redemption of the body until we are resurrected. This is one of the great hopes of Christianity.

D. God has a purpose in allowing His children to have trouble, but regardless of how difficult the trouble may be, the Christian can look forward with joy and hope to the time when all of his troubles will be over. An unsaved person cannot do this.

E. Every man has something in which he hopes for the future, but the sinner hopes in something that will not stand the test. There is no foundation for hope outside of our Lord Jesus Christ.—**The Bible Teacher** [**F. W. B.**].

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTH

A. An ancient legend tells that when the gods sent woman down to earth they endowed her with every charm, and named her Pandora—"the gift of all the gods." In the hand of Pandora the gods had placed a casket which she was forbidden to open. Overcome by curosity, she lifted the cover of the box one day and looked in. There escaped from the box every conceivable plague for man's body and his mind, and immediately they scattered themselves far and wide throughout the earth. Pandora hastened to replace the lid of the box, but only one thing was left—hope.—**The Advanced Quarterly** [**F. W. B.**].

B. The world in which we live is a pretty hopeless place. Unfortunately many people in it do not see the church as holding much hope for the world's salvation. Swinburne, probably feeling that Victorian Christianity had stifl much of the joy of life, cried, "Thou ha conquered, O pale Galilean! The wor has grown grey from Thy breath. Swinburne may have been a fine poe but he overlooked a great deal of ancie history. The pagan world was gra indeed, and sometimes black wi corruption and evil. It was a world fille with cruelty, superstition, and fear. In this world came the "Pale Galilean," an He made it bright with a message hope. As Paul tells us, "We are saved b hope." If you doubt the kind of world what it became through Christ's coming read the letter of Cyprian, bishop Carthage, to his friend Donatus. He tol of all the wicked things he saw in th world. Then he said, "But I hav discovered a quiet and holy people wh have learned a great secret, they hav found a joy a thousand times better tha any pleasure of our sinful life. They ar despised and persecuted, but they car not. They are the masters of their souls They have overcome the world. Thes people are Christians, Donatus, and I am one of them." Would that men in this neo-pagan world would find that saving hope that dwells in Christ!—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

C. "When we want to find out hov much gasoline there is in the car we loo at the gauge on the dashboard. And if w want to know whether a person is happy or angry or sad down inside, we look a his face and it usually tells us. I want t tell you about the face of Adoniram Judson, one of the first missionaries who went to Burma to tell the people there about Jesus. But the people o Burma weren't interested in Jesus and treated him cruelly. For awhile they put him in a terrible jail where they tortured him every night and left him in chains all day. When, at last, he came home to visit America after terrible years away, a small boy watched him coming off the ship and recognized him from a picture he had seen in the newspaper.

"The boy ran up the street to where his pastor lived to tell him about it and the pastor hurried back with him. Yes, the boy was right. It was Adoniram Judson. The minister was soon talking with the missionary and forgot all about the boy who had brought him the news, but the boy stood there silent and eager, unable to tear himself away from that wonderful face. Even after all that Mr. Judson had been through, there were

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# STORIES

## for our youth



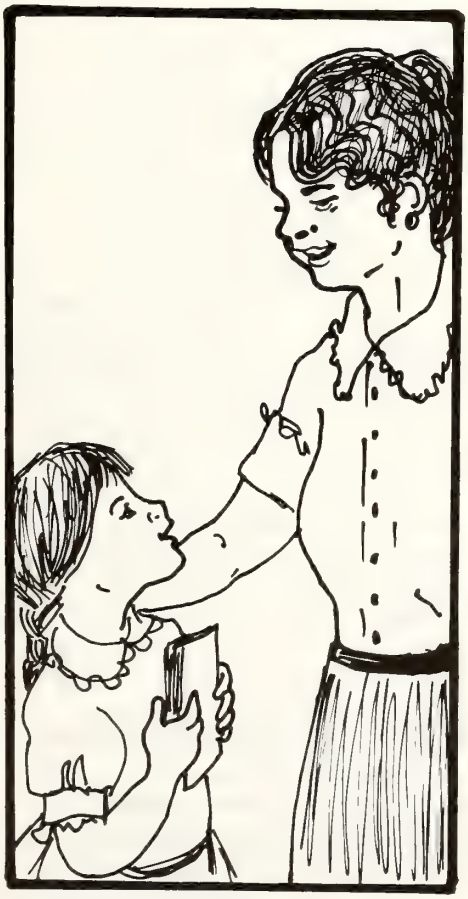
## TRIBUTE TO A TEACHER

ROSE had loved the first grade very much. She was shy and quiet but loved people. School had started again and Rose was in the second grade. Her teacher was a tall big lady with the kindest and sweetest face Rose had ever seen. There were many boys and girls and the teacher had much to do. Some of the children were still crybabies and Rose thought this was rather silly since she was the oldest of several children and couldn't remember ever being the baby in her family. The sweet, gentle teacher would hold and love the crying children and before long there were smiles instead of tears.

Every morning the teacher would read from her big black Bible or her wonderful Bible Storybook. Many of the stories were about Jesus, but little Rose didn't understand because she had never heard about Jesus before. The teacher prayed every morning; she prayed for the boys and girls. Rose had never heard anyone pray before.

Every Monday morning the teacher would ask, "How many went to Sunday school yesterday?" Little Rose was always sad because she never went to Sunday school. The kind teacher would always say something nice and thoughtful to the ones that couldn't go to Sunday school. She told them to start praying that God would make a way for them to go and one day they would have the opportunity to go and learn more about Jesus and His wonderful love for them.

During the year the teacher gave all the pupils a New Testament when they learned to spell the days of the week and the months of year. Little Rose learned very quickly and that Testament was her most prized possession for many years.



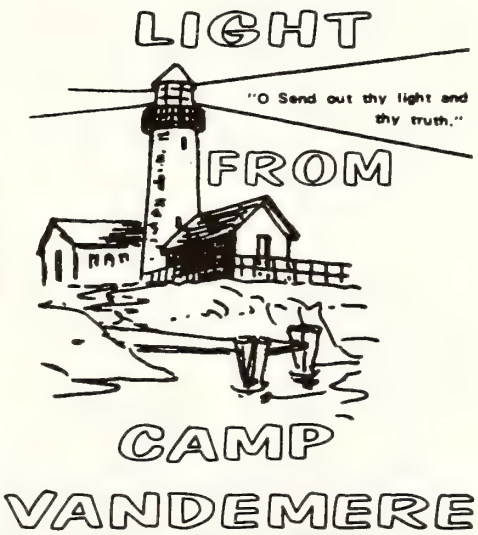
There were many more deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness during that year and years to follow that little Rose never forgot.

Rose was fifteen years old before she saw her prayers answered and had a chance to go to Sunday school. When the opportunity came. she never missed a chance and always remembered the words of her second grade schoolteacher.

Little Rose became a Christian when she was sixteen. She's married now and the mother of three teen-age children, but no teacher ever got the chance to tell her children about Jesus before she did. She told them stories and read Bible stories to them many years before they went to school. She has carried them to Sunday school and church all their lives.

Thank God for teachers like little Rose's second grade schoolteacher! Schoolteachers, Sunday school teachers, and mothers, "What kind of teacher are you?"—Anonymous.

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**Note:** This story really happened many years ago. The teacher and little girl in the story are still living and are trying to be a good Christian influence to others.)

## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

We have twenty-seven children who are not sponsored. They range in ages from two to seventeen years.

A full or complete sponsorship is direct support for a child and provides food, clothing, allowance, and routine medical and educational expenses. A full sponsorship is $55 a month, or $660 a year.

A partial sponsorship program is available on children who are partially sponsored already or are getting partial support by some other means. The partial sponsorship is $25 a month, or $300 a year.

We have both boys and girls available. If you or your group are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Weeks at the Children's Home by writing or calling 235-4079.

Below is a list of children, along with their ages, who are available for sponsorship:

Donald Anderson, 10
Richard Bass, 5
William Bass, 2
Debra Cone, 12
Donna Cone, 12
Lena Davidson, 6
Jimmy Dement, 13
Margaret Dement, 8
Jeff Eason, 10
Junior Eason, 12
Sandra Eason, 8
Tim Elks, 14
Cliff Garris, 16
Mollie Garris, 9
Romona Hopkins, 9
Allen Johnson, 9
Jeffrey Johnson, 8
Sammy Mansour, 18
Betty Jean McLawhorn, 16
Jimmy Speight, 12
Jackie Speight, 9
Roy Speight, 10
Ann Worley, 4
Audrey Worley, 9
Roger Worley, 10
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### 3,000 PERSON CONVENTION PLANNED FOR JERUSALEM

A congress which would attract as many as 3,000 Christian communications experts to Jerusalem next October was announced today by its American organizers on the occasion of Israel Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol's visit here.

Kol, who is now on a tour of the United States received the news from Dr. Ben Armstrong, one of the prime organizers of the "First Jerusalem Congress for Christian Communication." Armstrong is executive secretary of the National Religious Broadcasters, which is now meeting in Washington. Minister Kol gave one of the keynote speeches to the 1,500 NRB delegates. He assured them of hospitality in the spirit of Abraham, the Patriarch.

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### CAMP VANDEMERE

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Much work has been accomplished at Camp Vandemere so we may be ready for camping this summer. A beautiful dining hall which will seat approximately 200 and a dorm which will sleep 96 are complete on the outside with the exception of a few minor details. Once these are finished, the planting of shrubs can begin. The inside of the buildings are being prepared for painting and for the completion of the bathrooms. A new pump house has been built, and a pump and water softener installed.The disposal system should soon be complete.

Don't miss out on camping in 1975. Visit Camp Vandemere now and plan to attend camp there this summer.

The board of Camp Vandemere, Inc. solicites your prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Swinson

### PRELUDE TO HEAVEN

Dear Cragmont Friends,

**Plan now!** Yes, begin to plan right no to visit Cragmont Assembly during th summer of 1975. Choose one of th following eight conferences that you ma attend: General Youth Conference Ministers' Conference, Christian Cadet Conference, Youth Frontier Conferenc (YFA), Youth Frontier Conference (AFC) Young People's Bible Conference (a ages), Woman's Auxiliary Conference, o Family Week. Each of these are directe conferences featuring various classe and activities.

Perhaps a group from your churc would like to go during one of the ope periods when you could arrange you activities according to the wishes of you church group.

Also you might like to include a visit t Cragmont when you take your vacation Cragmont is usually open from May 15 t November 1. It is close enough to th scenic attractions found in the Smokie that a family may spend their nights for reasonable fee at Cragmont and visi places of interest during the day. Som of the most beautiful mountain scener on earth is to be found in this area and i is beautiful during all seasons of th year.

Perhaps you would like to do all three! Some have said that "Cragmont is just about as close to heaven as one can get while on earth."

Some auxiliaries pay the expenses of a deserving member chosen by the group to attend Cragmont. Some youth groups raise enough money through various projects to pay the expenses of each o its members. Some auxiliaries or groups pay the expense of a deserving youth from the Sunday school, league, YFA, or AFC to Cragmont. Those who have tried one of these plans have proven that it enriches the spiritual life of the entire church, auxiliary, league, Sunday school, or youth group. Why don't you try it?

Plan now to go and send someone. You will be glad that you did.

In His service,
Mrs. A. B. Chander, **Treasurer** and **Publicity Secretary**

# New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

Dear Christian Friends, I believe every lumnist (stretching a point to be in-uded) should take the time occasionally let the reader know where he stands d for what purpose he's writing. here's no doubt, sometimes you have ondered.

First of all, I try to project a God who is e ultimate in goodness and mercy; who nows and accepts us exactly as we are ithout religious trimmings.

Second, though I am a Christian, I ake no claims whatsoever to per-ction.

Third, I try to be honest about these nperfections.

Without question, you've probably ought at times I'm too harsh on the nurch and the relationship of church eople with each other and those out-ide. Having been closely associated ith four different churches in the past 7 years, I have a general idea of life on he "inside." As has been said before, he church isn't perfect, but it is per-istant.

As the title **New Growth** suggests, hristians are in a continuous growing tate of growing in the wisdom of God nd His majestic, wonderful powers. hey are also in the state of growing in he knowledge of man's shortcomings nd of growing in the courage to admit heir shortcomings honestly. It is ex-remely hard to be completely honest.

There is a great need for us as hristians to get our hearts and deeds on he same side of the fence as our Sunday ouths.

What I say, however bluntly, about hristians, the church, their good traits nd bad, is said with love as one would alk about a member of his family. But, ke family members, sometimes we and he church need a good shaking until our eligious wigs, false eyelashes, girdles, nd anything else artificial fall off so we an see ourselves as we honestly are. fter all, isn't that the way God sees us? sn't it a wonder He can love us who are o unlovely? Until we recognize and ccept the truth, we are shortchanging urselves and God.

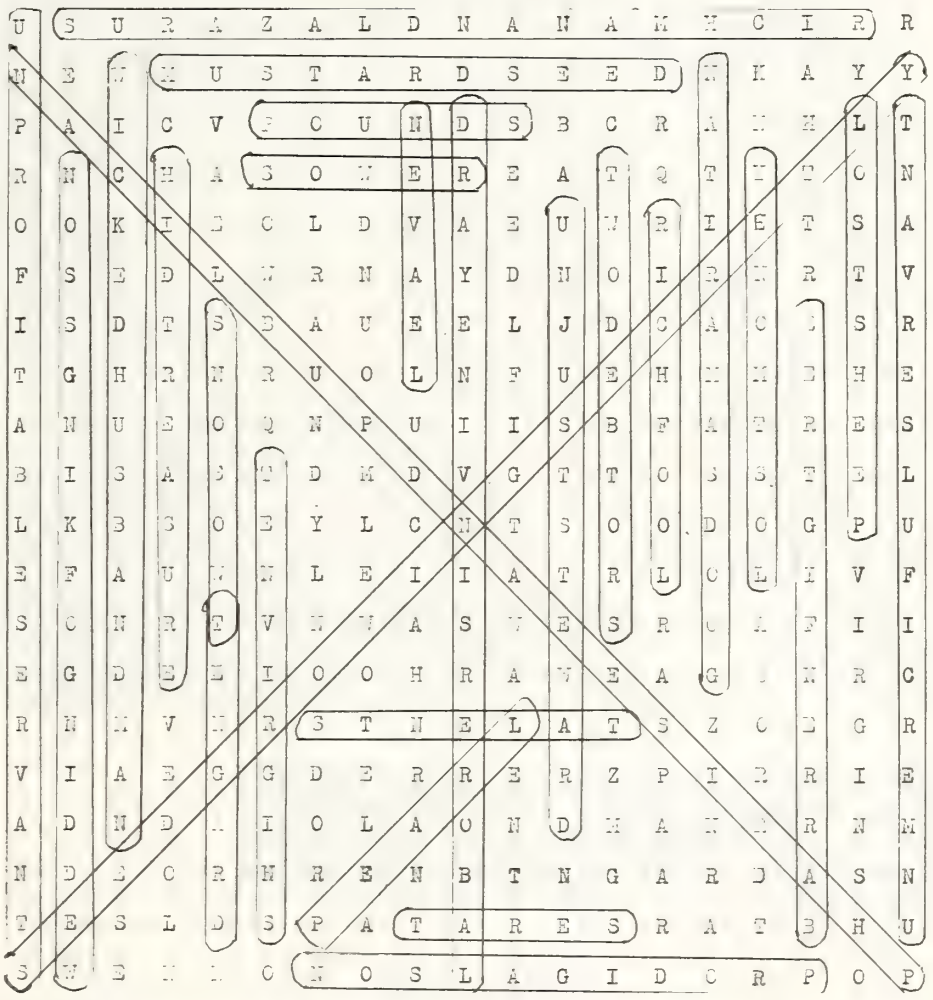
As I try to grow and project my rowing through **New Growth**, I hope in God's miraculous way, He can also bless you as He blesses me through this endeavor. I love you. Please remember me in your prayers.

Comments on **New Growth** or personal Christian experiences are welcome. Please write New Growth, c/o **The Free Will Baptist**, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

# PARABLES RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS

by

Lena Kay Branch



The parables in the puzzle above as recorded in the four Gospels are circled for you. The words may read vertically, horizontally, or diagonally, and may be spelled forwards or backwards. Were you able to locate all of them?

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## Editorial--

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screams of anguish. On the other hand, they might very well have been insensitive to the sign, its significance, or anything else, for that matter. They may very well have been polluted with alcohol. We can only speculate, but we did remember seeing some empty beer cans along the edge of the highway at the scene of the crash. Whether or not they had belonged to the passengers, we cannot say.

When this writer saw the first sign (after a period of curiosity at its meaning), his thought was that it would prove to be a hazard to safety and should be taken down. It was arranged in such a manner as to take one's eyes off the road ahead. Yet, after seeing the second sign and thinking more seriously in regard to the significance of the two, we changed our mind. Let it stay! For some reason, however—and it seems odd—there wasn't a second sign which said, "Did You Take It?" for people who were traveling in the opposite direction from us; or if there were such a sign, we had missed it.

We are brought now to a very pertinent point: This day, this hour, or this minute, even, may be our last *chance* to make some important decision. We had better heed whatever warning which may be ours, lest we be found in some irreversible situation and are forced to answer "No" to the question, "Did You Take It?" Everything ultimately arrives at this, anyway: *Is it well with your soul*? If not, it may be your *last chance*. . . .

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## FEATURE

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North Carolina Free Will Baptists have in Mexico. On Sunday night, November 24, 1974, the young people of the congregation that we visited were not at skating parties, youth suppers, camp fire meetings, and a number of other activities that I could mention. They were in church, giving praise to God in song, prayer, Scripture reading, testimony, and listening to the preached Word with Harry A. Jones doing the preaching. No pastor or preacher with an ounce of reason and common sense has anything against a good wholesome program of recreation and entertainment for young people and adults in a church. I'm concerned that we have so little of such activities in our churches. But, on Sunday night or any other time that a church service is scheduled in a church, the pastor of that church has every right to expect his people to demonstrate the Mexican examples that I've just shared in this article. Listen, friends, as I observed the Mexican Free Will Baptist people—youth and adult—our group visited, those people had something wonderful going for God in Jesus Christ and themselves in worship.

Our Free Will Baptist people—all of us—here in North Carolina, too, have something wonderful going for God in our institutions and enterprises—our College at Mount Olive, our Children's Home at Middlesex, our State Convention mission program, our Home Mission program, our Press Foundation at Ayden, our Superannuation and Retirement program for our ministers, our Church Finance program, and our many programs in our churches that we can take pride in and be thankful for. But let me hasten to point out that we, too, have an institution on the bank of the Rio Grande River at Quemada, Texas, and a mission work in Mexico in which we truly can take pride and for which we can be thankful. We further can take pride in and be thankful for competent and sincere work that the Timmons and Links are doing there.

## S. S. LESSON

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peace and love and joy in his face and in his heart. He was trusting God more than ever before.

"Many years afterward that boy, Henry Clay Trumbull, became a famous minister himself and editor of **The Sunday School Times** magazine. He wrote a book in which was a chapter called, 'What a Boy Saw in the Face of Adoniram Judson.'

"What do people see in your face? Do they see the joy of the Lord, or is your face grim or sad or angry because you don't realize all the wonderful things God has done for you?"—**Romans for the Family Hour** by Kenneth N. Taylor.

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## CONVENTION FOR JERUSALEM

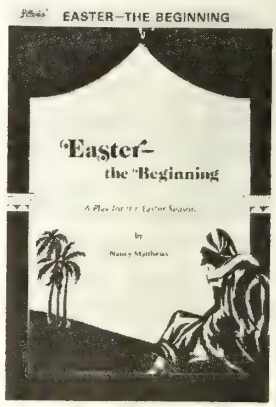
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"There is religious freedom in Israel," he said, "and if you come you will see for yourselves how every religion is free to follow its own faith."

Kol told them that the message of Israel has as much meaning today as it had in Bible times. "Israel's people must, even now, build with one hand while defending themselves with the other," he said. "And now too we are a people who have faith. We believe. And we also believe in the coming of peace."

The convention announced will be held in Israel every few years. The number of participants is expected to grow each time as the convention becomes more established. The dates for the convention are October 15-24, 1975.

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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Editorial—

## THE WAR WITHIN: CAN IT BE CONQUERED?

Struggling and pulling against oneself is the most destructive thing one can do to his physical, emotional, and spiritual being. *Outer* conflicts which impose themselves are easily recognizable and can be warded off, fought valiantly, and often conquered. *Inner* conflicts are not so easily detected. They make their entry many times without the person knowing what has happened; and after imbedded, they are difficult to cope with.

Everybody has both: the outer and the inner conflicts; and while *both* cause considerable concern, the *inner* conflict is more to be feared. It ages one, causes him to be ill-tempered, wrecks his nerves, and in many instances has been seen to cause a complete alteration of personality.

Battles are fought daily, hourly, and even on a minute-to-minute basis. There are just causes for the battles; and while some of these battles do afford long-range benefits, none can be considered pleasant. Learning to cope is often the answer, but the lesson is hard. *Coping* (a much-used term in today's browbeaten society) is difficult for many and impossible for others. *All* persons have difficulty coping with *some* situations, but many persons who have not acquired the needed spiritual strength and understanding find it beyond their ability to deal with pressuring problems. Consequently, they become embittered and find that each new problem is harder to face. Soon, they arrive at the point where they refuse to try to resolve the dilemma and further believe that a solution is nonexistant. And in their particular cases, because of the way they approach life, they may very well be right in their conclusion.

Herculean tasks, overshadowing troubles, "eightball" positions, and other perplexities bend individuals sometimes to the breaking point. Emotional crossfires seem never to end, and counter exchanges within leave a well-marked battlefield. The battlefield of one's mind cannot take many of the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune." The scars sustained are permanent; but! there is hope.

Hope seems to be in everybody else's future except the one who really needs it. It lies beyond uncrossable deserts of the imagination. It is like the elusive dream of last night's sleep, the impossible expectation of some cruel taskmaster, the butterfly whch taunts the collector but each time escapes his net, and the exhausting struggle of getting oneself out of a maze. Hope is out there somewhere, but most often it is seemingly out of the reach of the one who craves it. Why does it seem to be unreachable? Because the troubled mind looks in the wrong direction with the improper motive and seeks it in the wrong place!

Hope cannot be found in a bottle, but *despair* can. Hope cannot be found in the analytical and academic ordering of one's thoughts. *This* method of resolving problems can provide a type of bliss found only in denial of real trouble, and *denying the presence of a problem* causes a greater problem.

Disappointment (and this is a war) comes to all people—the great and small, the educated and uneducated. It settles hardest and more often upon those who have depth of feeling. Those who are unable to feel with the heart, but who relate to all of life's situations with the mind, are fighting within themselves but do not know it. *Their* disappointments are frequently shrugged off as a matter of course and as expected events. Only the tender of heart and the compassionate of soul can understand real disappointment and appreciate and sympathize with disappointment as experienced by others. The question could be asked: "Who suffers more inwardly—who has the greater conflict—the person who approaches all problems intellectually or the one who approaches said problems with a coupling of intellect and emotion?" When we mention *emotion*, we do not mean a hysterical approach; rather, we mean sensitiveness and responsiveness. It is, therefore, the belief of this writer that he who tries to resolve all problems intellectually has greater turmoil, though often this turmoil does not surface until he is mentally exhausted. The emotional or compassionate person battles with himself, to be sure; but he at least knows *why*. He experiences the sensations of pain, fear, love, joy, sorrow, and all other similar emotions, while he who relates with the mind only cannot understand nor appreciate the sensations he lacks. Lest this sound farfetched, let this writer hasten to assure you that he knows persons in both categories.

Struggling and pulling against oneself *is* the most destructive thing one can do to himself. The only solution, of course, is reliance upon the Almighty Father for the alleviation of pressuring problems; and the ultra-intellectual who tries by and with his own might to avoid, if not resolve, difficulties shows in the end that however smart he thinks he is, he is really dumb and senseless—as well as insensitive (which he is incognizant of anyway). Such a person is much to be pitied, for his inward war will never end. You see, he is always competing with *himself*; and in so doing, he will never find the peace that passeth understanding.

For this person, the war within will prove to be a perpetual bombardment of his small and shallow refuge of self-centeredness! A self-centered person is oblivious to his own impending destruction. How utterly sad; for when the battle's over, it is doubtful that he shall wear a crown!

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# A TRIBUTE TO MRS. VIOLA BLIZZARD

**by Mrs. John W. Taylor**

RS. Viola Blizzard is a dedicated member of Smith's w Home Free Will Baptist urch in Lenoir County near ep Run, North Carolina.

She was born Viola Catherine Lawhorn on January 31, 1894, in aven County near Vanceboro. She was e third of twelve children born to the e Edward and Nancy McLawhorn. Only of the twelve children reached ulthood. In addition to Mrs. Viola, ere are now surviving two sisters, Miss chel McLawhorn of Vanceboro and s. W. H. (Ruby) Caroon of Kinston; d one brother, James McLawhorn of nceboro.

Mrs. Viola accepted Christ at the age thirteen and joined the nearby acedonia Free Will Baptist Church. om an early age she was very active in e activities of her church and nomination. As a teen-ager, she began liciting subscriptions to **The Free Will ptist**. She would sit out by a big oak e in front of her home and stop people at were passing by and ask if they uld buy a subscription to the Baptist'' paper. She has received veral awards for her efforts, including organ in 1914. It is still playable and e has it in her home. She has conued through the years to solicit bscriptions. It has been estimated that e has sent in more than 10,000 bscriptions to **The Free Will Baptist**.

It was through her ''write-ups'' and eing her name in **The Free Will Baptist** at made Johnny James Blizzard of the ep Run Community decide to try and cate her. In the summer of 1915, he ade a trip to Craven County, on a nday, visiting the Macedonia church the morning service. He met Mrs. ola and visited in her home that afrnoon. A courtship developed and on December 18, 1918, they were married in the living room of her parents' home. After marriage, her church membership was moved to Smith's New Home church. As a married couple their work in the church and denomination continued.



On Sunday, January 11, following a supper in her honor, the Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church paid special tribute to Mrs. Viola Blizzard, one of the oldest members of the church. During the program Mrs. Blizzard's favorite hymns were sung: ''When We All Get to Heaven,'' ''When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder,'' and ''How Great Thou Art.'' Also her favorite Bible verse, John 3:16, was used. The tribute to Mrs. Blizzard was compiled and given by Mrs. Taylor during the program.

Also during the evening special tributes were paid to Mrs. Blizzard by her pastor, the Rev. Bobby Harrell; Mrs. Doris Smith, president of the woman's auxiliary; the Rev. Melvin K. Everington, pastor of Deep Run Frun Free Will Baptist Church; and two former pastors, the Revs. Andrew J. Hill and C. L. Patrick.

For this occasion all of Mrs. Blizzard's children and their family were present, along with approximately 150 guests.

Since this event we are sorry to report that Mrs. Blizzard has been admitted to Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, suffering with arthritis. She is in room 316, and would appreciate your prayers, cards, and visits.

Their first child was born in 1923, a daughter, Ruth, now Mrs. Earl J. Sharp of Richmond, Indiana. In 1929 their second child, a son, Paul, was born who presently lives in New Bern, North Carolina. There are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her services to her church include: (1) member of the choir; (2) church organist for many years; (3) director and teacher of Bible school; (4) Sunday school teacher; (5) treasurer of Sunday school; (6) representing the church in many many conventions, conferences, union meetings as a delegate, and served in numerous officer and committee assignments; (7) became church clerk in March, 1938, and maintained this job until December, 1974.

Mrs. Viola is a charter member of the woman's auxiliary in her church. She has served well in every office and supported the many projects undertaken during the years. In 1966, she was nominated as ''Woman of the Year.'' Not only has she served in her own church auxiliary, she has held offices in the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary as well. In 1960, she received from the Eastern District, a certificate of life membership as a reward for many years of faithful and loyal service.

She became the first secretary of the Lenoir County Fellowship Committee which was organized about nineteen years ago. She still serves as its secretary.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Scripture Reading—Luke 15:7

"TOO LATE!"

I saw a door
And meant to go
Within the room
Someday.
I looked around
And marked the ground
Lest I forget the way.
When I returned
All was the same
Excepting
Where before a light had been
No light was seen
And God had closed the door.

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We like to think that it is never too late but many have found this philosophy faulty . . . too late.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 4:16

"GLAD TO BE A LEPER!"

Peking missionaries were astounded when an old man said: "I am glad I am a leper! For if I had not been a leper, I never would have come to this hospital and would never have learned to know Jesus. I had rather be a leper with Jesus Christ than be free from leprosy without Him" —Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*As long as we have Jesus Christ we are able to withstand our infirmities. He has promised not to burden us beyond our capacity and to help us endure our problems in life.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Scripture Reading—1 John 3:17

PERSONAL TOUCH

"I laid my hand upon the shoulder of a noble specimen of young manhood and asked him if he was a Christian. He replied, 'No, sir; I have heard you preach every Sunday for seven years without one exception, but I am not a Christian yet.' He is now one of the most faithful members of the church. What seven years of preaching had failed to do, five minutes of heart-contact accomplished."—Dr. Cortland Meyers.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The touch of human kindness and consideration means a great deal. Love without personal expression is not easily understood.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:33

NAZARETH WAS A LITTLE PLACE

"Master, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free;
And He pointed out a tiny plot,
And He said, "Tend *that* for me."

But I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there;
Not any one could see
No matter how well my task was done—
Not that little place for *me*!"

And His voice, when He spoke, it was not stern,
But He answered me tenderly:
"Disciple, search that heart of thine;
Are you working for *them*, or for *me*?
Nazareth was just a little place,
And so was Galilee."

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*No station in life is too small or work too lowly when undertaken to the glory of our God. Be proud in His service.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Scripture Reading—Matthew 9:36

DON'T TRY TO BE STRONG: JUST BE STILL

Hudson Taylor was so feeble in the closing months of life, that he wrote a dear friend, "I am so weak I cannot work; I cannot read my Bible; I cannot even pray. I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child, and trust." This wondrous man of God with all his spiritual power came to a place of physical suffering and weakness where he could only lie still and turst. And that is all God asks of you, His dear child, when you grow faint in the fierce fires of affliction. Do not try to be strong. Just be still.—James H. McConkey.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our God is compassionate and just. When we have done our work well, He allows us a rest.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Scripture Reading—Philippi 4:13

ARE WE READY TO "JUMP?"

My little boy wished to climb an apple tree, so I stood below watchi him as he ascended. The limbs w rotten and began to break under weight. He stepped to others and th gave way. Seeing his plight I held arms toward him, though he was up, and called, "Jump, Buddy, a I'll catch you." He looked for moment, then as more limbs beg breaking he said, "Shall I let go everything, Daddy, and trust you He jumped and was safe in father's arms. That went directly my heart as a message of God to n "Father, shall I let go of everythi and trust you?" I let go. I trusted Hi and wonderfully has He supplied o needs.—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When all our foundations st crumbling beneath us, we are able feel secure in the loving arms of o heavenly Father.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
Scripture Reading—Deuteronon 6:7

MEMORY-MAKING DAYS

I must move softly, I must keep
A watch upon my words and ways
My children are so small, but these
Are the dear memory-maki days—

The days when their young minds w take
A clear-cut picture of my face;
Some little word I say will make
An imprint time will not erase.

My hand, swift-moving through t hours;
My feet that tread their dai round;
My thoughts (God help me) in the hearts
Through after years will still t round

I must walk softly, I must keep
A watch on all I do or say.
Perhaps, thus guarded, I shall make
Some lovely memory today.

—Grace Noll Crowel

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Little do we know how long o words are remembered by little on who seemingly are even oblivious t our very existence.*

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Master Book of Ne Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

# ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS
# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



**FOR APRIL 26**

## HOW IS GOD KNOWN BEST?

**sson Text:** Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-9
**emory Verse:** John 1:18

### INTRODUCTION

God has made Himself known to man at least three ways—in His creation, rough the incarnation of Christ, and the velation of His Word. The lessons in is quarter will deal with all three of ese divine media.

Our first five lessons are taken from e Book of Hebrews and our aim is to entify five affirmations of faith found in is book as follows: We have a velation, a great high priest, a lationship, a faith, and a hope. In day's lesson we take up the first of ese: We have a revelation. It is through e revelation of Christ in the Word of od that God is best made known to an.

The Book of Hebrews, whose author as probably Paul, is an excellent eatise on the purpose, the nature, and e personality of Jesus Christ. It shows m to be superior to the prophets, the gels, and all other persons and things od has created, Its key word is better,'' and it occurs thirteen times in e book. The Holy Spirit used this word compare the superiority of Christ with e inferiority of all others.

As we enter into these initial lessons om the marvelous Book of Hebrews, a ook unique in itself in the New estament, let us do so with an aim ward moving forward in our Christian mmitment.—**The Advanced Quarterly . W. B.**).

### HINTS THAT HELP

A. Man would have no real knowledge God if He had not revealed Himself. He vealed Himself first through the ophets at different times and places. ut the final and complete revelation of mself was through Jesus Christ.

B. When we look at Christ as a velation of God, what do we see? We see first that He is a God of love and goodness. It would be difficult to look at Jesus and see how anyone could not believe in the love and goodness of God.

C. Some people have the idea that when a Christian dies he becomes an angel. There is no Scripture for this. Angels were created for one purpose and man another. When men who are saved by God's grace get to glory, they will become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ and will be above the angels.

D. The Book of Hebrews shows us that Christ is superior to many things. He is superior because He was God clothed in human flesh. There has never been nor will there ever be another like Him.

E. Aren't you glad that God decided to reveal Himself to man? Think where we would be if God had not decided to reveal Himself to us.—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**.

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We must hear **obediently.** What God has spoken fails of His purpose unless it is heard. Hearing is futile unless His Word is heeded. It is imperative that we hear to know the will of God and, knowing, do His will (Matthew 7:24-29; John 8:31; 14:15; James 1:23-25).

We must hear **steadfastly.** A warning is sounded in today's lesson for the careless or neglecting hearer. Continuing attention must be given to God's Word lest we drift away from the things we have heard or let them slip away from us (2:1). Neglect of God's salvation revealed through the Lord and the apostles is sufficient to destroy us. The man who neglects his business comes to financial ruin. The farmer who neglects sowing and reaping receives no increase. Likewise, the Christian who neglects the ''great salvation'' inevitably comes to spiritual ruin.

There is an **urgency** in hearing. Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). The ''more-convenient-season'' and the ''plenty-of-time-yet'' philosophies concerning salvation are merely Satanic lies.

How are we hearing? This is the question each of us must ask himself.

Are we hearing like an inattentive man—the words going in one ear and out the other? This is a person who sits sleepily through a Sunday school lesson or sermon and pays no attention to what is said.

Are we hearing like a man with his ears closed? Are our minds made up so that we no longer are open and receptive to God's Word?

Are we hearing like a man with a barrier between him and the Word? Some of the barriers might be money, pleasure, lust, etc. that keep us from hearing the Word.

Or are we hearing like an attentive and obedient man? Such a one will give his heart, hands, and feet to the doing of God's will.

It is good to ask ourselves how we are hearing. But another most significant question is, ''To whom are we listening?'' Evidently many, even many Christians, are not listening to God. Are we listening to Satan? Eve did. She broke God's law and lost her home. Are we listening to the world and accepting its standards? If so, we will neglect and disobey God's will and lose our eternal home. Let's listen to God. Hear Him!—Adapted from **Standard Lesson Commentary.**

B. ''There has never been any good reason for any person to be confused about the nature and character of God since Jesus came and lived among us. He is the revelation of God. This means that as Jesus was, God is. If we want to know how God would act in any situation, let us see how Jesus acted in that situation. If we want to know what God thinks about everything, let us discover what Jesus thought about it; then we will know.

''Two brothers stood one day looking at the picture of their dead father. One was much older than the other. The father had died before the younger one knew him well enough to remember him, and as the two stood before the picture the younger one said, 'Tell me about our father. What kind of man was he?' The older boy started to describe their father as he had known him, but the younger one, somehow, wasn't just satisfied with that; he asked, 'Tell me—was Father

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

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## MAJOR DONORS VISIT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whorton of Stonewall, major donors to Mount Olive College, are shown with President W. Burkette Raper inspecting the site on the new campus where the College Union will be constructed. The Whortons recently made a gift of $100,000 to Mount Olive College which will be applied on the cost of the College Union.



President Raper reported that the board of trustees was expected to select an architectural firm during February to design both a College Union and a Physical Education Center. Fund-raising efforts for both projects are being conducted as a part of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary program which will culminate in 1976. (Mount Olive College was chartered in 1951.)

"Both the College Union and Physical Education Center are urgently needed and both are essential for the continued progress and growth of our College," President Raper declared. "The cost of these buildings cannot be accurately determined until preliminary architectural drawings are completed this summer, but we want our friends to know that we are diligently planning for the future."

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## NEW CREATIONS ANNOUNCE SPRING SCHEDULE

The "New Creations," a musical group of twelve students from Mount Olive College, have announced a busy schedule for the spring semester. Their program consists of Christian music and inspirational testimonies and is designed for all ages.

February 23, 7 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville.

March 9, 7 p. m., Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Snow Hill.

March 16, 7 p. m., Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro.

March 23, 11 a. m., Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex.

April 6, 11 a.m., Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia.

April 13, Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church (Tentative).

April 20, 11 a. m., Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden.

May 3, "Christian Music Festival," Eagles Nest, Mount Olive College.

Members of the New Creations include the following. Sharlene Creech, Goldsboro; Kathy Brickhouse, Columbia; Debra Pittman, Wilson; Debbie Rackley, Momeyer; Cathy Wallace, Mount Olive; Sandi Whitley, Kenly; James Cahoon, Columbia; Ricky Lambert, Benson; Harper Shakelford, Walstonburg; Barry Whitley, Cocoa, Florida; Phillip Wood, Chinquapin; and, Danny Woodcock, Mount Olive.

Miss Caroline Castelloe, professor of mathematics at Mount Olive College, is adviser to the group.

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## MOC HIGH SCHOOL DAY

by Roberta Davis, Freshman

Mount Olive College will host high school students on February 22, 1975. The occasion is High School Day which is organized and conducted by faculty and students.

High School Day activities include registration of guests at 10 a. m., student tours of the campus and conferences with the faculty beginning at 10:30 a. m., and a luncheon and entertainment at 12:15 p. m.

Registration will be handled by Miss Wood and Mrs. Walker, members of Mount Olive College's staff. There will be complete tours of the Henderson Building, Moye Library, Student Center, the dormitories, Rodgers Chapel, and the downtown campus. Student hosts will participate in the tours under the supervision of several faculty members. Visiting students will be encouraged to meet with teachers and inquire about class activities and courses offered at Mount Olive College. Lunch will be served courtesy of the College.

Mr. Russell Duncan, director of admissions, stated the purpose of High School Day. He said, "It affords students an opportunity to personally see the educational opportunities offered by Mount Olive College."

Miss Caroline Castelloe, math professor, will coordinate all of the activities for the day. Under her supervision, several committees will plan the tours, displays, and brochures.

Mount Olive College students and faculty extend a personal welcome to all high school students and their families to attend the special occasion on February 22, 1975.

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## S. S. LESSON

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anything like you?' Said the older brother, 'He was a great man. I am not great. But there are those who say I look like him, and that I walk like him, and that I have his voice. . . .' The younger brother interrupted: 'Ah! Now I know. My father was like you. Whenever I want to know what he was like I will look at you.'

"The older one was stunned; he had no answer for this, because he knew how much less of a man he was than his father had been. But with Jesus it was not like this: He invited men to look at Him and see the Father, to look at Him and make up their minds what God was. No other man ever dared to make such a statement."—**Tarbell's Teacher's Guide, 1968.**

## FEATURE

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Mrs. Viola has spent a week each year at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, for the past eighteen years. This is one of the great pleasures in her life and she has made many friends during these conferences. She returns home each year with a renewed faith and urges her church family to support Cragmont with their offerings and prayers.

Although church activities constitute most of her time, Mrs. Viola was also very active in community and school activities. She is still secretary of the Deep Run Demonstration Club. She once served as president of the Deep Run School Parent-Teacher Association.

Mr. Johnny died after a brief illness on May 31, 1968, only about six months before their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Viola lives alone now but is still as active as health permits. She has always enjoyed having flowers and working in her garden, and sharing these with others. Her flowers have long beautified the altar of her church.

By any human standard of measurement, she is a very remarkable woman who has made a significant difference in her community, her church, her home, and with anyone whose life has touched hers. To say the least, Smith's New Home church is proud of Mrs. Viola. She has been a loyal and devoted member for fifty-seven years.

"It is indeed a pleasure for each of us gathered together tonight to honor one of our members who has given so much of herself serving the Lord in anyway possible. Through the years she has done a splendid job in each position of service, whether it be recording the church minutes, mailing letters, or cleaning the church. She has been ready to serve. Loyalty to God and her church seems to be her goal throughout life.

"Long before I entered the ministry, I knew of Mrs. J. J. Blizzard's dedication to her church. Little did I realize that one day I would become her pastor. To know her is to love her.

"As we pause tonight we thank the Lord for your life and each kind deed you extend to those you come in contact with. Truly you are a blessing to each of us.

"May God bless and keep you in the years to come is my prayer."—The Rev. Bobby Harrell, pastor of Smith's New Home Church.

"My first memories of Mrs. Viola are seeing her and her family on their way to church and Sunday school. This has been the pattern of her whole life, attending faithfully the Lord's house. Not only church services, but Mrs. Viola has served her Lord by visiting the sick, many times walking miles in order to do so.

"Your sisters in Christ wish to express to you their love and appreciation for the years of service and faithfulness you have given our ladies auxiliary at Deep Run church of which you are a member. You are and have been a living example of what Jesus said, 'A tree is known by its fruits.' We know you as a fruit-bearing tree."—Mrs. Doris Smith, president of Deep Run Woman's Auxiliary.

"For years, since I have become a Christian, I have heard of the good works of this fine Christian lady through the pages of **The Free Will Baptist**. Even then her work for our denomination was quite prevalent. It was not until many years later that I met her. Her Christian attitude and her willingness to work for the Lord made a deep impression on me.

"I have seen her in the past ten years at many conventions and union meetings. Her work in the meetings has always been a blessing to the denomination and the unions. She has served with dignity and always unselfishly.

"Sister Blizzard has always been a source of inspiration to the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church. When there was no service in her home church, she has been a frequent and welcome visitor to Deep Run. She holds a special place in our hearts.

"It is my personal wish and the wishes of the Deep Run church that God will continue to bless this faithful servant of His. I believe that Christ would say about Sister Blizzard, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' "—The Rev. Melvin K. Everington, pastor of Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church.

I have known Sister Viola Blizzard all my life, but came to really know her as I began to serve God in the Free Will Baptist Church. The recording of minutes of meetings is very important. It was here that you found Sister Blizzard, ever faithful in attendance and serving.

"When I became her pastor, again I found it a blessing to witness her faithfulness and service, both as church cle and a choir member.

"She has always faithfully supporte church activities that were for the ad vancement of the kingdom of God, an as her pastor you were aware of he prayerful support of your ministry.

"Sister Blizzard has long been person to inspire others by her devotion to God and his kingdom work here o earth. May God's blessings continue t be hers and may her rewards be grea when she hears her Master say, 'Wel done, thy good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' " —The Rev. Andrew J. Hill, forme pastor of Smith's New Home Free Wil Baptist Church.

"In October, 1948 I became pastor o Smith's New Home Free Will Baptis Church, where I met Sister Viola. I hac already heard of her faithfulness, along with her husband, Brother Johnny, to Christ and His church. During the four years I served as their pastor, I came to love and appreciate both of them abundantly. I will always remember the fellowship we had together, not only at church but in their home.

"Sister Blizzard kept excellent records as church clerk. She was ever ready to play the piano when needed, and if anyone with more training was available, she was just as willing to sing in the choir. Through the years she has represented her church and woman's auxiliary at both the conference and state levels. I am almost certain that she has written more subscriptions to our denominational paper, **The Free Will Baptist**, than any other person in the world. It can truly be said of her as it was of Mary of old; 'She hath done what she could: . . .' (Mark 14:8). Like James she has shown her faith by her works.

"Perhaps the key to this great Christian life is best revealed in this: Brother and Sister Blizzard started their family altar on their wedding night and trusting in their Saviour continued steadfast. I thank God for both of them and the privilege for having my life touched by theirs.—The Rev. C. L. Patrick, former pastor of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church.

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Paul Harvey, journalist, declared, "If it is our intention to keep God out of the schools, then let us keep athestic professors from promoting their godless religion, too."

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

## THICK APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Rev. David R. Thick

The appointment of David Thick as rector of development of the Free Will aptist Children's Home was recently nnounced by the superintendent, Sam eeks. Mr. Thick not only serves in this apacity, but also he and his wife serve s houseparents of the Smith's Cottage.

Mr. Thick will direct the entire rogram of development and public lations for the Home. His first program as been developed which is called "The ghthouse Ministry." Please carefully ead the following article with a prayer in our heart for its success.

### The Lighthouse Ministry

With the coming of our Lord and aviour, God made possible salvation for l mankind. Those who accepted this ernal life were taught to follow in the aster's footsteps. As holy men of God corded the life and teachings of Jesus, ey found that His steps always led to e needs of others. Included in the achings of Jesus was a deep concern nd love for little children.

It is evident that this same love and ncern lodge deep in the hearts of Free ill Baptist people because for nearly xty years they have provided a home for many needy children. For the needs of the Home and for the cause of Christ they are determined that the children should "suffer not." We at the Home praise God for your love and concern and we are proud to serve with you in this ministry.

It is because of your love for these children that we would like to share with you the birth of a new ministry. It is called "The Lighthouse Ministry." We want to build upon the foundation that was lain nearly sixty years ago. Of course, the first things that would come to your minds are the questions: What is the lighthouse ministry? How does it work? Is it necessary? The purpose of this article is to answer these questions.

What is the lighthouse ministry? The lighthouse ministry is a membership of Christians that desire and feel a need to establish a memorial endowment program for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. It is our prayer that every church and every individual will desire to become a member. That hand in hand of Free Will Baptist churches will build a perpetual "lighthouse" for every child that should come our way in the future. As Jesus gave to mankind an eternal hope, we would like to give to the children a perpetual hope. We believe the lighthouse ministry will serve this purpose.

How does it work? Every church that desires to become a member of the lighthouse ministry shall begin a one thousand dollar memorial endowment in the name of their church. A certificate of membership in the lighthouse ministry shall be presented to the church for appropriate display. For each additional thousand dollars placed in the endowment, a gold cross shall be affixed to the certificate.

The endowment shall be presented to the Children's Home. In turn, the superintendent shall place the endowment in the Church Finance Association, or as agreed to by the donor, so that the Home will receive annual interest to help assure the needs of the children in years to come. Each additional love gift sent to the Home, from a lighthouse member, could be accredited to their endowment.

If a church desires to become a member, but cannot do so immediately, perhaps this endowment could become a challenge to the church to be reached within two or three years. As a church prospers and sends in their lighthouse contribution, we would apply those funds to the growth of the church's endowment. If an individual desires to become a member of the lighthouse ministry, his or her endowment shall bear that individual's name or a loved one as desired.

In answer to the last question, "Is it necessary?" every Christian must say yes. First and foremost, the lighthouse ministry will please God. We truly believe that this ministry will be "a cup of cool water" that Jesus speaks of as found in the Book of Matthew. Second, we at the Children's Home want to share in the opportunity to serve. The children at the Home will always know the "giving side" of the Free Will Baptists too! Thus, on February 9, 1975, a small group of staff and children (Memorial Chapel) voted to become a member of the lighthouse ministry. Yes, we believe it can be done and we hope you will search your hearts and join us in this new work. Third, we must realize the value of an endowment program. The endowment program will simply assure you that the needs of our children will be met in years to come. After all, hospitals and colleges have this program. Should our children deserve any less? We believe you will say no, "they deserve the best!" Fourth, the endowment program will help make available funds for every church through the services of the Church Finance Association.

It is our prayer that each of you will give approval to the lighthouse ministry as a work of unity within our denomination. A work that will serve children in the name of our Lord.

If any church or individual desires Mr. Thick to come and share detailed information about this ministry, please contact the superintendent of the Home for an appointment. Mr. Thick is available to come to churches on any day of the week to present detailed information.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Leslie Hawley Ordained To the Gospel Ministry**



In a special service on January 24, at St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, the Rev. Leslie Hawley was ordained to the gospel ministry by members of the Western Conference Ordaining Council.

Mr. Hawley has been a Wilson businessman for several years, working in a local office supply company. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson where he has served as deacon, teacher, and filled other offices. The church granted him minister's license in 1973.

Members of the Ordaining Council included the Rev. C. F. Bowen, chairman, who also preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. DeWayne Eakes, pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Lucama, presented the Bible as the new minister's guide to faith and practice. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly, led the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands. The Rev. William Dale, pastor of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, presented Mr. Hawley with his official credentials.

Mr. Hawley was ordained in the church of which he has been serving as pastor for the past year. He and his wife live in the church's parsonage. During the service Mr. Hawley was given a new Bible by his congregation.

The new minister has been taking correspondence work in biblical studies from the Moody Bible School in Chicago, Illinois. He and his wife have three sons, one of whom was ordained to the ministry a few years ago.

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**Harvester's Crusade Team At Sidney Church**

The Harvester's Crusade Team from Lynchburg Baptist College, Lynchburg, Virginia, will be at the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, February 21-23. Services for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings will begin at 7:30, with the Sunday morning worship service at eleven o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend and worship with the church on these occasions.

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**Old-Fashioned Service At Riverside Church**

Sunday night, February 23, an old-fashioned worship service will be held at the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton. The service will begin at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Joe Johnston, speaking. The service will include special singing, testimony time, and a wonderful fellowship with one another. The pastor and the church membership cordially invite the public to attend. Especially are pastors, deacons, teachers, and laymen invited.

Church reporter, Velma Toler, states: "Many years ago churches had 'amen corners and mourners' benches,' we plan to include these in our wor service. Please come and worship us."

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**Fifteen Receive Attendance Pins At St. Paul Sunday School**



Sunday, January 19, the Sund School of St. Paul Free Will Bapt Church, Elizabeth City, presented students perfect attendance pins for t year, 1974. Mr. Thomas Noone superintendent, expressed his a preciation for those receiving the pin They were as follows:

First year, Joanie Hayman and Sa Strollo; third year, George Pierce, Sar Pierce, and Jimmie Lamb; fourth yea Jimmy Raper and Teresa Lamb; fifth yea Marjorie Lamb; sixth year, Paula Lam and Connie Lamb; ninth year, Mrs. H. Fowler; thirteenth year, Bonita Ambros fourteenth year, the Rev. John Owen seventeenth year, Calvin Ambros twentieth year, Eunice Ambrose.

Miss Bonita Ambrose who receive her thirteenth year pin has never misse a Sunday in Sunday school since sh was born, not even for illness. She wa born on Monday, and the followin Sunday her parents took her to Sunda school and she has never missed Sunday since.

The superintendent states: "Ou Sunday school is very proud of all ou members and we hope to have even mor perfect attendance next year."

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**Faith Sunday School Presents Forty Attendance Pins**

The Faith Sunday School of Faith Fre Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Four Oaks recently presented 40 perfect attendanc pins to Sunday school members for th year, 1974. The awards were as follows

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## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### PEOPLE AREN'T FUNNY, THEY'RE CRAZY

A company station wagon pulled from parking area of a restaurant into the h of my car. Only a miracle kept the cars apart. The driver must have en hurrying to punch a clock at eight.

sn't that crazy? Is it better to be two utes late for work or cause yourself another to arrive dead at the spital? Or is it better to die on a full mach than skip a breakfast you n't have time to eat?

How often do you foolishly do similar ngs?

Some housewives will risk heart tacks, strokes, or other physical lamity to keep their house presentable. ch morning every bed in the house ust be "made" immaculately. For hat? To be torn up again that night.

Since they have become popular, even the street you can see a lady wearing ong dress. It makes you wonder if she ere chilly when she dressed until you e the dress has no back and not much nt above the waist.

An American will go the extra mile in ving an ultramodern building signed. From there, everything he es is the cheapest. Does it make you easy to ride a fast elevator and realize was installed by the lowest bidder?

A man will twist rules, turn corners, anything ethical, and sometimes ethical, to provide a nice "living" for mself and his family. Yet, he'll fail to complish the one job he was born r—communion with God for now roughout eternity.

Are people funny? No, they're crazy. u see, we mishandle our priorities. At st once each day we should, with the aster Psychiatrist, go over our list; d, if the importants have become ggled, we can right them before the ots begin growing.

# GEORGE'S HATCHET

*(This poem was learned by Mrs. George L. Rouse of Winterville while she was a student in a two-room school in Greenville in 1901. She quotes this poem from memory even today, and did so for the editor when he visited her home a short while ago. In view of the fact that February 22 is George Washington's birthday and he has been called the "Father of His Country," we thought it appropriate to print the poem. We thank Mrs. Rouse for this contribution to our magazine.)*



He had a hatchet—little George—
A hatchet bright and new,
And sharp enough to cut a stick—
A little stick in two.

He hacked and whacked and hacked and whacked,
This sturdy little man;
He hacked a log and hacked a fence
As round about he ran.



He hacked his father's cherry tree
And made an ugly spot;
The bark was soft and hatchet sharp
And little George forgot.

You know the rest: The father frowned
And asked the reason why;
You know the good old story runs
He could not tell a lie.

The boy who chopped the cherry tree
Soon came to be a youth;
At work or books he whacked away,
And still he told the truth.

The youth became a famous man—
Above six feet in height;
And when he had some work to do,
He whacked with all his might.

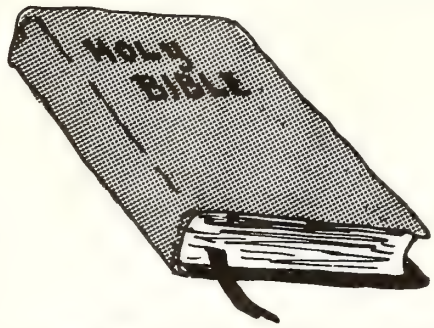


He fought the army which the king
Had sent across the sea;
He battled up and down the land
And set his country free.

For seven long years he hacked and whacked
With all his might and main,
Until the British sailed away
And did not come again.



—From **Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans.**




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Are there any conditions in which it is better to break a matrimonial engagement than to keep it?

**Answer:** Yes, I think so. One should, in ordinary conditions and circumstances, keep his commitments or pledges, especially that which pledges him or her to another in matrimony. If one in hast, however, has given himself or herself to another in the form of a matrimonial engagement and discovers the companion, instead of being serious about the commitment, has acted flippant, unchaste, or has broken the engagement by having been more familiar to another of the opposite sex than the Bible allows; then, it probably would show wisdom on the part of the party sinned against to break the engagement immediately to prevent further grief.

The Old Testament as well as the New was rather strict here for it, in certain cases, called for the death penalty for the culprit. "When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house" (Deuteronomy 24:1); "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery" (Matthew 5:31, 32).

To be betrothed, as was the case of Joseph and Mary when it was found out by Joseph that she was pregnant by the Holy Ghost, according to Mosaic Law he should have her accused to the authorities. However, had this pregnancy been of natural means, Joseph in his day could report her and have her stoned until she died in the public place of execution; or he could put her away without a public announcement of the divorce, which he was contemplating before the angel assured him that this thing was of the Holy Ghost and he accepted this fact.

We give these facts to call our attention to the fact that there are rare circumstances under which it would be in keeping with the Bible's teaching on the subject to break an engagement to be married.

The best way for the Christians is to obey God here as in all events in life. Scripture says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

A couple that obeys the Scripture in a recent Sunday school lesson would hardly need to break an engagement to be married, for he would not take the initiative in it. God must have the initiative in all things if a Christian is to prosper as God has designed that he should. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil" (Proverbs 3:5-7).

This "being wise" in one's own heart, brings grief and regrets. In such a case as one of this type or mood, when he has pledged the wrong thing (while such controls him and he comes to his senses later) it would be better to break a bad engagement than later to serve a life's sentence of unhappiness.

Sandison, in answering a similar question on Page 166 in his book **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered,** answered a similar question as follows:

"It is an old and perhaps fairly true proverb that 'a bad promise is be broken than kept,' but its too gen application gives opportunity for a fic excuse for promise-breaking, where the obligations of honor and duty poin a different course. If, however, it sho be clearly shown that the promise wa bad one, calculated to make two li miserable, and given impulsively a without experience, wisdom wo suggest its reconsideration by bo parties. While there is nothing mo contemptible than a disregard for honorable pledge, there is nothing mo foolish than to hesitate at an honorab avowal of one's mistake before it is t late."

## Coming Events . . .

March 8—North Carolina State Co vention of Free Will Baptist League Winterville, North Carolina, Free W Baptist Church, beginning at 10 A.M.

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March 8—Piedmont District Youth Ral (Bible Bowl Quiz, Essay, an Declamation Runoffs for AFCs and YFAs First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham Beginning at 12 Noon

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April 19—North Carolina State Bibl Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptis Church, Durham, beginning at 2:3 P.M.

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May 8—North Carolina State Woman' Auxiliary Spring Convention, Eas Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

### REQUEST FROM HOME MISSIONS

**I know you want to do all you can to help spread the gospel and to keep our people well-informed about what is going on in our Lord's work. You can help in a great way by sending me, Taylor Hill, secretary-treasurer of the Home Missions Department, the names and addresses of your active church members. We would appreciate this very much. Please feel free to call on the Home Missions Department at anytime. We are here to represent you and to serve you.**

**Send all contributions to me at 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.**

# Little Children

**by Dorothea Martin**



MARY JANE brushed her hair vigorously. She wanted to get out all tangles possible so that it would not pull so much when Mother combed and braided it.

"How does hair manage to get istelf so tangled?" she asked herself.

Revivals were going on at Quiet Corners, and Mary Jane's family attended regularly. It meant hurrying with the work on the big farm, but the Miller family believed in putting God's work first. Every evening found them all at church, and on time. Didn't God have something very special prepared for them each evening?

There was one member of the family, however, who went to church because it was fun to play with the others before and after church. She loved the singing and the children's meetings. It was fun to talk finger language to Jean across the aisle when Mother wasn't looking, but the sermons—

Sermons are long and hard to understand. Anyway they're for big folks, reasoned Mary Jane as she kept on wiggling in her seat. They're simply not for children—

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not."

What? What was that? What did the minister read? Did he say children? Guess I'll listen a bit.

"Tonight," continued the minister, "I feel that God would have me speak especially to children. Heaven will be filled with children. Heaven will ring with children's voices. God loves the children. Tonight let us turn to the Epistle of 1 John and see what the Apostle has written there—"

Mary Jane slipped the Bible from her mother's lap and quickly turned to 1 John.

"Were those words actually in the Bible?" she wondered. Why, yes, there they were. Her eyes followed the lines. Jean's fingers were flying, trying to send Mary Jane a message, but she didn't have time to take it. Wasn't God trying to send her one, too? And if He was trying to talk to her, she surely wanted to listen. Jean would just have to wait.

"In Verse 12, chapter two," the minister continued, "we find these words: 'I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.' God freely forgives each one who comes to Him. Verse 13: 'I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.' Even children may know the heavenly Father personally—intimately—truly."

Well, thought Mary Jane, I wish I had been reading my Bible more closely; this is interesting. And to think I didn't even know it was there.

"And now, little children, abide in Him. Now that you have had your sins forgiven, now that you know the Father, know what a wonderful Saviour He is, just take Him at His Word and live in Him. Live in Him, for Him, and with Him.

"If you love Him and want to serve Him, see what He has to say about it in chapter three, Verse 18, 'My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.' It means to live a life which will show to others that we are truly God's children."

Like being kind to little yellow San Ling, even if the other children aren't kind, thought Mary Jane, and helping blind Kate across the street, and reading the Bible because you really want to know what God has to say, and living inside like you want it to look on the outside.

"And in closing this wonderful letter," the minister concluded, " 'Little children, keep yourselves from idols.' You see God loves us so dearly that He doesn't want anything separating us from Him. Isn't this a wonderful love letter? It is just full of the love of God. I want each of you to ask yourself this question, How am I going to answer this message from God?"

Mary Jane was a very serious little girl as she walked down the aisle and gave the minister her hand. Down on her knees she prayed to a loving heavenly Father—her own heavenly Father. He wasn't just for older folks. His epistles were also to children to tell them He loved them, too.

"Oh, thank you, Father!" said Mary Jane.—**Words of Cheer.**

**STORIES**

**for our youth**






## REACHING OUT

by
Rachel Duncan, Vice-President
State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

After attending one of our auxiliary meetings, I began to think about our method of closing our service. Everyone stood in a circle holding hands, facing inward toward each other. Although this is done to represent an unbroken circle of love and unity, I wonder if perhaps there is something we are overlooking.

Suddenly, I remembered how water looks when a pebble is cast into it. From the center the waves circle out in all directions. Shouldn't our church circles be reaching outward to touch those outside? Then Christian love and fellowship would go outward from the Rock (Christ) and the gospel, like the waves, and would spread throughout the world.

Jesus, while on earth, became directly involved with the people. He comforted the brokenhearted, healed diseases, and fed the hungry. According to His teaching, our lives are judged on the basis of our response to the needs around us. If we follow Him, we must go beyond the comfortable church pew. We cannot isolate ourselves as Christians from the problems and needs of others. We too must move into the mainstream of life.

The compassionate and selfless love of Christ should be seen in the life of every Christian, like a badge worn with honor and humility. For this love Christ died, and by this love we must live.

One of our duties as vice-presidents (local and district) is to serve as promoters of enlistment activities within the state. Please encourage all our ladies to reach out for new members. We have many qualified young women who are willing to work, but may be waiting to be asked. Have someone contact them by phone or personally, and invite them to your next meeting.

God plans His work and works His plan through Christians.

## PIEDMONT DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

by Judi Dickerson,
District Youth Chairman

The Piedmont District Youth Rally will be held on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 12 noon, at the First church of Durham. They will be meeting in the temporary quarters at 908 West Club Boulevard.

All churches in the district are urged to send their youth and participate in the essay, declamation, and Bible Bowl Quiz runoffs for both the AFC and the YFA. If you do not have any youth to participate, send or bring them on to enjoy a day of fellowship with the other youth of the district. We are hoping that this will be one of the largest groups that we have had in a long time. Make your plans now to attend.

Please make note of the temporary address and location. If you are traveling from Greensboro, come 1-85 into Durham to Gregson Street, Northgate exit. Go to the second stop light, turn left, and the church is located half a block on the left. If you are traveling from Raleigh, take Highway 70 and I-85 to Gregson Street exit, go to second stop light, turn left, go half a block, and the church is on the left. If you are traveling from Rockingham or Sanford, take highway 15-501 through Chapel Hill to I-85 and follow directions from Greensboro. If you come in on highway 55, go to highway I-85, towards Greensboro, and follow directions as from Raleigh. If you have problems, the phone number is still the same, 688-3383. Call and someone will come and help lead you to the church.

Don't forget your reports for both the AFC and YFA, and your donation to the meeting.

We shall look forward to seeing you on March 8, at First church in Durham, for the Piedmont Youth Rally.

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## AUXILIARY MANUAL STUDY COURSE

There will be a study course on the Woman's Auxiliary Manual h Thursday evening, February 20, at t Friendship Free Will Baptist Church Middlesex. The course is being taught Mrs. Geneva Wilder, and will beg promptly at 7:30 p. m. All auxilia members in this area are cordially invit to attend.

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## AUXILIARY HONORS MRS. LUCY JONES

On Sunday evening, January 19, in candlelight ceremony, the ladies of th Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Fre Will Baptist Church of Kenly installe their officers for 1975.



Mrs. Joe Sasser, Mrs. Lucy Jones and Mrs. Mina Watson.

However, the highlight of the service was the honoring of Mrs. Lucy Jones by presenting to her a life membership award and an auxiliary pin. The auxiliary president, Mrs. Mina Watson, made the presentation while Mrs. Jones' daughter, Mrs. Joe Sasser, looked on.

For the installation ceremony the altar table was covered with a white lace cloth. The Cross was place at one end of the tables with the open Bible, and a large white candle was placed on the opposite end with white candles for each officer. The paster, the Rev. Clyde Cox, gave each officer her charge and presented to each a candle lighted from the candle on the altar table. The candles were passed on by the president as the charge was given to the next officer. A semicircle was formed around the altar by the officers, each holding the lighted candle to show to the world that their light was shining. This was followed with Mr. Cox accompanying himself on the piano and singing "Jesus Use Me."

Mrs. Watson spoke and gave the president's charge, "A Charge to Keep, I Have."

Mrs. Alma Gray, vice-president of the auxiliary, offered the closing prayer.

## NEWS NOTES

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One year: Marty Allen, Lloyd Stanley, eri Wilkins, John Wilkins, and Roby assengill. Two year: Katie Massengill d Doris Williams. Three years: Tracy agnom and Donald Newell. Four years: une Lassiter, Linda B. Lassiter, Jeff ssiter, Graylon Smith, and Amy ead. Five years: Chris Lassiter, Greg ompson, and Amanda Massengill. Six ars: Lisa Gray Norris and Paula J. mith. Seven years: Mildred McLamb. ght years: Rita Barbons and Kitty ompson. Nine years: Amelia assengill. Eleven years: Cooper ompson. Thirteen years: Sheward assiter and Sally Wagnom. Fourteen ears: Mae Massengill, Ramson assengill, Thomas Tool, Inda Overby, nd Hilda Smith. Seventeen years: Lewis llen. Nineteen years: W. C. Massengill. wenty years: Jason Newell. Twenty-hree years: C. P. Thompson and Fulton assiter. Twenty-four years: Mozelle tanley and Rutha Overby. Twenty-five ears: Charlie B. Massengill and J. Walter Stanley.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley, states: "God has wonderfully blessed our church and Sunday school the past year for which we are very grateful. We ask that you continue to pray for our work."

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### Holly Springs Church Announces Revival



Revival services will be held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route , Kenly, beginning Monday night, February 24, and continuing through Friday, February 28. The Rev. Joe ngram, director of foreign missions, will be the guest speaker. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Royster Martin, and the church membership extend an invitation to everyone to attend.

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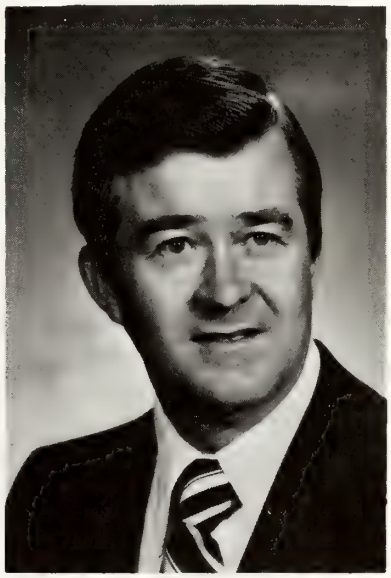
### Mount Olive College Featured At Greenville Church

During the morning worship service Sunday, February 23, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, Mount Olive College will be featured. The speaker for the service will be the Rev. David C. Hansley, special assistant to the president of the college, and the music will be provided by the "New Creation," a singing group from the college.

The Rev. Buddy Sasser is pastor of the church which is located at 2600 South Charles Street (Highway 43). He and the church membership invite everyone to join them in this service.

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### Jack Mayo to Conduct Smithfield Revival



The Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield during the week of March 2-7. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., assisting Mr. Mayo. Special music will be rendered by the church choir during the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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### Plymouth Church Honors New Pastor and Family

Sunday, February 9, at 6 p. m., the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth honored its new pastor, the Rev. Floyd Burkey, and his family with a candlelight welcome hour in the church social hall.

Mr. Burkey is from Greeneville, Tennessee. He is the former pastor of the Centerview Free Will Baptist Church in Newport, Tennessee. The Burkeys have two daughters: Lisa, who is nine years old; and Pamela Burkey Worex, who has recently married and lives in Newport.

The social hall, along with the refreshments, was decorated in the traditional red and white valentine motif. The welcome address was given by Jackie Sadler. Cake was served by Mrs. Charles Spruill Jr., and Mrs. Jackie Sadler presided at the punch bowl. Everyone attending had a very delightful evening.

The pastor and his family will be at home in the church parsonage.

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### Right Hand of Fellowship Service at Holly Springs

A right hand of fellowship service was held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, Sunday, February 9, during the morning worship service. There were ten members welcomed into the church membership as follows: Rachel Lee, James Hinton, Russell and Susan Waddell, Donald and Cynthia Coates, Herman and Verline Ballance, Gladys Aycock, and Pauline Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brincheck stood proxy for Russell and Susan Waddell as they are with the armed forces in Okinawa.

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### Pleasant Hill Church Presents "Bring Them In"

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, will present "Bring Them In" by the Eagles Nest Puppet Production, Sunday evening, February 23, at 7 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Dwight Hawley, and the church membership invite the public to attend.

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## NOTE OF THANKS

"Please allow me space in 'The Free Will Baptist' to express my appreciation to all the various churches and auxiliaries for the many lovely cards and gifts that I received for Christmas. Also a very special 'thank you' to my friends who sent cards containing money. I will always remember each of you in my prayers, and may God bless you for all your kindness."—Mrs. G. C. Joyner, c/o Mrs. Norma Eubanks, Route 4, Box 210, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312.

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His question was ''Pa-pa, what can I do with my hands?'' The answer would have to be considered carefully, for the little boy was depending upon a good answer.

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# Editorial—

## "WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY HANDS?"

The little boy was standing in front of a sturdy pine tree—a tree that overshadowed his little frame and which, in a manner, seemed to offer him its shelter and protection. He was not too interested in the tree; rather, he had other *important* things on his mind. His grandfather was standing nearby, and the little boy felt a security and contentment which only one as young as he can feel in the presence of a loving grandfather. The grandfather smiled at the little tot, watching his every move; and as his grandchild began to speak, he listened intently at his question.

"Pa-pa, what can I do?" The little boy was looking at his hands. His question was not of a frivolous nature; for this little boy, being keen of mind and having perception beyond his years, would not ask a foolish question under this particular situation. When he asked "What can I do?" the inquiry carried with it more than childish curiosity.

The grandfather knew that the child would not be satisfied until he had his answer; and, too, he was well aware that the answer must be one which would be acceptable to a little mind, yet weighted enough with wisdom as to be instructive and at the same time easy to remember. In response to the question, the gentleman (whom the little fellow trusted implicitly) sought to draw from the little brain an elaboration of the question. Encouraging more information, he asked, "What can you do *with what*, son?"

The little boy looked up into the eyes of his grandfather, wrinkling his brow and poking out his lips as little boys do when they express annoyance at the fact that big men sometimes have trouble understanding little boys. Then, looking back at his hands and this time speaking in an emphatic tone, "Pa-pa, what can I do *with my hands*?"

"Pa-pa" was amused at the slight indignation of his grandson and smiled as only grandfathers can smile. Realizing that the question was indeed a serious one which would require a serious answer, he gave careful consideration to the query before he would venture the next response. He peered at the child, wondering what he expected to hear, but knowing, too, that whatever "Pa-pa" said would be satisfactory—to a point. "What can you do with your hands? Anything you want to do, I suppose; but the best thing you can do with them is to *build a life for yourself*." He knew that this would prompt another question.

The little boy's curls were moved slightly by the breeze, as he lifted his head again toward his grandfather's face so he could look into his eyes. His little face bore the same interested expression, showing how intent he was to hear a good answer, which would leave no doubt in his mind. Again, he spoke: "How can I build a *life* for myself with my hands? I can build *houses* with my blocks and little tools—but to build a *life*—how do I do *that*?"

A tough question it was, to be sure; and the answer would not be an easy one. "Let me see, sonny; let me see how I can explain this to you." The grandfather pondered and contemplated his answer. Then it hit him! "What your hands *find to do* will build your life *good* or will build it *bad*." He hoped that this answer would make sense to the little boy. He continued, "You know how it is when you use your blocks and are not careful how you place them?" (The little boy nodded.) "Well," continued the grandfather, "you've seen your house come tumbling down, haven't you—when you didn't build it well?"

'Yes sir!" was the quick response. His eyes lit up at his understanding; then a frown crossed his face. "You mean, Pa-pa, that if I do something *too fast* with my hands that my *life* will come tumblin' down?"

"Not exactly, son; but you must be *careful* what you do. There's a little chorus sung in Sunday school which goes this way: 'Oh be careful, little hands, what you do, Oh be careful, little hands, what you do; For the Father up above Is looking down in love, So be careful, little hands, what you do.' "

The little boy then clapped his hands with glee (as little boys often do when they have come to some realization). "Now I understand, Pa-pa. God sees everythin' I do; and when I do *good things*, I build my *life* good." He emphasized his understanding with a white smile.

With pride the grandfather nodded his affirmation. He hugged the child and took him into his arms, satisfied with the lesson taught and learned, and feeling closer than ever to his little prize. A squirrel in the branch of an oak tree commanded the little red-haired fellow's attention, and the grandfather proceeded to answer questions of a more childish nature about stored nuts and why the squirrels were afraid of people etc.

This brings us here, friends. It has often been said that *wisdom and strength proceed out of the mouths of little children*. Certainly, from this imaginary story we can learn much. We all are building our lives by the things *we do*—the way we *live*. Even as the little boy asked, "What can I do?" each of us can ask the same question. We can ask it of our heavenly Father who is

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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT OR MUSH?

N this day when so much written material on nearly every ject is avilable to us, we read a little a subject and immediately become an hority. We read several books on a en subject and we are critic. We can d about cancer until we feel we are rly as well-informed as the doctor, if threatened with the disease, our wledge ends up fitting into a thimble. us, we read material on the ministry d we know more than the minister ut preaching. Truly, a little reading is angerous thing. We fail to realize that h writer has his own views on how d what to preach. We must also lize that living the role of a minister kes a great deal of difference. We ays joke about the old maid who ows more about rearing children than yone else, and the same can be said out the ministry. There is an old Indian ayer that says, "Great Spirit, help me ver to judge anouther until I have lked in his moccasins for two eks." Each of us would do well to ay this prayer.

However, if we are quick to criticize r ministers and their sermons, let us k to some of the reasons of why we ght do so. We are very guilty of finding degree of dislike for someone when ey say something about us that strikes me. Many ministers are held in a state disregard when they preach one of se "stepping on toes" sermons. It is mply amazing at the things said about e preacher if he starts hitting home th his messages. It could be mething we haven't done as well as mething we have done.

We harp for spiritual sermons. If all we nt is for the minister to stand and read ittle Scripture and tell us a nice Bible ry (or something we want to hear)—then, why have a preacher at all? Just about any Christian is capable of standing and doing this. True, we need the Scripture and the Bible lesson, but we also need to know how to apply these spiritual truths to our daily lives. The preacher qualifies himself to do just this through study of the Bible, meditation, prayer, and reading many other sources of interpretation.

Jesus himself spoke of the meaning of the day-to-day occurrences. He helped the people to interpret the signs of the time. He preached in order to spur men to do—to do things themselves. Our living and our time need to be put into perspective. We need God's light on today—its issues, problems, and needs.

Many times the problem the preacher faces concerning the acceptance of his sermon is because he has threatened the power structure. (You know who the power structure is: those few who usually try to tell the preacher how to do and what to say.) Old folks referred to ministers who heeded such a structure as "sitting on the back doorsteps or back porch preachers." Many ministers stand up for the Lord and do things the way the Lord leads. This may mean preaching against alcoholic beverages when the main backbone of the power structure has a spouse who is an alcoholic. It could be even a minor offense such as preaching a sermon of doing, and the person may be one who always says **no** whenever asked to do something.

In J. Daniel Baumann's **An Introduction to Contemporary Preaching**, he says that a preacher must be courageous. And, indeed, no true minister cuts **his** convictions to fit the community nor does he trim his message to fit his congregation. Paul spoke of this type of courage when he wrote his first letter to the Thessalonians. "For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of convetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ" (1 Thessalonians 2:3-6).

In the end, we the congregation have to put something in to get something in return. It is just like a chewing gum machine—it takes the penny to get the gum. We must prepare ourselves for the message by praying and studying from the end of one sermon until the next. If our preachers seem to be failing us, maybe it is because we are failing them.

Next time before we are so critical of whether the minister has fulfilled certain qualifications of what we think he should do behind the pulpit, let us search our own lives and ask ourselves these questions: Did he step on **my** toes? Did he threaten my present life-style? Did he tell me something I already knew about myself but really didn't want to know? Whatever our answers may be, remember that **he** has received the Great Commission and he is trying to do as the Lord leads him, **not as we lead him**.

by

Winnifred Webster

Beulaville, North Carolina




SUNDAY, MARCH 2
Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 25:13

HIS OWN FAULTY STANDARD

A grocer opened his house for cottage meetings and invited an old woman, saying, "Mary, you need to get saved." She came, and after different people had spoken, he said, "Here's Mary; I want her to get saved, and then she won't be giving me anymore shortweight butter. You know, Mary, I found you cheating me for some weeks; every pound of butter is two ounces short." "Oh, sir," said Mary, "I can tell you how that comes. I lost my pound weight and for five weeks I have used a pound of soap I bought from you as a weight." The grocer said no more.—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We make our own values and standards. When we first deceive, we begin a chain reaction that might well entangle us beyond escape.*

MONDAY, MARCH 3
Scripture Reading—John 3:18

HOME

I turned an ancient poet's book,
And found upon the page:
"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."

Yes, that is true, and something more:
You'll find where'er you roam
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.

But every house where love abides
And Friendship is a guest
Is surely home, and home, sweet home,
For there the heart can rest.

—Henry Van Dyke.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Just as we make our own values; we make our own prisons. Many people considered free have built up walls of resentment, fears, or sometimes even made walls of misguided love.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 4
Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:3

ANGELS' WORK

A poor, tired woman with her children entered a parlor car but the look of relief which had crept into her face quickly vanished when the porter ordered them out. Frightened, they hurried into the next car. A little boy sitting by his aunt saw them, and said, "Auntie, I want to give them my fruit and sandwiches, they look so hungry." The aunt at first objected, but the little fellow persisted, and found they had not had any breakfast. "God bless you," said the mother, and as the boy started back, the eldest child said, "Mother, is that boy an angel?" "Oh, no!" said the mother, "but he's doing an angel's work."—*Kindness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Do we perform our angelic works? We are all endowed with the ability but few of us put forth the activity.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
Scripture Reading—Lamentations 3:26

PRESS ON!

Press on! Though mists obscure
The steep and rugged way,
And clouds of doubt beset,
Soon dawns the brighter day.

Keep on! Though hours seem long
And days deep-fraught with woe,
Let patience have perfect work
And vanquish every foe.

Hope on! Though all is lost
And storms beat high.
Have faith! Be still and know
That God is nigh.

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When the problems of life seemingly beset us from every quarter, what a wonderful assurance that God is ever there to dry our tears and guide our steps.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
Scripture Reading—James 5:16

POWER OF PRAYER

A woman came to a missionary at Bengalore, asking him to interfere and prevent a certain native Christian from praying for her anymore. When asked how she knew that the Christian was praying for her she replied: "I used to perform my worship to the i quite comfortably, but for some t past I have not been able to do Besides, he told me at one time he was praying for my family, now my son and two daughters h become Christians. If he goes praying, he may make me becon Christian, too. He is always bring things to pass with his pray Somebody must make him st —*Missionary Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Prayer is very powerful. Use wisely; but, do make use of it. communicate with others, why with God?*

FRIDAY, MARCH 7
Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:19

THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT T SAY

Two African chiefs once came Dr. Chalmers, a missionary, and sa "We want Christian teachers; v you send them?" Chalmers had one to send, and told them so. T years passed, and these two chi came again. Dr. Chalmers hims happened to be at liberty, and traveled over the intervening count and arrived on Sunday morning. his surprise, he saw the whole villa on their knees in perfect silence. asked one of the chiefs what they we doing, and received the rep "Praying." "But you are not sayi anything," said Dr. Chalme "White man," the chief answere "we do not know what to say. For t years, every Sunday morning, have met here; and for four hours have been on our knees, and we ha been praying like that, but we do n know what to say." What a picture waiting nations!—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We hear a great deal abo missionary work. We know God wishes concerning it, and we woul like to help; but often we wonder our help is even wanted, much les appreciated. It is reassuring to read true account such as the one above.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 10:12

SELF-MEASUREMENT

A little boy came to his mothe saying, "Mamma, I am as tall a Goliath; I am nine feet high." "Wha makes you say that?" asked th surprised mother. "Well, I made little ruler of my own and measure myself with it, and I am just nine fee

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Please explain, ''So Christ is once offered to bear the sins of any; and unto them that look for him all he appear the second time without unto salvation'' (Hebrews 9:28). es this teach a partial rapture?

**Answer:** Not as I understand it. Of urse, like as in the first resurrection, the pture will be of the church only. No saved will be resurrected in the surrection of the church or the first surrection. Neither will there be any saved raptured. ''And I saw thrones, d they sat upon them, and judgment as given unto them: and I saw the souls them that were beheaded for the tness of Jesus, and for the word of d, and which had not worshipped the ast, neither his image, neither had ceived his mark upon their foreheads, in their hands; and they lived and gned with Christ a thousand years. t the rest of the dead lived not again til the thousand years were finished. is is the first resurrection. Blessed and ly is he that hath part in the first surrection: on such the second death th no power, but they shall be priests God and of Christ, and shall reign with m a thousand years'' (Revelation 20:4-

Since Christ's own resurrection is scribed as being both essential to ours d a testimony to the fact that we who e in Christ shall rise. Paul, under spiration, writes: ''And if Christ be not ised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in ur sins. Then they also which are llen asleep in Christ are perished. If in is life only we have hope in Christ, we e of all men most miserable. But now is irst risen from the dead, and become e firstfruits of them that slept. For nce by man came death, by man came so the resurrection of the dead. For as Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming'' (1 Corinthians 15:17-23); ''For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord'' (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17); ''Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law'' (1 Corinthians 15:51-56).

Dr. Louis T. Talbot in his book, **Bible Questions Answered**, answers a similiar question as follows on Page 186:

''This verse does not teach a partial rapture, nor does any other passage teach such a doctrine. 1 Corinthians 15:23 distinctly says, 'Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.' The expression, 'they that are Christ's at his coming,' includes every child of God.

''As for the text you quote, if you will read the whole chapter, you will see that the apostle is expounding the meaning of the Jewish tabernacle service. The position of the people before the door of the tabernacle, waiting for the high priest to come out, is the position of every believer, whether he understands it or not. Every believer is waiting for the Lord to return. He may not understand dispensational truth; he may know very little about the Lord's second coming; but positionally he is waiting for the Lord to appear 'the second time apart from sin unto salvation'—salvation of the body for the church; national salvation for Israel.''

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## READERS' SAY-SO

I have just finished reading this week's edition of ''The Free Will Baptist'' and I must say I enjoyed its entire contents very much, as I always do. However, I would like to make a special comment on your editorial, ''Final Notice.'' It was a great piece of literature and certainly contained more than one lesson. Among them, I couldn't help but think of the ''whys.'' It is my contention that if children were told the ''whys'' of a ''no'' answer, they would better understand why their parents are often forced to say ''no.'' So many of them say ''no'' with no explanation as to the right or wrong; therefore, the children do not understand and think they have been told ''no,'' just because of authority. It would be so simple to explain why it's best to say ''no,'' then I think there would be more communication between children and parents today. Do you not agree?

Also, I would like to commend Mr. Calvin Mercer Jr. for his outstanding article, ''God's Word and the Pulpit.'' I think and believe wholeheartedly that if the preachers would return to the enthusiastic way of preaching, instead of this modern preaching, there would be a lot more souls won for Christ. So many of them today seem to fear stepping on someone's toes; and believe me, some toes need stepping on for it might touch their hearts. I was brought up hearing this old-time gospel preached, but it seems today that it's all but faded out.

I am sitting now listening to ''Gospel Sunshine'' on the radio, and believe me, the music, singing, and preaching are soul inspiring.

Thank you for your wonderful paper each week.—Mrs. Eleanor Tew, Member of First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston.




## BLACK JACK WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRESENTS LIFE AWARD

Friday evening, January 23, 1975, was a very special evening for our auxiliary members and friends at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville.

It was at our auxiliary meeting that our president, Mrs. Ernestine Forrest, had the privilege to give honor to one of our very special members—one who was not only dear to our auxiliary, but to our hearts and lives also. Mrs. Forrest was to present the Life Membership Award to Mrs. Pattie Ruth Mills. But before she could learn of this honor bestowed to her, Mrs. Pattie Ruth passed away and left our midst October 15, 1974. Although Mrs. Pattie Ruth was not present with us, her family was there to accept the award, representing her in their true Christian-like spirit, for which they are very well known. Mrs. Forrest stated, "It is true that Mrs. Pattie Ruth has left a weakened spot in our auxiliary—a link in our chain that is now missing; but we can be so thankful that we are left with a beautiful memory—a beautiful memory of a lovely person. Let us use our memory of her untiring efforts, her loyalty, her dedication, and even her love for this auxiliary as a challenge to spur us on to do greater accomplishments for our Lord in the future."

"Now," said Mrs. Forrest, "I'd like to present some very heartwarming and touching remarks that have been compiled as a background for this occasion by Mrs. Virginia Hudson. We may add that Mrs. Virginia was the recipient of this award last year, and having had the experience of receiving it, we know no one more qualified to compile the merits for this award than she. This is what she has written:

"A woman with a great faith; for her price is far above rubies. Strength and honor were her clothing. She opened her mouth with wisdom and her tongue was the law of kindness (see Proverbs 31).

"To whom could we relate these verses of Scripture? None other than the woman this auxiliary chose to be our 'Woman of the Year' and to receive the Life Membership Award—Mrs. Pattie Ruth Mills.

"She came, . . . she was, . . . and she went! Yes, Pattie Ruth came into the world on May 11, 1912, when she was born to Mr. and Mrs. Blaney Harper, an outstanding Christian family of the Black Jack Community. It is a great honor to be chosen 'The Woman of the Year' and be given the Life Membership Award.

"She was, because she was loved by everyone and was a truly faithful Christian. She became a member of the church as a young girl. From the very beginning of her Christian life, she was active in the work of the church and became a member of the auxiliary many years ago. Pattie Ruth regularly attended and participated in the programs, services, and activities of the church including worship services, business conferences, Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, and study sessions. She was particulary active in the support of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and solicited subscriptions for **The Free Will Baptist** for many years. You could count on her to do her share and often more of the normal duties of our auxiliary, our church, and community services, too (to those in need, the sick, and bereaved). Indeed, you can say Pattie Ruth was an active church member who was willing to put her faith in action. She was one of those rare persons who touched one's life and added a special dimension to it. Her love, concern, involvement, and thoughtfulness were always obvious to others. She was one to push forward for our mission programs. She enjoyed carrying out special projects to promote this work.

"Since becoming a member of the woman's auxiliary, she held many offices and was an exceptional leader and worker. She always kept up with all phases of our auxiliary and church wo by attending the conventions a participating willingly and helping everyway she could to promote o auxiliary and our church to be a bett place of worship.

"In the youth work of the church, s taught Sunday school classes, organiz our youth choir, and worked with the many years. She taught and directe Bible school and served as chairman the refreshment committee for a lor time.

"It saddens our heart that God calle her home before we had the chance present to her this award. Her absen has been difficult to accept and to adju to, but we believe that God is too wise make a mistake and too merciful to b unjust. Because of the kind of perso Pattie Ruth was our auxiliary and churc is a better place and many of us ar better persons by the examples she ha set.

"The time of her departure wa October 15, 1974. She had fought a goo fight, had finished the course, and ha kept the faith. She was also a good wif mother, grandmother, family membe and friend. After sixty-two years devoted love and care, she left h immediate family and friends their goo times with her to remember. We mour her passing and have to adjust to li without her and look forward to a reunio with her. She is survived by h husband, Mr. Lester Mills; thre daughters, Irene Stancil, Pats McCarter, and Anna Kay Mills; on foster son, Theodore Bradshaw; an ten grandchildren.

"When God called she immediate went to be with Him. Her life with us wa great. She lived a full life of Christia witnessing.

"Indeed she came, . . . she was, . . and she went; and so it will be for th remainder of us. So tonight, we woul like to present to her family the Li Membership Award of the Woman' Auxiliary.

"The highest qualification for an award is found in God's Word. Patti Ruth fits the description of God's idea woman as found in Proverbs 31:30, 31 '. . . a woman that feareth the LORD, sh shall be praised. Give her of the fruit o her hands; and let her own works prais her in the gates.' "

After the reading, Mrs. Forrest aske that a member of Mrs. Pattie Ruth'

mily come forward to receive the ward. Mr. Lester, her husband, came d graciously accepted the award for r family. "As President of this xiliary," Mrs. Forrest continued, "I eem it a great privilege, a high honor, d a sweet pleasure to present to you is outstanding award won by your wife d a mother, as 'Woman of the Year,' rs. Pattie Ruth Mills.

"I hope that this occasion will always a gorgeous flower in your garden of emories, and whenever you need unshine in your life, just go to your arden of memories, open the gate, and ast your eyes on this gorgeous blooming ower—one of many in your precious arden of memories."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd and
Mrs. Louise Stokes, Publicity
Committee for Black Jack Church

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## HELP NEEDED

ear Cape Fear Youth Sponsors and Pastors:

The time is far spent and the tempo is low. Our Bible Bowl Quiz runoff will be t the new Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, at 2:30 p.m., April 19. The State Youth Convention will be held in the Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville on April 26. The YFA and AFC report blanks are not coming in as they should.

Pastors, please promote your youth program and assist the sponsors. Do you visit with them at any of their meetings? They need your encouragement and moral support. Do you value our Free Will Baptist youth as the church of tomorrow?

Some of our youth are not privileged to participate in the district rallies—I wonder why? About one half of our churches are active in youth work at the present time, and we would be very pleased to have all our churches cooperate with their youth. Please give our youth a chance to demonstrate their love for God and use their talents for His glory. The world is luring far too many away from the church and its activities. I beg of you to hear their cry while it is yet day. Who will be the first to answer their cry and help meet their needs?

I challenge each of you to meet us at the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church in Fayetteville on March 1, for our March rally. The rally will begin at 7:30 p.m. and promises to be inspiring to all who seek and choose to serve God. Pray, be present, and be pleasing to God. Please add these needs to your prayer list and I will be eternally grateful.

Mail all report blanks to me, Lillian Stanley, Route 3, Box 333-F, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. Your kindness and help will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Stanley
Cape Fear Youth Sponsor

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## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

The Spring Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Piedmont District will convene on Saturday morning, March 15, at the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the program getting underway at 10 a.m. All district and local officers are urged to be present, as well as the delegates from each church.

If you have an auxiliary that would like to visit with us, we invite you to come and be present at that time. We are looking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the meeting.

Member auxiliaries, if you have not already turned in your money on the State Missions project ($20 per church for Foreign Missions and $10 per church on Home Missions), and the Children's Home project ($20 per church), be sure to bring this with you to the district meeting, along with your per capita dues.

Some of our home missionaries are planning to be present for the meeting to give us a report on their work. Make your plans now to attend.

New officers for the next two years will be elected at this meeting.

Yours in Christ's name,
Mrs. Charlotte Griffin, President
Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary

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## ATTENTION, WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT!

I trust you have already honored one of your deserving ladies of your auxiliary as the "Free Will Baptist Woman of the Year." If you have, please send the write-up to me as soon as possible so I can have them judged and a district winner will be honored at our Spring Convention on March 20.

In Christ,
Versie Baldress, District Chairman
3717 Trent Road
New Bern, North Carolina 28560

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## BETHANY AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, at their January meeting elected the following officers for 1975: Hattie Bailey, president; Betty Tyson, vice-president; Mildred Johnson, secretary; and Clara Pegram, treasurer.

The auxiliary selected as a project for the first quarter of the year to carpet the sanctuary of the church. At this writing $565 has been received toward this goal.

The president states that they have a wonderful auxiliary and the Lord is truly blessing them in a mighty way. She requests your prayers in their behalf.

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## New Growth

### UNTIL

The greatest reason we can't really thank God for His blessings is because we're ignorant of their importance.

Until you've been dangerously close to death, you don't know how to thank God for life.

Until you've lived with an alcoholic wife, you don't know how to thank God for a sober one.

Until you've had a runaway child, you don't know how to thank God for an obedient one.

Until you have seen hate, you don't know how to thank God for love.

Until you have an illness, you don't know how to thank God for health.

Until your eyes are blinded, you don't know how to thank God for sight.

Until you have seen terminal suffering, you don't know how to thank God for death.

Until you have been out in the rain, you don't know how to thank God for sunshine.

Until you realize the degradation of sin, you don't know how to thank God for Jesus.

Can you think of any blessings you are now aware of because of some sorrow that has come your way?

# DON'T MISS
# THE STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION







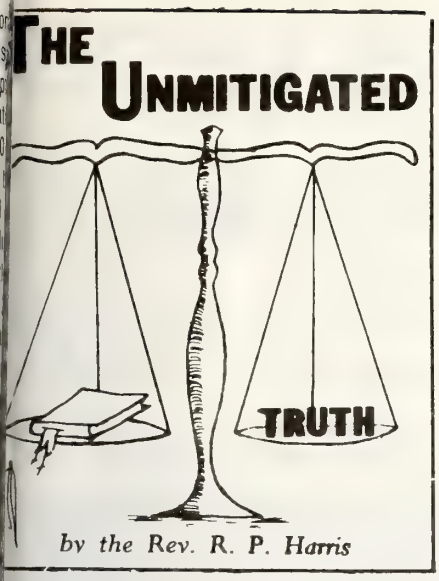

**Winterville Free Will Baptist Church**
**Winterville, North Carolina**
**Saturday, March 8**

The North Carolina State Convention Free Will Baptist Leagues will be hos by the Winterville Free Will Bap Church, on March 8, 1975. Registrat for the convention will begin at 9:30 m. Each league is reminded that privilege of voting shall be extended follows: (A) Each general league hold membership in this convention is entit to one voting delegate for each members or fraction thereof; (B) ea district league convention holdi membership in this convention is entitl to two voting delegates; (C) each gene director is entitled to one vote if general league holds membership in th convention; (D) each ordained Origi Free Will Baptist minister who is in go standing with the State Convention Churches of the Original Free Will Baptis of North Carolina is entitled to one vot and (F) each member of the executi committee shall hold voting privilege Each person expecting to vote must properly registered according to th procedures adopted by this conventio Visitors are urged to attend and pa ticipate in the activities of the co vention. All visitors are asked to registered for informational purposes.

All leagues are reminded that te percent of your quarterly offering shoul be directed to the state league treasure Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2 Winterville, North Carolina, 28590. Also according to our constitution, eac general league should send a five dolla ($5) contribution to each session of th convention.

The study guide for the Intermediat and Junior Sword Drill has been maile by the promotional secretary to a leagues on her mailing list. If perchanc you did not receive this guide for you league, or if there is any questio concerning the guide or drill, pleas write or call Mrs. Mike Conner, Route 2 Deep Run, North Carolina, 28525; phon 568-4529. The winners of each divisio of the sword drill will receive a free trip t the Christian Cadet Conference a Cragmont, and the runners-up wil receive one half of the cost of the trip These prizes are for the encampmen only and does not include pictures tickets, personal spending money, o other expenses.

The executive officers of the con vention will be elected at this time, s each league is encouraged to have large delegation, pastor, directors, an officers present.




Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing also are compassed about with so eat a cloud of witnesses, let us lay ide every weight, and the sin which th so easily beset us, and let us run th patience the race that is set before " (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN'S RACE HAS A DEFINITE COURSE

When a person decides to take a trip, home or abroad, he very definitely has plot the course of the trip, especially if has never traveled that route before. will find it necessary to rely upon the mpass, road signs, maps, or a trained ide if he is to successfully make the p. Even with all this careful planning d plotting, there are still certain risks be taken.

Even so, the Christian needs to epare and equip himself for the journey is obligated to pursue. One of the first d perhaps the best ingredient for a aveling man is his **faith** in his guide and e maps or other assets he will use in aking the journey. In Jude 3 we read, . . . ye should earnestly contend for the ith which was once delivered unto the ints." Faith is the key to success. You ercise faith in God, His Son, the Holy irit, the brethren, and the whole Bible an of salvation.

In the second place the Christian's finite course will consist in abounding the Lord's **work**. "Therefore, my loved brethren, be ye stedfast, unoveable, always abounding in the work the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord" Corinthians 15:58). To abound in the ork of the Lord simply means to go out doing good in the same manner and purpose as did our Lord while He was in His active ministry here on earth. Visit the sick, the widows, and orphans; give of your time, use your talents, and support the church and her many

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## THE SINGING PRESCOTT FAMILY

by Mrs. Carol Prescott

Hello! May we introduce ourselves? We are the Prescott Family from Grantsboro, Pamlico County, North Carolina. We are a family which the Lord has blessed with musical talents —talents which we dedicate and use to the praise and glory of our heavenly Father.

Active members of the Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Grantsboro, we are as follows: Matthew, grandson of the late Rev. Mac Prescott, a Free Will Baptist minister, and the son of Mrs. Elbert Prescott of Grantsboro and the late Mr. Prescott. Carol, Matthew's wife, hails from Laredo, Texas, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gonzales who now reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our daughters are Pam, a senior in high school; Nancy, a sophomore; and Becky, a seventh grader. Our son, Stephen, who is five years old; and our niece, Martha, a ninth grader.



From left to right: Pam and Martha, altos; Matthew, tenor; Stephen and Carol, lead; Nancy, pianist; and Becky, lead.

Spreading the gospel of Jesus through song has become the most important thing in our lives. Whether it be a revival service, a homecoming, a gospel sing, or a whole program of music and testimonies, uppermost in our minds is passing on the good news of Jesus Christ. We request your prayers for our ministry.

If you would like to have us (the Prescott Family) sing at your church, write to us at Route 1, Box 294-A, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, or call 745-3539. We make no charge but will accept a love offering to help with expenses if the church desires to do this.

Truly, "sweeter gets the journey" on the road that is ours to travel for our Lord.

## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

We have twenty-eight children who are still not sponsored. They range in ages from two to seventeen years.

A full or complete sponsorship is direct support for a child and provides food, clothing, allowance, and routine medical and educational expenses. A full sponsorship is $55 a month, or $660 a year.

A partial sponsorship program is available for children who are partially already sponsored or are getting partial support by some other means. The partial sponsorship is $25 a month, or $300 a year.

We have both boys and girls available. If you or your group are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Weeks at the Children's Home by writing or calling 235-4079.

Below is a list of children, along with their ages, and type of sponsorship needed. (F-full; P-partial)

Richard Bass . . . . . 5-F
William Bass . . . . . 2-F
Debra Cone . . . . . 12-P
Donna Cone . . . . . 12-P
Lena Davidson . . . . . 6-P
Jimmy Dement . . . . . 13-P
Margaret Dement . . . . . 8-P
Jeff Eason . . . . . 10-P
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Sandra Eason . . . . . 8-F
Tim Elks . . . . . 14-P
Cliff Garris . . . . . 16-P
Mollie Garris . . . . . 9-F
Romona Hopkins . . . . . 9-F
Allen Johnson . . . . . 9-P
Jeffery Johnson . . . . . 8-P
Sammy Mansour . . . . . 18-P
Betty Jean McLawhorn . . . . . 16-P
Donald Sasser . . . . . 10-P
Jimmy Speight . . . . . 12-P
Jackie Speight . . . . . 9-P
Roy Speight . . . . . 10-P
Ann Worley . . . . . 4-P
Audrey Worley . . . . . 9-P
Roger Worley . . . . . 10-P
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*Added or replaced by action of the executive committee since State Convention due to resignation, death, or enlargement of bodies.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

## White Oak Youth Installation Service



On Sunday night, February 9, an stallation service was held at White Oak ee Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, for e newly elected officers of the YFA and FC. A gold colored candle, suggesting e genuine quality of the youth groups; otto: "To Know Him, to Love Him, to erve Him," was placed in the front of e church. As each officer was installed took a blue colored candle which minded him that he was constantly in e service of the King, and lit it from the ld candle, then took his place of office.

Mr. Clifton Kinlaw, a deacon of the urch, brought the message entitled, Christ Is Still the Answer." It was a autiful service and an inspiration to eryone present.

The officers installed were as follows:

**Youth Chairman:** Cora Lee Hester with rrie Mae McKnight and Mildred Hester assistants.

**AFC Officers:** President, Earlene tler; vice-president, Hope Adams; cretary, Lee Ann Hester; treasurer, endy Todd; program chairman, Angie mith; benevolence chairman, Ryan nlaw.

**YFA Officers:** President, Juanita Smith; vice-president, Sandy Lewis; recording secretary, Belinda Hester; corresponding secretary, Dewey Hester; mission chairman, Vickie Albright; educational chairman, Teresa Matheson; study course chairman; Tammy Todd; program-prayer chairman, Millie Williams; benevolence chairman, Tony Smith; out-reach secretary, Sandy Lewis; treasurer, Margaret Sprouse.

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**Kings in Mission Rally**
**At Edgewood Church**

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, missionary candidates to the Philippines, will be conducting a mission rally at the Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, Wednesday night, March 5, at 7:30. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Swade Benson, and the church membership invite the public to be in attendance.

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**Old-Fashioned Revival**
**At Robert's Grove**

Robert's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, has made plans for an old-fashioned revival to be held in March. Services will begin Monday night, March 3, at 7:30, and will continue through Friday night, March 7. The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, will be bringing the message There will be special music each night.

The church and its membership extend to everyone a special invitation to come and hear a man after God's own heart, as he expounds the truths that are in God's Word for times like these.

Mrs. James Spell, church publicity chairman, state: "We ask all Christians to be much in prayer that many souls may be saved; that those who have fallen by the wayside will come back into the fold; and that there will be a great spiritual awakening within our church and community."

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**Dilda's Grove Church**
**Announces Spring Revival**

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Fountain during the week of March 3-8. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, assisting Mr. Bullman. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Rev. and Mrs. Howard Honored**
**On Golden Wedding Anniversary**



The Rev. and Mrs. James E. Howard were honored on their golden wedding anniversary on December 7, 1974, with a reception in the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Morehead City.

The hosts and hostesses for the occasion were the children and their

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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CARE?

**Lesson Text: Hebrews 4:14—5:10**
**Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:15**

### I. INTRODUCTION

We made mention in the lesson for last Sunday that the priestly function embraced a twofold work: the offering of sacrifice and the making of intercession. Our lesson for this Sunday is designed to set forth Jesus as the perfect High Priest. There are several reasons why He could perform this work in a perfect manner: He, and He alone, could make the perfect sacrifice for sin, which required the death of the sinner. He could do this (die for all men), because the life of the race stems from Him. He is the perfect Mediator because of that uniqueness of His nature which was both God and man. Being man, He could be touched by our infirmities and understand our problems, and being God, He could understand the requirements of God's judgment and His holiness. He also is in the best position to exercise influence with the Father; for no man influences the Father more than the Son, in whose works He has always been well pleased.

As our lesson for last Sunday was designed to show the superiority of the gospel to the dispensation of law and the superiority of Christ to that of angelic beings, our lesson for today is designed to show the superiority of the priesthood established by Christ to that of Aaron.

It is difficult for us to establish the background for today's lesson fully, but it is certain that this epistle was written to a group of Jewish believers who were giving serious consideration to the forsaking of Christianity to return to their old manner of worship.

The purpose of today's study is to set forth Jesus as the perfect example of priestly work.—**The Teen-Age Teacher** (**F. W. B.**).

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Christians pride themselves on being their own priest, and this is a wonderful truth. But it is just as wonderful that Christ is our High Priest and that He is there at the right hand of God the Father making intercession for us.

B. As our High Priest, Christ became a man that He might experience our difficulties. This means that He knows the difficulties we face and is able to sympathize perfectly with us. The deity of Christ is wonderful, but His humanity is also wonderful.

C. As the Eternal One Christ had no beginning or ending; therefore, we may be sure that His intercession for us will never cease. Under the Leviticial priesthood, the priest might die, and then until another one could be appointed the intercession by the high priest ceased. This will never happen to Christ. Our High Priest is eternal.

D. The Levitical priests had to make sacrifices for themselves because they were sinful, but our High Priest lived a sinless life. Therefore, He does not have to make sacrifices for Himself; instead, He gave Himself for us.

E. Have you ever felt that you did not know how to pray? Have you ever felt that you really did not know how to worship? Is it not wonderful that Christ who understands us perfectly stands between us and God the Father?

—**The Bible Teacher** (**F. W. B.**).

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A jewel cutter at work was observed repeatedly to look away from the piece on which he was working to another gem. When asked why he did this, he said, "That is the perfectly cut jewel. By frequently looking at it I am able to cut the others as I should."

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the perfect Jewel, and learn the way of compassion from Him.—C. F. Bowen.

B. In today's lesson, the readers of the epistle are admonished to "come boldly unto the throne of grace" that they may "obtain mercy, and find gr to help in time of need" (4:16).

What is the bold approach? Certair it is not an arrogant approach, assert rights and demanding that God grant requests. And it is not a hypocriti approach, claiming love and devot while living so as to dishonor His h name. God is not mocked or deceive What, then, is the bold approach a how is it motivated?

It is boldness, as expressed in today lesson, **based in the character a experience of our great high priest**. became one of "us." He understan our "infirmities," for He was "in points tempted like as we are, y without sin" (4:15). And He intercede for us before the Father.

It is boldness **begotten of confiden in the divine invitation**, "Come un me," and the promise to remember o sins against us no more "forever." An the Lord means just what He says.

It is the boldness of **the child ap proaching the Father**, knowing that h loves the Father and that he is loved b his Father. John tells us that "perfec love castest out fear" (1 John 4:18). Gc cares. He loves us, He wants us. H forgives us.

It is boldness **undergirded by genuin contrition**. Penitence, supported b humility, by faith, by trust, softens th rebellious heart, gives courage to ap proach the throne of grace, and puts th words of confession and plea for mercy upon our lips.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**.

C. "Christ was a high priest able to 'sympathize with our weaknesses,' says Hebrews 4:15.

"The American psychiatrist Dr. Shailer Lawton could 'get through' and help the most mentally deficient people. At Letchworth Village, in New York, he found an idiot who seemed unable to talk with anybody; the doctor put on his poorest clothes and sat down on a bench beside the man. He groaned and made weird sounds in his throat, and handed the idiot a rubber ball, and for the first time the crazed man smiled. 'He was so delighted to find someone who spoke his language,' says Dr. Lawton, 'so delighted that he almost fell off the bench.'

"Of course! A little compassion is the great key which 'gets through' to the most impossible people. Jesus used it to

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# STORIES for our youth



# SURPRISE!

## by Alberta Hawse

LINDEE WALDEN stood on her grandmother's porch and ared at her best vacation-time friend.

"Nancy Bowen, do you mean to tell e that you have something to do **every** orning for two weeks? You knew I ould be here!"

"I'm sorry, Lindee. I promised Miss iller that I would help her with the ursery children during vacation Bible chool. I can't go back on my promise."

"I don't want you to, not if you like our old church better than me," Lindee aid. She wanted to cry.

"But, Lindee, some of the boys and rls who come to our vacation Bible chool have never been in church before. ome of them learn to love Jesus. They ome to church and learn how to become hristians."

"That's sneaky," Lindee exploded. You get them to sing songs and cut out ctures and then—surprise! You've got em in church every Sunday l year. It's sneaky."

Both girls were in tears when they arted. That had been Saturday af- rnoon. Now it was Monday morning. ndee had spent a perfectly miserable unday. She had gone to church with randmother Walden, but she hadn't oken to Nancy.

Lindee sat on the porch steps and oked at the church on the corner. She ould read the big poster that advertised e vacation Bible school. There was a rge picture that she couldn't see too ell because of the sunlight. The poster aid: "COME AND MEET JESUS."

A cheerful voice said, "Hello. Have ou just lost your best friend?"

Lindee looked up into a pair of twinkling blue eyes under a mailman's cap. "About halfway," she said. "At least I can't see her any morning for two whole weeks."

"Daily vacation Bible school?" he asked.

"How did you know?"

"I've a couple of youngsters that haven't talked about anything else for weeks. You know I never could get my wife interested in becoming a Christian until the kids went to church last summer. Since then we haven't missed a Sunday. It was a girl about your age that got my girls interested. Her name's Bowen."

"Nancy Bowen," Lindee said, feeling a glow of pride. "She's my friend."

Lindee skipped along beside the mailman until she told him good-by at the corner. She was in front of the church. She could hear the children singing.

Lindee stood and looked at the picture on the lawn. It was Jesus sitting on a bench with children all around Him.

Daisies blew against His feet. His arm was around the laughing children. Other children were running towards Him from across the fields.

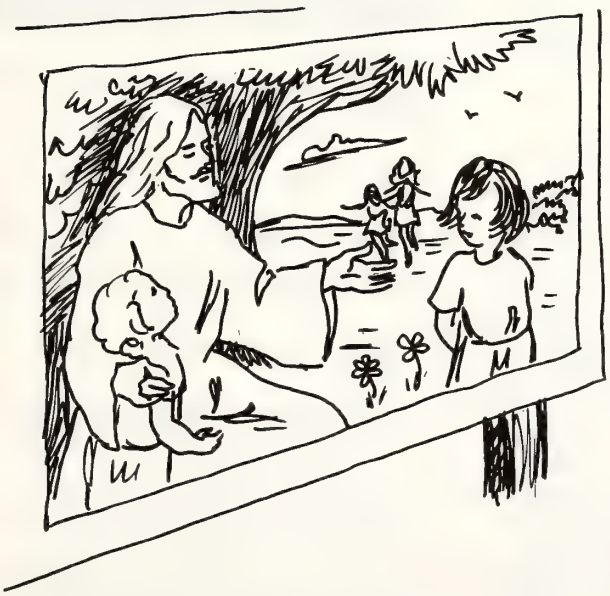
Jesus had His hand stretched out to a girl who seemed about to turn away.

Lindee thought the girl looked something like her. She was rather tall and thin with short brown hair and a torn dress.

Lindee looked at Jesus. He wanted the girl to put her hand in His.

"Go on," she said aloud. "Don't be stubborn."

She sat down on the church steps. Nancy would be out soon. Grandma wouldn't care a bit if Lindee brought Nancy home for lunch. Tomorrow Lindee and Nancy would be together in Bible school.—**Junior Journeys.**





## Coming Events . . .

March 8—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues, Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Beginning at 10 A.M.

March 8—Piedmont District Youth Rally (Bible Bowl Quiz, Essay, and Declamation Runoffs for AFCs and YFAs) First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 12 Noon

March 15—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

March 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina

March 22—Church Officers' Training Conference, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P.M.

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

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### URGENT NEED!

**The Faith Free Will Baptist Mission at Leland, North Carolina, is in desperate need of funds to help replace the roof of the building, according to the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Everett. The present roof on the building is leaking which has caused considerable damage to the interior of the mission. The mission has raised about half of the estimated $1,000 needed to replace the roof. Any individual, church, or organization of the church who feels led to help in this most worthy cause, please send your donations to Mr. Everett at Route 1, Box 337, Sneads Ferry, North Carolina 28460.**

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## hurches and Ministers Available

ote: This column is provided, when needed, r any church that is seeking a pastor and for y minister who is seeking a church to serve d would like to give such notice. Please send e necessary information to the editor of "The ee Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two sues only.)

On December 15, 1974, the Rev. obert L. Langley resigned the pastorate Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. e will be available for pastoral duties to ny church desiring his services on arch 15, 1975. You may contact him y writing P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, orth Carolina 27568 or telephoning 65-5612.

The Rev. Franklin Brinson states that e is available for pastoral and vangelistic work. He may be contacted y writing P. O. Drawer H, Morehead ity, North Carolina 28557 or elephoning 726-5930.

Dublin Grove Free Will Baptist Church, wo miles southeast of Aurora, requests pplications for a pastor to serve the hurch starting July 1, 1975. Interested arties may contact Mildred G. Brothers, Route 1, Box 365, Aurora, North Carolina 7806. The church's preference is for norning services, four Sundays a nonth, with no evening services; owever, other arrangements may be nade.

The Rev. James Warren of Kinston announces that he is available for a full-ime or part-time pastorate. He is a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 1000 Popular Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; telephone 527-1648.

The Rev. Ashley Turner, a recently rdained minister of the Western Conference, announces that he is vailable for either part-time or full-time pastoral services. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 703 Horne Street, Clayton, North Carolina 27520; or telephoning 553-7249.

The pulpit committee of Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, is seeking a full-tinme pastor for their church. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact the clerk, Robert C. Phelps, Route 2, Box 158–B, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; telephone after 4:30 p.m., 797-4336.

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families of Mr. and Mrs. Howard as follows: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Squires, Farmivlle; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Howard, Bridgeton; and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bell, Morehead City.

Mr. Howard is the pastor of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Whortonsville.

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**Revival to Be Held**
**At Grimsley Church**

The Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg will conduct a series of revival services at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, snow Hill (on Highway 102), March 3-8. The time will be 7:30 each evening, with the pastor of the church, the Rev. Tom Miller, assisting in the services. Special music will be rendered nightly by local and visiting groups. The public is issued a warm invitation to attend.

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## Family Fireside

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high!" There are many people who follow the little boy's method, measuring themselves by some rule of their own. God tells us of those who, "measuring themselves . . . and comparing themselves among themselves, among are not wise."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*To make correct computations we need proper measurements. For mathematics we need standard measures; for Christianity we need God's measures.*

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get through to many of His 'patients' . . . and still does. He literally wears our clothes, speaks our language, and suffers with us. There was none of the snobbish priest in Him."—**Tarbell's Teacher's Guide, 1968.**

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## The Unmitigated Truth

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programs in service to mankind. Do the work of an evangelist by preaching and teaching the gospel in word and in deed. Proclaim the acceptable year of our Lord and take care of the needs of the poor people. Make time and means count for something each and everyday you live.

A third thing in holding to a definite course consists in holding forth the **Word of God** (life) as recorded in Philippians 2:16. The Christian must know that the Bible is God's written Word and that Jesus Christ is God's Word in the flesh. Whatever is accomplished in the success of God's program among men is indebted to God's Holy Word. Men can declare the Word, but God honors it and it is God's Word that convicts sin and convinces man of God's righteousness. The most important thing in all the world is that men proclaim and declare God's Holy Word. God's Word will do that for which it is designed or committed of God to do. It is necessary, then, that we use every means possible to get the Word of God **out**. We need to write it, teach it, preach it, live it, and declare it everyday.

Finally, we must hold forth the Word of God in our **business** and **social activities**. We must make it a part of our life-style and conduct. We need to live in such a way that others beholding us can see Christ in us and come to glorify our Father which is in heaven.

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## Editorial

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certain to answer, if we ask in *sincerity*. There is much for each of us to do. What is important is that we do what is *right*, and we may know what is right only as we ask *His* leadership and guidance. Indeed, the Father up above *is* looking down in love, and our *big* hands should be careful what they do. Adults' lives are children's "copybook," and oh! what a responsibility all of us have.

Does the question from a child have any meaning for you when he implores, "What can I do?" It should have, for the way you answer carries serious consequences. Be careful big hands, big minds; and be full of love, big hearts. This can make a world of difference . . . in this world and the next—not only for little children, but for us "big" people as well!

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The spring conventions will begin meeting shortly. Let's strive to get all of our funds to our treasurers right away so that we can meet all quotas on all of our projects.

Thank you for your cooperation in the past. The record has been good—let's keep it that way!

Sincerely in Christ,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, State Treasurer
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The aftermath of a hungry fire which ate its way along a half-block of New Bern's central business district, destroying seven businesses, including the New Bern Bible and Bookstore owned by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. (Photo by Walter Reynolds)

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**An editorial discussion:**
**"Preachers Ought to Be REACHERS!**

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# PREACHERS OUGHT TO BE REACHERS!

Sit passively by, if you want to. Look out of your study window at the changing seasons, the sun, the rain, the birds, and the people who walk by. Take satisfaction in your own contentment and glory in your self-image. Prepare your sermons; study them well; and deliver them with might and force. Then, feel that you've done your duty. Pat yourself on the back (if you can do so without breaking your arm) and smile at your parishioners as you greet them on Sunday morning and evening. Say your good-byes with equal enthusiasm and cordiality. Then, you have done your job—and you've done it well!

Like the dickens you have! If this is what you think constitutes a good preacher, you have "another think coming," as they say. The ministry is more than smiling, being sociable, and delivering a well-prepared sermon. A minister who is genuinely interested in his calling is *more* than a mere *preacher*. He must be a *pastor*, and as such must make it his business to visit, to instruct, to lead (but not dictate), and try to exemplify every good virtue which he speaks. Though this business about "Do as I say, not as I do" has some validity (because ministers are human beings too—just as are the lay members of the church), most people have no more sense than to expect a little *more* of God-called men who fill the pulpit or stand behind the holy desk. And, shouldn't people expect more of those whom God has laid His hand upon and called to special service?

Lest we overstep our knowledge and try to act in an authoritative manner, let us hasten to add at this point that *many preachers are true to their calling and really do more than is expected of them—and try as they may, it is impossible for them to please everybody.* A lot of *laymen* need a good sizing up. *They* need to do more than they do! Some are indeed diligent in their efforts to render good service for their Maker, and then some who are the proverbial bench warmers do nothing more than *attend the services* and feel that this is the extent of their duty. But not so! Just as there is more to being a preacher than preaching a good sermon, there is more to being a good church member than attending every service. Enough about that—for now! Let's preach some more about preachers.

When you need a preacher (if he's your pastor), he needs to be in his rightful place. Have you ever tried to reach him by phone, only to have his wife tell you that he's out; or, if his wife happens to be working, have you been unable perhaps to reach the pastor until many hours later to inform him of some sick member or possibly a death or injury? If so, did he have a good excuse as to his absence? Have you or haven't you the right to *know* where he was and what he was doing?

Now, no one expects a preacher to sit by his phone, afraid to walk out of the house or study for fear of not being found in his place. As we have pointed out, he *is* human. Still, there should be an organized system whereby he follows a schedule and lets it be known where and when he can be reached by his parishioners (perhaps between certain hours). Then there should be particular days or times when he visits the shut-ins, the elderly, the sick, those who need counseling; and surely, he must set aside some time to reach those who need spiritual guidance. Many church members, even, don't come to church; and more important than this, there are *sinners in abundance* who never hear a sermon unless it is brought to them in a *personal* way. Is it or is it not a part of the preacher's duty to deal personally with some individuals? Let us make it clear that we *would not deprive the preacher of time for himself and his family. He certainly deserves this; and surely, he is worthy of his hire (sometimes a lot more than he gets, too) if he performs as he should and does not leave the work of the priesthood to zealous church members.*

We are walking dangerously near some very deep water in stating the above opinions; but in good conscience, this writer cannot help but pen his feelings (knowing full well that he, himself, is plagued with a myriad of faults). Nonetheless, preachers ought to be special persons—called-out ones. They ought to be teachers—yes; they ought to be comforters—yes; they ought to be charming individuals—yes; but foremost, they ought to be *reachers!* And when we say *reachers*, we don't mean *grabbers*. We mean *achievers for the Lord*. That is to say that they should go out, *in word and deed*, and "bring them in." Comment?



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## Predawn Blaze Threatens a Block of Historic New Bern

by the Editor



*Firemen aim their hoses at the New ern Bible and Bookstore in an at- mpt to contain the fire.*

The New Bern Bible and Bookstore, ne of the branch stores of the Free Will aptist Press Foundation, Inc., was one the businesses lost in a fire which vaged a half-block of downtown New ern's central business district February 2. Six other business establishments on iddle Street were destroyed in the early aturday morning fire.

Thought to have started at ap- roximately 4 a. m. in a vacant apart- ent above one of the stores, the fire read rapidly through the two-story mplex until all the adjoining buildings seven in all) were described by nlookers as an "inferno." Billows of moke, which were visible from all parts the city, prompted one citizen to make ne remark that it looked as though half New Bern were aflame. The intense eat of the fire and an exploding gas line ade it difficult for firemen to get close to ne blaze, but valiant efforts were made contain the fire and to extinguish it.

According to Fire Chief Ed Moore, the nly thing that prevented the raging fire om spreading northward along Middle treet, and possibly posing a threat to ne whole block, was a fire wall that eparated the New Bern Bible and ookstore and New Bern Loan and ewelers. One resident told this writer that most of the buildings destroyed were fifty or more years old. There are many old buildings in New Bern—some well over a hundred years old. New Bern is one of the most historically rich of Carolina cities, having Blackbeard's house as one of its points of interest, and is the site of the beautiful Tryon Palace and other colonial homes.

The fire was reported to police by four men in a car who saw smoke from the Trent River Bridge shortly before 4 a. m. The alarm was sounded, and firemen and equipment were on the scene in a matter of minutes; but the hungry flames were already eating their way throughout a TV repair shop owned by Fred Mills and soon spread to the three stores on both sides, including the Mills Radio and TV Service Store also owned by Fred Mills. The New Bern Bible and Bookstore, 212



*Atop the New Bern Loan and Jewelers building, firemen fight the fire from above the bookstore, as streams of water are aimed from the street level to keep the fire from spreading.*

Middle Street, owned by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., Ayden, suffered a total loss in the blaze. Mrs. Carl Dixon, who operated the New Bern store, was a patient at Craven County Memorial Hospital at the time of the blaze.

The Press extends its sincerest



*Shown here is a view of the ruins in the aftermath of a struggle to save a half-block of New Bern's downtown business district, as firemen and their hoses continue to cool the debris.*

sympathies to the individuals who lost their businesses in the fire and is grateful to the city of New Bern for its efforts to save not only the branch bookstore but the other businesses as well. The Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Press Foundation which incorporates other branch Bible and bookstores in Wilson and Smithfield, makes the following statement in regard to the tragedy: "I am sure that you share our concern over the loss of our bookstore in New Bern. Will you join with us in prayer for direction and blessings during this time! We are making every effort to continue our service to our many friends in the New Bern area. A temporary location is being sought and will be announced later."

Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in the fire. The only reported injuries were minor ones sustained by two of the firemen. At one point, thirty-five firefighters were battling the flames.

The fire was witnessed by your editor, who was visiting in New Bern where he was guest speaker and musician at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Fleet Street.

(Photos by Walter Reynolds)




SUNDAY, MARCH 9
Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:11

A CHRISTIAN FIRST

When Millet, whose "Angelus" captivated the whole art-loving world, was about to depart from his home for Paris where he became the pupil of Delaroche, his pious grandmother said to him, "I would rather see you dead than unfaithful to God's commands." And when he was just coming into his glory as one of the greatest painters of his day, this same godly woman, whose influence made itself felt in every picture he put on the canvas, said to him, "Remember, my son, you were a Christian before you became a painter."—W. E. Biederwolf.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We must be careful not to become overawed with our own greatness. Remember all our gifts are God-given.*

MONDAY, MARCH 10
Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 1:5

HIS LOVE AND GRACE

We look with wonder in our eyes
At hills and skies—
In rose of dawn, in sunset-flame,
God writes His Name;
He fills the starlit nights,
The Father of all lights;
The stormy billows shout that He
Is mightier than any sea;
And something in each flower face
Tells to the heart His love and grace.
—*Watchman-Examiner.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God's wonders and might are all around us. One look at the roaring ocean alone should be enough to bring us to our knees.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 11
Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:15

THE BIBLE

An old professor of biology used to hold a little brown seed in his hand. "I know just exactly the composition of this seed. It has in it nitrogen, hydrogen, and carbon. I know the exact proportions. I can make a seed that will look exactly like it. But if I plant my seed it will come to nought; its elements will simply be absorbed in the soil. If I plant the seed God made it will become a plant, because it contains the mysterious principle which we call "the life principle." This Bible looks like other books. We cannot understand altogether its power. Planted in good ground, it shows that it has the life.—C. U. Herald.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The seed of God's love is waiting to be planted in our hearts. Are our hearts prepared and receptive?*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:4

"GIVE HIM WHAT HE ASKS"

It is related of Alexander the Great, that, on one occasion a courtier asked him for some financial aid. That great leader told him to go to his treasurer and ask for whatever amount he wanted. A little later, the treasurer appeared and told Alexander the man had asked for an enormous sum, and that he hesitated to pay out so much. "Give him what he asks for," replied the great conqueror; "he has treated me like a KING in his asking, and I shall be like a king in my giving!"

Greatly grieved must be our God because of the smallness of our requests of Him!

"Thou art coming to a King,
LARGE petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much!"
—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are foolish mortals, indeed, when we fail to take advantage of God's help. We endure so many ordeals which could be alleviated by simply taking them to God in prayer.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:10

IN ONE TRIUMPHANT MOVE

There is a wonderful picture called "The Game of Death," in which a young man is represented as playing chess with the devil. The devil, apparently, by the position of the chessmen, has won the game. A noted chess player went to see the picture, and after looking at it, he said, "I can save that fellow!" Then he explain how the chessmen should be moved win the game. That is what Jes Christ has done for us. He has, in o move, eternally checkmated t devil, and snatched the prey from t mighty. By His victory over dea Jesus has given us victory over t grave.—*Sunday School Chronicle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We check our problems wi specialists in all fields and oft forget to check with the Specialist charge.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthian 1:17, 18, 21

PROPHETS THAT DO NOT CRY

Two ministers, long friends, m one day after being apart for a tim They discussed their churches; the began to talk on present-day event Said one, "I don't preach on th Lord's return at all; my congregatio doesn't like it. I hear you have man against you for preaching it. I told yo years ago there's no use settin people against you." "My friend," said the other man, "by God's grace, preach His whole Word, and thereb deliver my soul; and if the Lord Jesu comes in my lifetime no one who i left behind will be able to say (a many will, of some ministers) that did not give out the truth and warn them of what's ahead. How abou you?"—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A minister may turn off as many people by trying to tone down God's Word as he turns on by telling them what he thinks they want to hear.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:9

CONSECRATED PATIENCE

A Quaker had a quarrelsome neighbor whose cow often broke into the Quaker's well-cultivated garden. One morning, having driven the cow from his premises to her owner's house, he said to him, "Friend, I have driven thy cow home once more, and if I find her in my garden again—"

"Suppose you do," his neighbor angrily exclaimed, "what will you do?"

"Why," said the Quaker, "I'll drive her home to thee again, friend."

The cow never again troubled the Quaker.—Henry Pickering.

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Is it right for a ladies aid iety to give entertainments in a urch and employ professional talent to ertain in the sanctuary?

**Answer:** I do not think so. If we want follow the instructions Christ gave us d are found in the Bible no kind of tertainers will be needed to pep up our urch services. Jesus said: ''And I will ay the Father, and he shall give you other Comforter, that he may abide th you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; om the world cannot receive, because seeth him not, neither knoweth him: t ye know him: for he dwelleth with u, and shall be in you. I will not leave u comfortless: I will come to you'' hn 14:16-18).

He also said on the eve of His death d departure from this world and His urn unto the Father from whom He parted when He came to the earth to e on the Cross to remove our sins from , ''If ye abide in me, and my words ide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, d it shall be done unto you'' (John :7). The Holy Spirit said through John, Love not the world, neither the things at are in the world. If any man love the rld, the love of the Father is not in m. For all that is in the world, the lust the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and e pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world passeth ay, and the lust thereof: but he that eth the will of God abideth for ever'' John 2:15-17).

Jesus himself also said, ''If a man ide not in me, he is cast forth as a anch, and is withered; and men gather em, and cast them into the fire, and ey are burned. If ye abide in me, and y words in you, ye shall ask what ye ll, and it shall be done unto you. erein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples'' (John 15:6-8). What else it may mean we may not know in detail now, but we may in part, for a tree is know by the fruit it bears. (See Luke 6:44, 45.) Anything associated with the so-called professional world is, I think, to be rejected by truly born-again, Holy Ghost-filled Christians, it makes no difference of what sex.

The Christian schools I attended as a ministerial student not only did not sanction the attendance of moving picture shows and other places of entertainment, but had rules that prohibited their students from attending such. I understand that one or two of those schools are more liberal now and that instead of suspending or expelling a student upon the first violation of the rule, they confine him to the campus for a limited time or give him all but one of whatever the number of demerits are required to expel him. I believe these schools were better in line with the teaching of God's Word, when students who attended such places were dismissed at once. This being worldly and being a well-disciplined Christian at the same time just simply do not coincide. One is either a Christian or he is not a Christian; and I could hardly refer to a group of women who employed professional entertainers to put on a show of the common worldly type as Christians. (See 1 John 2:15-17 quoted above.)

The church did not become Roman Catholic over night and require extensive discord and finally much bloodshed before we gained freedom to a simple New Testament form of worship such as the Protestants gained through the Protestant revolution. Satan had his cohorts that wormed their way into the church by professing to become Christians and then propagated one false teaching after the other. Then came Constantine the Great, who being baptized and becoming a member of the church, forced the heathen to adopt the name Christian, thus opening the way for many heathen practices. Following this were the myths of the cross and then the Cross, the symbol of Christianity, along with the crucifix which was purportedly the means of warding off certain evils.

From here on to and even following the Protestant Reformation many heathenistic practices were introduced into many of the churches, relics of which are to be found in some Protestant churches. The Cross, lighted candles, altar boys, and what other relics left in the church from Rome are those whose origin reach back into heathenism. So if we should have ladies aids resorting to a setup calling for professional entertainers to perform in the sanctuary, that would indicate that we are taking a step backward into heathenistic practices. If anyone wants to be entertained let him go to places where they are supposed to entertain him and not expect some auxiliary of the church to do that.

If the dominant element of a young people's group or ladies' group, or whatever regards itself as part of the church, is not that of worshiping God and enhancing activities through a better knowledge of God's Word, then the church is much better off without the auxiliary.

George H. Sandison in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, gives the following answer to a similar question on Page 118:

''Many churches adhere to what seems to be the only scripturally sanctioned method of raising money for church purposes; namely, that of direct, voluntary giving. Gradually, however, the idea that certain church societies may legitimately 'earn' money by arranging some social event or entertainment has gained ground, and in some cases it does not seem to hinder spiritual work. Then, too, the idea is growing that it is the duty of the church to meet and direct not only the spiritual but also the intellectual and social needs of the people. Lectures may very appropriately have a place in the program of a church, and there seems to be no reason why the best vocal and instrumental music may not also be

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## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



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## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY, 1975

### Albemarle Conference

| | |
|---|---|
| Corinth | $ 10.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 121.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 58.15 |
| Mt. Zion | 100.00 |
| Union Meeting | 38.19 |
| Total | $ 327.34 |

### Blue Ridge Association

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| Cedar Hill | $ 18.80 |

### Cape Fear Conference

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| Eastwood Mission | $ 10.00 |
| Hopewell | 50.00 |
| Johnston Union | 12.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 231.85 |
| Palmer Memorial | 109.93 |
| Riverside | 115.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Victory Mission | 32.92 |
| Shady Grove | 550.00 |
| West Clinton | 17.00 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 26.70 |
| Total | $1,160.40 |

### Central Conference

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| Aspen Grove | $ 208.50 |
| Ayden | 408.93 |
| Bethany | 46.40 |
| Black Jack | 352.78 |
| Cedar Grove | 100.00 |
| Edgewood | 90.00 |
| Free Union | 250.00 |
| Friendship | 22.97 |
| Greenville, First | 10.00 |
| Grimsley | 50.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 240.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 79.70 |
| Little Creek | 155.00 |
| Youth Fellowship | 15.00 |
| Fourth Union | 116.06 |
| Ormondsville | 5.00 |
| Peace | 28.10 |
| Piney Grove | 80.57 |
| Reedy Branch | 55.00 |
| Saratoga | 20.00 |
| Tarboro | 275.00 |
| Watery Branch | 200.00 |
| Williamston, First | 4.91 |
| Winterville | 141.65 |
| Total | $2,955.57 |

### Eastern Conference

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|---|---|
| Core Creek | $ 157.92 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 43.35 |
| Edwards Chapel | 45.00 |
| Faith | 100.00 |
| Grant's Chapel | 25.00 |
| Gray Branch | 35.33 |
| Hillsberry | 20.00 |
| Jackson Heights | 120.52 |
| Kinston, First | 25.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 10.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Onslow) | 14.56 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| Fifth Union | 50.00 |
| Fifth Sunday School Convention | 25.00 |
| Third Union | 60.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 25.72 |
| New Haven | 34.52 |
| Northeast | 73.05 |
| Oak Grove | 5.00 |
| Oriental | 23.94 |
| Rock of Zion | 4.58 |
| Spring Hope | 100.00 |
| Trent | 50.70 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 75.00 |
| Wintergreen | 11.00 |
| Total | $1,155.19 |

### Pee Dee Association

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| Beaver Dam | $ 650.00 |
| Emerson | 25.00 |
| First Union | 50.00 |
| Oak Grove | 75.00 |
| Thomasboro | 100.00 |
| White Oak | 157.50 |
| Total | $1,057.50 |

### Piedmont Conference

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| Christ | $ 10.00 |
| Hilltop | 28.55 |
| Mt. Olive | 10.14 |
| Total | $ 48.69 |

### Western Conference

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|---|---|
| Eastwood Chapel | $ 67.07 |
| Everett's Chapel | 77.24 |
| Free Union | 100.00 |
| Friendship | 5 |
| Little Rock | 5 |
| Marsh Swamp | 35 |
| Milbournie | 133 |
| Mt. Zion | 600 |
| Western Conference | 12 |
| First Union | 71. |
| New Sandy Hill | 50. |
| People's Chapel | 15. |
| Pine Level | 85. |
| Piney Grove | 15. |
| Pleasant Grove | 10. |
| Pleasant Hill | 154. |
| Rock Springs | 16. |
| Rosebud | 5. |
| Sherron Acres | 125. |
| Stancil's Chapel | 84. |
| Stoney Creek | 400. |
| Stony Hill | 25. |
| St. Mary's | 65. |
| Union Chapel | 65. |
| Union Grove | 123. |
| Wilson, First | 278. |
| Total | $2,623.8 |

### Other States

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| Bigson, West Va. | $ 20. |

### Other Religious Contributions

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| Tabernacle | $ 75. |
| Totals | $9,442.3 |

**Memorial contributions** for January 1975, totaled $30 and were given in memory of Mrs. and Mrs. Wilbur Ride by the Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Rice; and in memory of the Rev. D. W. Alexander by Anna H. Dupree.

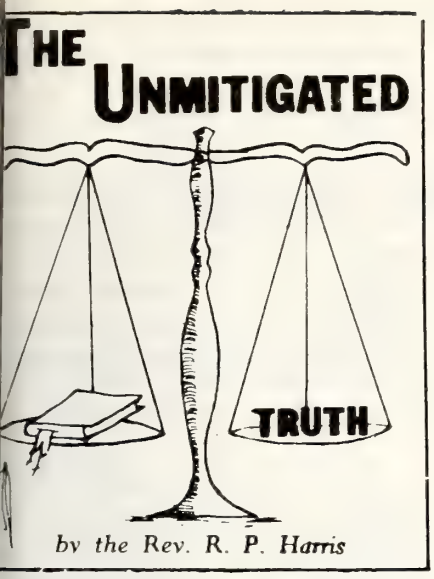
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## REPORT OF WESTWOOD HILLS MISSION

Something happened Sunday night February 9, at the Westwood Hills Free Will Baptist Mission of Henderson, that I would like to share with you.

For the last few weeks our attendance had been falling off and I had been praying as I never had before that something would happen. I had tried more and more methods to help build up interest and attendance, but they had all failed. At the close of the service this particular night an elderly man who had been coming to the services regularly since we opened the doors in September 1974, was saved and my sister rededicated her life to Christ. Even though our number was small, we had one of the best times in Christ ever. The

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Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing
e also are compassed about with so
eat a cloud of witnesses, let us lay
ide every weight, and the sin which
th so easily beset us, and let us run
th patience the race that is set before
" (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN'S RACE HAS A GOAL

A person who enters the Christian's
e will establish a point toward which
orts or movements are directed. It may
come necessary to map out a plan
ereby the race may be marked by
ts of achievements. Surely the overall
al is heaven, but there are certain
nditions or circumstances during the
ce which enable the person to perform
re efficiently and with greater
hievements. This involvement may
ord us rich experiences as we grow in
e grace of God and share in His glory.
God has nothing for us to do when He
ves us, He will take us on to heaven
mediately. But we are saved to serve!
d we serve God by serving other
man beings!

One of Paul's feats of achievement
as to make sure that his conduct would
t warrant him to become a castaway.
1 Corinthians 9:27 Paul implies that
s body needs to be brought into
bjection. This is a warning to us that
r bodies must be brought into sub-
ction; that is, trained to serve Christ at
y cost. A careless and sinful use of
r appetites, desires, ambitions,
ngings, and compassions can cause us
miss the mark and take us out of the
ce. What a terrible disaster! And, yet,
any so-called Christians take chances
and risk damnation of their souls for earthly pleasures of sin and degradation.

The Christian that really works to win the race will see to it that his call and election are sure by pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (see Ephesians 3:14). This means that he cannot afford to become involved in earthly pursuits and endeavors lest they slow him down or cause him to deviate. I realize, of course, that the Christian may have earthly ties by which he may finance or support himself and family with necessary benefits. The Christian is obligated, however, to exercise wisdom and discreetness so as not to let anything he does discredit his Christian testimony or reflect on his character.

The high calling of God in Christ Jesus demands that we keep moving toward the **goal**. We are to make sure that the events along the way prove beneficial and that they do not detain us in any way. This does not remedy the fact that Satan will try us and he will afflict us unmercifully. But the Christian will exercise faith in God and he will triumph if he does not lose faith.

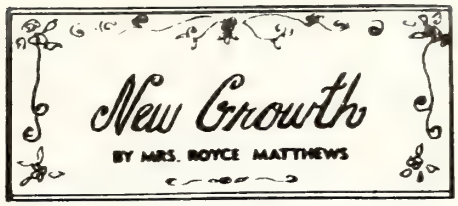
It is good for the Christian to remember that God not only rewards us while we live on earth, but that out of all our earthly deeds God is helping us to lay up treasures in heaven. The Christian is to do this himself. God helps us, but the initiative and the performance must be ours. Earthly treasures will not last. Thieves, corruption, deterioration, and time destroy everything of a material nature. Only the things the Christian sends up to heaven will be safe. These rich rewards are based on our conduct here on earth. Our conduct includes how we react with what we have of the blessings of God. They are not measured by the greatness of the volume of our deeds, but according to our faithfulness in what we do. The faithfulness of the widow who gave the mite could be as great as that of the rich man who gave a million or more dollars to be used in Christian service.

This is the **unmitigated truth**!

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### ONLY ONCE

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.




### SUNSHINE

We hadn't seen the sun for days. The earth was puddles underfoot and the humidity so high that it made a body feel soggy to the bone. Emotions were depressed and gloomy. I felt if only the sun would shine again, everything would be well.

Late the next afternoon, after going in and out all day, the brilliant blue of the sky caught my eye through the window. I hadn't previously noticed, but it had stopped raining the night before.

For days I had been wishing for sunshine and when it came I was too busy to take note.

Isn't that so much like we are in our daily living?

Clouds, storms, and bad weather come in the form of sickness or emotional problems, and we pray for the sunshine of good health and freedom from trouble so we can again enjoy peace and tranquility.

One day we look out the window and realize our problems are already gone but we hadn't taken the time to notice, much less thank God for the sunshine.

Evidence of growth is when we're big enough to carry peace and tranquility as a shield against storms that are dampening our spirits. We don't have to wait for the sunshine because the **Son** is in our hearts.

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### URGENT NEED!

**The Faith Free Will Baptist Mission at Leland, North Carolina, is in desperate need of funds to help replace the roof of the building, according to the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Everett. The present roof on the building is leaking which has caused considerable damage to the interior of the mission. The mission has raised about half of the estimated $1,000 needed to replace the roof. Any individual, church, or organization of the church who feels led to help in this most worthy cause, please send your donations to Mr. Everett at Route 1, Box 337, Sneads Ferry, North Carolina 28460.**

## Coming Events . . .

March 8—North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues, Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Beginning at 10 A.M.

March 8—Piedmont District Youth Rally (Bible Bowl Quiz, Essay, and Declamation Runoffs for AFCs and YFAs) First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 12 Noon

March 15—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

March 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina

March 22—Church Officers' Training Conference, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P.M.

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

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### REPORT OF THE RETIREMENT HOMES FINANCE COMMITTEE

On January 31, the Finance Committee of the Retirement Homes met with the purpose to develop and approve plans for raising funds for the retirement homes. It was decided that the direct solicitation method within churches would not be used, but a more open method of contributions be utilized.

The committee decided to recommend to the Board of Trustees that a Founder's Club be established to aid in raising construction funds for the homes. The Founder's Club would last only until the end of the church year, June 30, 1976, and would serve to establish permanently a record of the founders. Individuals, groups, organizations, or churches would be eligible to participate. There would be three categories of founders as follows:

1. Those who contribute over one half of the total construction cost of an apartment or a duplex unit. The apartment or duplex would be named in their honor.

2. Those who contribute $1,000 or over. Their name would be engraved in a permanent type marker placed in a suitable location on the grounds.

3. Those who contribute at least $100 and below $1,000. Their name would be placed on a wall plaque located in the appropriate apartment.

In addition to the recognition stated above, the donors would be presented a Founder's Club Membership Certificate at the annual North Carolina State Convention in September, 1976. Again, let us state that the Founder's Club's offer is only good for the year ending June 30, 1976. Additionally, a donor could contribute in memory of a loved one.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Sam Weeks
Rev. J. B. Starnes
Rev. Walter Reynolds

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Dublin Grove Free Will Baptist Church, two miles southeast of Aurora, requests applications for a pastor to serve the church starting July 1, 1975. Interested parties may contact Mildred G. Brothers, Route 1, Box 365, Aurora, North Carolina 27806. The church's preference is morning services, four Sundays month, with no evening servic however, other arrangements may made.

The Rev. James Warren of Kins announces that he is available for a f time or part-time pastorate. He is member in good standing with Eastern Conference. Any church desiri his services may contact him by writi 1000 Popular Street, Kinston, No Carolina 28501; telephone 527-1648.

The Rev. Ashley Turner, a recen ordained minister of the Weste Conference, announces that he available for either part-time or full-tin pastoral services. Any church desiri his services may contact him by writi 703 Horne Street, Clayton, Nor Carolina 27520; or telephoning 55 7249.

The pulpit committee of Mount Tab Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, seeking a full-time pastor for the church. Any minister interested serving this church may contact th clerk, Robert C. Phelps, Route 2, Bo 158-B, Creswell, North Carolina 27928 telephone after 4:30 p.m., 797-4336.

Mr. Jack A. Jackson, a newly license minister, announces that he is availabl for God's services. Any church in terested in his services may contact hi by writing Route 4, Box 177-B Rockingham, North Carolina 28379; o by telephoning 997-2825.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Robert Rollins would like t announce a change of address. His ol address was Route 1, Bailey; his ne address is Route 2, Box 407, Wilson North Carolina 27893; telephone 237 4094. However, Mr. Rollins is sti pastoring the New Sandy Hill church o Bailey.

### CHARITY

In men whom men condemn as ill
I find so much of goodness still,
In men whom men pronounce divine
I find so much of sin and blot
I do not dare to draw a line
Between the two, where God has not.
—Joaquin Miller

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**ith Mission Revival**
**larch 17-22**

The Faith Free Will Baptist Mission cated on Highways 74 and 76, at land, announces revival services for e week of March 17-22. The visiting angelist will be the Rev. James B. ardee of Elizabethtown. Services will gin each night at 7:30 with the pastor, e Rev. O. B. Everett, assisting. The stor and the mission membership vite the public to attend.

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**emembering the Fifties**
**t Reedy Branch Church**

During the month of March the Reedy anch Free Will Baptist Church, interville, will conduct Family Month, ith special programs presented each unday night.

On the second Sunday night, March 9, e Melvin Memorial Sunday School ass will present a program entitled, Do You Remember?'' It will be a rogram filled with surprises and emembrances for all the members and ersons closely associated with Reedy anch. The program will begin at 7:30 m.

The teacher of the Melvin Memorial ass, Mrs. Marvin Boyd, states, ''The elvin Memorial Class extends a cordial vitation to you to come and share with s our memories of the fifties.''

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**evival Scheduled for**
**riendship Church**

Revival services are scheduled for riendship Free Will Baptist Church, oute 1, Farmville, for the week of larch 10-15, beginning nightly at 7:30. he visiting minister will be the Rev. C. . Patrick of Walstonburg. Each evening here will be Bible preaching, gospel nging, and spiritual fellowship. veryone is invited to bring his family nd friends.

**People's Chapel to**
**Sponsor Gospel Sing**

The People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Elm City, will sponsor a gospel sing in the Elm City High School Thursday night, March 13, beginning at 7:30. The featured singers will be the Dixie Melody Boys, the Foundations, and the Miles Family.

Advance tickets may be purchased from members of the church or by calling 442-0748 in Rocky Mount or 237-2241 in Wilson. Please make your plans now to attend.

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**Third Annual Men's**
**Fellowship Banquet**

The Men's Fellowship at St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, entertained their sweethearts with a banquet at the Bern's Restaurant on Friday, February 14. Joe Duncan brought the program in which the couples renewed their pledges of love and honor and closed with the singing of ''The Wedding Prayer.''

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**Mission Program, Pleasant**
**Hill, March 9**

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King will conduct a special mission program at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43 near Greenville, Sunday evening, March 9. The service will begin at 7:30 and all neighboring churches and the public are invited to attend. The pastor is the Rev. W. H. Willis.

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**Mt. Zion Church Announces**
**Spring Revival**

The Rev. Eddie Edwards, pastor of Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Nashville, during the week of March 16-21. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Roy Clifton, assisting Mr. Edwards. Special music will be rendered by the church choir or individuals during the services. The pastors and church membership invite the public to attend.

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**Earl Glenn to Conduct**
**Watery Branch Revival**



The Rev. Earl H. Glenn of Goldsboro will be the evangelist for revival services at the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, beginning Monday evening, March 10, and continuing through Saturday evening, March 15, beginning at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, will assist in the services. There will be special music rendered each evening by the church choir and visiting singers. Everyone is invited to attend and be much in prayer for these services.

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**Eastern District Youth**
**Convention, March 15**

The Eastern District Youth Convention will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 10 to 12 p.m., at the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Cove City. The guest speakers for the convention will be the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, missionary candidates to the Philippines.

The president of the convention, Steven Hill, is asking everyone to bring a special offering for the missionaries.

Mrs. Melody Wall, the present youth chairman, has resigned and the convention needs to elect someone to

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replace her. He states, "We have been very fortunate to have Mrs. Wall to aid us in the capacity that God has given her. On the behalf of the Eastern District I would like to thank her for all the efforts and help she has given the convention. We pray that God will have His way in the choosing of another youth chairman to replace her."

Mr. Hill continues, "Let me remind everyone again to please try to be present at this meeting as it is a great letdown to the host church that has given so much to make the convention a success if the attendance is poor."

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**Appreciation Dinner for Raymond E. Hart**



An appreciation dinner will be held for the Endowment Fund at Mount Olive College in honor of Mr. Raymond E. Hart who is a devoted man to the College and the Free Will Baptist denomination. The dinner will be held on Friday night, March 7, at 7 o'clock, in the West Greene School cafeteria in Snow Hill. Tickets for the dinner are $5 each. Gifts will be given to the College by friends, relatives, churches, and social orders in behalf of Mr. Hart. Tickets may be purchased and gifts received by notifying Mrs. Annabelle Marshburn, Route 4, Snow Hill, North Carolina; telephone 747-2342.

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**Elm Grove Revival In Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week (March 3-8) at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden. A former member and pastor of the church, the Rev. Bill Futch, is doing the preaching. Mr. Futch is now pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston. The pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey, is assisting in the services. He and the church membership extend a cordial welcome to the public to attend the remainder of the services and enjoy the good gospel preaching, special music, and fellowship.

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**Family Month at Reedy Branch Church**

During the month of March the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church of Winterville will observe Family Month. There will be special emphases on the responsibilities of the family in the work and worship of the Lord. Each Sunday night during the month there will be a special program by various groups within the church and some groups from other churches.

On Sunday night, March 2, the "Proclaimers" of the Winterville area, under the direction of Mr. Ron Braxton, presented a program of music and testimony. Mr. Braxton is a teacher at the D. H. Conley High School.

On Sunday night, March 9, the Melvin Memorial Sunday School Class of the church will present a program under the direction of Mrs. Marvin Boyd, teacher of the class.

On Sunday night, March 16, the "Sugar Frosted Saints" of the Black Jack church will give a program of music and testimony. This group is under the direction of Mrs. Billy Elks.

On Sunday night, March 23, the Couples Sunday School Class of the church will present a program. The teacher of this class is Mr. Earl Deal. In the past they have presented a "This Is Your Life" program, honoring the pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson. In last year's program they also honored Mrs. E. C. Davenport.

On Sunday night, March 30, the choir of Reedy Branch church, under the direction of Mr. Blanie Moye, will present an Easter cantata, "Hail Glorious King" by John W. Peterson. Mrs. Helen Lawrence will serve as organist and Mrs. Lou Nanney as pianist.

This promises to be a very exciting month for the people of Reedy Branch church and you are invited to share in the programs.

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**Winterville Church to Host State League Convention**

Hosted by the Winterville, No Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, State Convention of Free Will Bapt Leagues will convene at 9:30 a.m March 8, 1975. Everyone, whetl leaguer or not, is urged to attend. visitors and delegates are asked register for information purposes. leagues are again reminded not to forg to bring or send their convention fering.

The theme of the convention "Nothing Is Impossible with God," wi the theme Scripture taken from Lu 1:37, "For with God nothing shall impossible." The convention hymn "Nothing Is Impossible." Mrs. Debb Gray will serve the convention at th piano and music will be under th direction of a special guest, Mr Deborah King. The program is as follow

**Morning Session**

9:30--Registration
10:00--Chorus Singing, Reedy Branc League
--Welcome, Winterville League
--Response, Davis League
10:15--President's Remarks, the Rev Raymond E. Jones
--Appointment of Committees
--Business Session
10:40--Chorus Singing
--Report of Christian Cade Conference, Mrs. Linda Chamber
--Service of Giving
10:50--State Sword Drill, Mrs. Judy Conner
11:20--Worship Hour, the Rev. and Mrs Wayne King
12:00--Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00--Chorus Singing
--Business Session
--Awarding of Certificates
1:30--Singspiration
2:30--League Song
--League Benediction

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**Mount Olive Day at Reedy Branch Church**

On Sunday, March 9, Mr. Harold Herring, Director of Development a Mount Olive College, will be the speake at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church

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### LOCAL MISSION CHAIRMEN

Our 1974-75 convention year is idly coming to an end. Our State nvention is less than three months ay. I would like to thank you for what u have done in the support of our ssion program this year. May I remind u that if you have not sent your $30 for xiliary in the state to have a part in is important project. If you have eady sent in your money for the oject, why not make a special offering missions? Last year was our greatest gifts to missions in the history of our nvention. Let's make this year even tter! We cannot afford to do less when e consider what our Lord has done for s.

I believe we are living in the last days efore the return of our Lord and there re so many who are still in darkness and ot ready for His appearing. By our ombined efforts we can help many of ese to hear the gospel for the first time. Ve can do this by praying for the Lord to end forth laborers into His harvest. We an then pray for them as they go out and ive of our means that both their spiritual nd physical needs may be met. When ou have done what you can, then talk to our pastor about receiving an offering n Wednesday evening at prayer eeting. This has worked well in many f our local churches, including my own hurch. A soul is valuable! Jesus put ore value on the soul of man than all the st of the world. He said, "For what hall it profit a man, if he shall gain the hole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36). There is a need we can lp fill and the reward will be great. Vhat will you do about it?

Dola Dudley,
State Mission Chairman

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### VALENTINE PARTY FOR SARATOGA YFA

The YFA of the Saratoga, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church were entertained at a Valentine party recently by the the woman's auxiliary of the church and the "Handmaidens of the Lord," at the home of Mrs. Martha Pittman.

The party climaxed a "Talent Dollar Campaign" based on the Scripture, Matthew 25:14-30. Each member of the YFA was given one dollar to increase over a six-week period. The proceeds from the campaign amounted to $118 which will be divided between the Children's Home and missions.

During the party, Miss Donna Webb was crowned queen as the result of having the greatest increase among the girls, and Joe Webb and H. T. Webb had a tie among the boys, so they were crowned as kings.

The home was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Scarlett Warrick in the Valentine motif.

Following the playing of games and awarding prizes, refreshments were served by Mrs. Pittman, assisted by Mrs. Becky Barnes, Mrs. Nell Webb, and Mrs. Frances Boswell.

Mrs. Geraldine Brown is leader of the YFA group, assisted by Rex and Martha Edwards.

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### CAPE FEAR AUXILIARY STUDY COURSE

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Cape Fear District will have a study course of "Stewardship" on Friday night, March 14. The course will be held in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield. The course will begin promptly at 7:30 with Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr., state program-prayer chairman, teaching the course. Her subject will be "Living the Christ-Filled Life."

Each auxiliary in the district is asked to bring a cake, sliced and wrapped, ready to serve. Drinks will be served by the host auxiliary.

All auxiliary members in this area are cordially invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mavis Daughtry
Cape Fear Study Course Chairman

### LETTER TO AUXILIARY WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Auxiliary Women,

The spring convention in your districts is coming up pretty soon; also, your North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church on May 8. Please make a special effort to attend all these meetings possible.

The committees who have planned the programs have planned them with **you** in mind, that **you** might be inspired to do a greater work for your auxiliary, your church, your community, and most of all, for your Lord.

Please, if you subscribe to **The Free Will Baptist**, encourage others to do so. This is the only media that we have which keeps us informed of all our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth L. Warrick
State Corresponding Secretary

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### A MESSAGE TO STUDY COURSE CHAIRMEN AND AUXILIARY WOMEN

Two months of 1975 have already past and before you know it the other ten will be gone also. What plans have you made, as study course chairmen, in your auxiliary? Let me, as your state chairman, urge you to begin now to make plans for your courses. In order to become an A-1 auxiliary, we must have at least three study courses per year. Maybe some of you can have all five. We cannot devote too much time to study. As Christian auxiliary women, it is important that you attend each one, not just so your auxiliary may get credit, but that you, individually, will be strengthened in our Lord's work. It is like a large piece of pie, you cannot benefit from nor enjoy it, unless you personally participate.

I have asked each district to have a study course on "Stewardship" during this convention year. Some districts have already done so and the response has been real good. If your district has not had one, be sure to do so before our State Convention meets in May. I would like very much to hear from each district chairman as to the results of these study courses.

Let me urge each auxiliary woman to

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**Lesson Text:** Hebrews 8:8-12; 10:19-25
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 9:15




# DO WE FACE LIFE ALONE?

## I. INTRODUCTION

When God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden, it was His great pleasure each day to visit with them in a fellowship such as no others have ever known. This was one of the reasons why He created man; He longs to fellowship with His people and to show them ways of loving them.

Then sin came into the garden and defiled our first parents. This broke the fellowship, as sin always does, and for this reason Adam and Eve no longer enjoyed the lovely relationship they once had. However, God provided for their redemption through Christ just as He does for us all, but they were driven from the garden and, in a sense, were alone without God's presence the rest of their lives. They communed with Him through prayer but never again walked and talked with Him as before.

Their sin was disobedience, and the same sin separates us from God today. Without Him we are terribly alone in a sinful world, but when we received Christ He promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world. His presence, therefore, is with us in the form of the Holy Spirit who dwells in the life of the believer. We can say, then, that we do not ever have to face life alone, for we have One who walks along by our side, yes, One who truly lives within us. In our continued study this quarter from the Book of Hebrews, we are able to see this fact once more.—**The Bible Student** (**F. W. B.**).

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The everlasting Covenant is between God the Father and God the Son. It embraces all the other covenants of the Bible. It is the Covenant of Grace. Christ promised to come to earth and die that whosoever would believe, Jew and Gentile, might be saved. So Christians have a covenant relationship with God through Christ.

B. What are the blessings of this relationship? It means that we belong to the family of God and as such are entitled to all the blessings and privileges of the family. The fact that we are members of God's family is a wonderful blessing.

C. Christians today are the Seed of Abraham not in that we take the place of the Jew, we do not do this; but we are adopted into the family of God by faith in Jesus Christ. In this sense all the faithful of all ages are the Seed of Abraham.

D. Because Christ died for us, we are invited to draw near. This means that we do not have to have an intermediary. We do not need a priest other than Christ who is our High Priest. In the Christian dispensation every Christian is his own priest and may come boldly to the throne of grace.

E. In the face of all that Christ has done for us, how foolish it is for us to fail to be faithful to Him and His Word! We are jeopardizing the greatest blessing that man could ever have.

—**The Bible Teacher** (**F. W. B.**).

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Five men gathered at the church for an evening of work with carpenter tools. One of them was a master carpenter. Before a hammer could be raised, he said: "Wait a minute! Let us pray." He uttered a prayer asking the Lord's help, then said, "All right, fellows; let's get busy. There are six of us working here now!" Whatever our work may be, prayer brings God's help.

If you think you are alone in this big unfriendly world, just remember that if Christ is in your life you will never have to face life alone.—C. F. Bowen.

B. We are urged to hold fast to our profession of faith. Such steadfastnes a necessary aspect of the Christian Dr. Douglas McFadden tells of a trip Switzerland and a climb in the Alps. unexpected snowstorm arose a covered all the tracks and landmarks that even the guide was not sure whi way to turn. But the guide was r perturbed. He calmly told the party, "' down under the cover of this rock cl and we will wait for the sun to melt t snow." This took courage, patience, a confident trust. So, when trials con upon us in the Christian life, we must back and let the sunshine of God providence melt our cares and guide u home. . . .

Alexander Campbell delivered h now-famous **Sermon on the Law** 1816. Campbell's text was Romans 8: "For what the law could not do, in that was weak through the flesh, Go sending his own Son in the likeness sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned s in the flesh." He discussed the followin thoughts in his sermon: What is mean by "the law"? What the law could no do, Why the law was defective at thes points, and How God remedied th defects of the law through Christ. Th sermon was primarily a contrast betwee the law and the gospel, showing that th former had been nullified and that th latter was all sufficient. Yet it caused " seven years' war" with members of hi religious association who were deter mined to exclude him and label thi sermon heresy.

The writer of Hebrews made the sam contrast hundreds of years befor Campbell. He showed the superiority o the new covenant over the old, provin that it was a better covenant established on better promises, having better sacrifice, and mediated by a bette high priest. The Hebrew Christians t whom the letter was sent were urged t maintain their profession of Christ rathe

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# STORIES

## for our youth



# Chubby Dixon's Prayer

N the absence of Dad, Chubby and his mother had gone to live with nt Hetty. The time was when he had e things, but now he must wear de-over clothes. He had saved his nings and expected soon to have a r at the academy. Mother and Aunt ty were busy making him a suit. ubby was called to try on the jacket, but could not be made to fit properly and r Chubby gave up in despair. With a np in his throat he dashed out of the or and fled to the barn where he could ed his tears unseen in the haymow. e speckled hen flew from her nest with oud cackle as Chubby threw himself wn.

"Wish I was a hen myself," sobbed e disappointed boy. "Then my coat uld grow on me."

When Chubby had his cry, he had de up his mind that even hens had ir trials. Think of losing your coat tirely and being made into a pie!

All at once a sunbeam popped through knothole and struck him in the eye. It emed to bring Chubby to himself, for sat up straight, and, with a little ile, whispered to himself, "I've said n always, even since I was a baby; but nave really never asked for a single ng in my life."

With that Chubby crawled over to the rkest corner, and in a trembling voice gan: "Dear Lord, I'm not such a good y, but Aunt Hetty says I'm so very ful, and if you only would send me a w jacket I'd never forget it of you so g as I live. Dear Jesus," he added, bbing, "make my dad send it to me, d make us all good."

Now it happened that Aunt Hetty who d come out to the barn to get a fresh g for her waffles, heard every word.

Aunt Hetty thought it was awfully bold ask the Lord to undertake such a tough job. The thought of Chubby's father brought so many bitter thoughts along with it that she went back to her kitchen angry. As for Chubby, his heart was light as a feather; he had asked in faith and was sure of an answer. With new courage he ran into his garden where he hoed and whistled, whistled and hoed, until suppertime.

Chubby prayed his new prayer not once only but everyday, and many times a day. He had read about a widow who asked over and over again, and he had no notion of being outdone by a poor widow. School began in two weeks and there was no time to lose. He was so sure the new suit would come in time that he made it a point to be at the gate every night when the mail car came so as to be ready to carry in the box.

The days went by and so did the mail car. On the last night Chubby watched it disappear around the corner with a sinking heart.

"P'raps," thought he, "I've asked for too much. The Lord must have a heap of boys to look after. S'pose plenty of 'em would be glad enough to get any kind of clothes without finding fault with the fit." By this time he had reached the haymow. "Oh, I wish I didn't care, but I do, I do."

He crawled over to the darkest corner and prayed a new prayer. This time it was for courage to wear the misfit jacket with a smiling face. This prayer was answered, for not one in the class looked happier or studied harder and with better success than Chubby did that first week.

Then it happened! The mail car stopped at the gate! The driver carried in a box. In it were a letter for Mother, a pair of trousers and a jacket for Chubby. With a war whoop he changed jackets. It was a perfect fit!

Aunt Hetty came running in. "What is the matter?" she gasped, waving her doughy hands.

"A tailored jacket!" cried Chubby.

"Oh, Hetty," sobbed Mrs. Dixon, "my husband has found Jesus at last. He has gone to work like a man; he has sent these things and is coming himself, and there is your check, Hetty, to pay off the mortgage." Aunt Hetty gazed at the box, then at her nephew, then at the check, then fell to hugging Chubby exclaiming all the while, "You were an instrument yourself, Chubb; I heard you praying, and, to my mind, the removing of mountains isn't hard—not to God!"—Selected.

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## SINS STICK

A MAN who had gone through a river in a foreign land found that many leeches were clinging to him. They had fastened on him while he was in the river.

Leeches are little water creatures that fasten themselves to animals or man by suction.

He started to knock them off.

"Don't do that!" exclaimed his attendant. "You will only make them stick harder. I will prepare you a bath which will bring them all off." He then prepared a medicated bath which made the leeches release their hold and fall off.

Sins are like leeches—they stick. We cannot knock them off; or, if we succeed in some instances, they get hold of us again in other ways.

There is only one way of getting rid of our sins, and that is by yielding ourselves to the Saviour and letting Him rid us of them by His redeeming power.—**The Life Line.**

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near Winterville for Mount Olive College Day. Mr. Herring also serves as advisor to the Free Will Baptist Fellowship on the campus. All the church offering for this Sunday will go to the college.

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**Missionary Candidate at LaGrange Church**

The Rev. Wayne King, missionary candidate to the Philippines, will be speaking at the LaGrange, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, March 11, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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## Church Auxiliaries

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study the Bible daily so that she may know God's will for her life. We need to do as the Apostle Paul taught young Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). In the back of your program book, **DEVOTION**, you will find a list of books recommended for study. May I suggest that you, as local study course chairmen, buy (or ask your auxiliary to do so) two or three of these books, read them, and pass them among your members to read. Be sure to include "The Greatest Salesman in the World" as one of these.

As we study to learn and as we share God's love with others, our lives will be made richer through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alma Dale
State Study Course Chairman

## CHURCH-COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL TO MEET

At its September meeting, the Church-College Advancement Council suggested that the College plan a series of county meetings to discuss the purposes of the council and further explain and examine the practical application of its program.

A series of meetings have been planned and the schedule is detailed below. At these meetings we will discuss host meetings for adults and prospective students, Eagles Nest summer camp, the fall dinners, and other phases of the College program. Please note the date and place of your county meeting. **Circle** the date on your calendar and let us know that you plan to attend.

**MARCH 10, 1975**—Johnston-Wake Counties' council members will meet at Johnston Union church near Smithfield, at 7:30 p.m.

**MARCH 11, 1975**—Wayne, Wilson, and Nash Counties' council members will gather at Union Grove church near Fremont, at 7:30 p.m.

**MARCH 13, 1975**—Pitt-Greene Counties' council members will meet at Little Creek church near Ayden, at 7:30 p.m.

**MARCH 17, 1975**—Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties' council members will meet at Saint Mary's church, New Bern, at 7:30 p.m.

**MARCH 18, 1975**—Duplin, Lenoir and Jones Counties' council members will gather at Daly's Chapel church near Seven Springs, at 7:30 p.m.

Churches without council members—If your church has not selected a lay person to represent you on the council, please do so prior to these important county meetings. Approximately seventy churches have now designated members for the council.

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS INCORPORATED

The Free Will Baptist Historical Society held a special called meeting on Friday, February 7, 1975, to make official an earlier decision to apply for a charter of incorporation. The bylaws of the charter were submitted for approval by the membership and a board of directors was elected. Those previously elected to serve as officers and one additional member, Mr. Kenneth Dilda, were elected to the board of directors. The officers of the board include the Rev. James Evans, president; Dr. Michael Pelt, vice-president; the Rev. Bruce Dudley, secretary; and Miss Louise Edgerton, treasurer.

On January 16, the Historical Society sponsored a dinner honoring the Rev. James Evans on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. Among the one hundred and thirty persons attending the dinner were members of the Evans family, Free Will Baptist ministers, and laymen representing churches served by Mr. Evans during the past half century.

The aims of the society as stated in its constitution are as follows:

1. The gathering of materials for the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College.
2. Encouraging and supporting research on the history of Free Will Baptists in cooperation with other agencies, including the Historical Commission of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.
3. The dissemination of knowledge about the history of Free Will Baptists.

Persons in agreement with these aims who want to help the society in its efforts to achieve them, may become members by completing the form below and returning it to: Free Will Baptist Historical Society, Post Office Box 65, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

**Name** _____

**Address** _____

**City, State, Zip** _____

I wish to become a member of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society. Enclosed is my check for membership fees.

Check one of the following:

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| Regular member | $5. |
| Student member | $1. |
| Contributing member | $10. |
| Life member (one payment) | $50. |

Signed _____

## MISSIONS

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, Mr. Ayers, lives in the rest home across the street from the mission. have been having services over there e a month and you would be surled how it has helped the people there vell as helping us.

he mission plans a spring revival for ! 13-15 featuring the Dixie Melody s of Kinston as guest singers. Also, Rev. Everette Harper, piano player the group, will be doing the aching. Plans are being made to have revival in a neighboring church as our space is very limited. There will be more news about the revival later.

Please continue to pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
Stanley Slaughter, Pastor

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

*A quiet word spoken with sincerity and authority can demand more attention and achieve more results than all the angry, shouted words one can master.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)


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## Sunday School Lesson

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than return to the law. They were to have absolute confidence in the new covenant and their new relationship with God.—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

C. A happy Christian one day met an Irish peddler, and said to him, "It's a grand thing to be saved." "Aye," said the peddler, "it is. But I know something better than that." "Better than being saved?" asked the other. "What can be better than being saved?" "The companionship of the Man who has saved me," was the reply. The companionship of Jesus! May we all have it.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.).**

## Questions & Answers

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rendered. Many churches are making extensive use of the motion-picture machines for educational and wholesomely entertaining exhibitions. Some denominations still have a strong prejudice against using the church edifice or auditorium for anything but purely spiritual functions and use a second building or the church basement for those other affairs. Other feel that God's house is also, by His choice, the people's house and that anything which ministers to the physical, mental, moral, or spiritual welfare of the people may be given in it."

All groups, as well as all individuals in the church, should obey "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31); "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40); "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3).

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**Does your cloud have a silver lining?**



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# "CHILUNS, EVER' CLOUD HAS A SILVER LININ'!"

Guest Editorial

All of us have some sorrows, disappointments, and soul sufferings as we go through life. At these times, our faith and patience are tried, sometimes almost to the breaking point. Not many of us have failed at sometime to ask, "Why does God permit these things to come? Does He really have a personal interest in us as individuals? Does He really hear and answer prayers?"

In these trying times, I have gotten a lot of help from a little verse in one of Edgar A. Guest's poems:

> "Happy is the one who can always find,
> In the time of his sad repining,
> When all seems lost and hopeless,
> **The light of his faith still shining.**"

Once when I was a boy in the mountains of Western North Carolina, my chum and I decided to take the old "mule trail" from near my home and hike all the way to Mount Mitchell. The day we chose for the trip, however, did not turn out to be a very favorable one. It was cloudy when we left home a little after daybreak on the chosen day, and we had not gone very far when it began raining—not hard—but with an uncomfortable drizzle. As the clouds got darker and thicker, we could hardly see the trail ahead, so we considered turning back. But there was within us a sort of stubborn streak that kept us pushing on up the rough path through the dense woods. On we pushed around Courthouse Mountain, through the rugged cliffs above Reems Creek Falls, and on up Craven Ridge toward the gap. Every hundred feet we went seemed like a mile, and an hour of time seemed like a day. By now the rain had ceased, but the heavy clouds and the darkness of the forest made the trip a gloomy one, at best.

Then all at once we came out of the woods into an open space at the top of Craven Ridge; and, lo, the sun was shining brightly up there. I will never forget the thrill I had when I looked across the top of the old dark clouds that had caused us so much fear, and they were like a great silvery lake! It was then that I remembered something my dear old granny, whose literary education was far beneath her knowledge of her God and His wonderful ways, had said to us over and over: "Chiluns, ever' cloud has a silver linin'!" Somewhere granny had heard that old quotation, and it had become the thing that gave her strength to bear the burdens that were her part, most of the time, through a long life of much want and suffering.

When my chum and I looked ahead on the trail, there were the beautiful slopes of the Craggy Flats, now bathed in sunshine, with the majestic top of Mount Mitchell beyond them—all beckoning us on to a happy and delightful experience in mountain climbing.

Child of the Lord, almost overburdened at times, it may seem, with labors and sorrows, press on bravely! Up there, after awhile, you will reach a place in your experience where you can look back over the clouds and you will know then that my granny was right when she said, "Chiluns, ever' cloud has a silver linin' !"

(**Editor's Note:** The editorial above was written by the Rev. L. E. Ballard, a pioneer minister of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Mr. Ballard, for a number of years, has written "The Adult Free Will Baptist Leaguer," along with other publications for the Press Foundation. He, and his wife Gertrude, have served as managers of Cragmont Assembly for a number of years, and are returning this year to serve as managers again. We thank God for such dedicated people as Mr. and Mrs. Ballard.—Ralph A. Bowen, **Assistant Editor.**)



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# the gifts of the holy spirit

by Floyd B. Cherry

VERY few years there seems to be a new surge of interest the Holy Spirit and His work. With h new surge, many are confused and into excessive emotionalism, urches are divided, some good may be omplished; but much harm is done. s ought not to be, and we are sure t it would not be if our people were perly taught in the doctrine of the ly Spirit. It was during one of these rges of interest in the Holy Spirit that ginal Free Will Baptists lost many of ir churches, others were divided, and e Pentecostal Free Will Baptists came o existence.

Because of recent problems on the ssion field and among some of the urches on the home front, we have cided to write two short articles on the **ifts of the Holy Spirit.**'' We are aware at not much can be said in two articles at are short enough to be read. Long icles in **The Free Will Baptist**, or any ner paper, are seldom read.

In this first article it is our purpose to ake some general statements about the bject and suggest a bibliography that e might use in the study of the Holy irit. In the second article, we will deal th the gift of tongues.

No student of the Bible will deny that e Holy Spirit gives gifts to Christians service to the body of Christ which is e church. These are not natural gifts or ents, but special gifts from the Holy irit to be used in the service of the urch. There are four passages in the w Testament that deal with these ts and their purpose: Romans 12:4-8; Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:7-; and 1 Peter 4:10, 11. Be sure to read refully each of these passages.

These passages name fifteen different gifts of the Spirit. It seems evident that these gifts differ in value, and that certain of the gifts were temporary in their bestowal and use (see 1 Corinthians 13:8). Be sure to note as you look over the list how diverse they are. The Holy Spirit sees to it that there is someone in the church with a gift to do each job that needs to be done. Here are fifteen gifts: (1) the gift of teaching, (2) the gift of helping or ministering, (3) the gift of administration or management, (4) the gift of evangelism, (5) the gift of being a pastor, (6) the gift of exhortation, (7) the gift of giving, (8) the gift of showing mercy, (9) the gift of apostleship, (10) the gift of prophecy, (11) the gift of miracles, (12) the gift of healing, (13) the gift of tongues, (14) the gift of interpreting tongues, and (15) the gift of discerning spirits. It should be added that some authorities name a sixteenth gift of the Spirit: the gift of faith.

Dr. John F. Walvoord in his book, ''The Holy Spirit,'' makes a distinction between spiritual gifts and gifted men: ''A distinction may be observed in the New Testament between spiritual gifts and gifted men. While the two are inseparable, **spiritual gifts** has reference to the supernatural powers possessed by individuals, while **gifted men** has reference to the sovereign placing of gifted men in the church for the purpose of administering to the body. While the principal thought of 1 Corinthians 12—14 is that of spiritual gifts, we find reference to the bestowal of gifted men on the church in Ephesians 4:11. The two ideas are not strictly separated as indicated by the references in the Corinthian passage to both spiritual gifts and gifted men. It may be noted, however, that gifted men are normally a gift of Christ or of God, while spiritual gifts are the work of the Third Person. The sphere of spiritual gifts is peculiarly a doctrine of the Holy Spirit, . . .''

As you study the New Testament with regard to spiritual gifts, you will see several definite truths:

1. Spiritual gifts are given by the sovereignty of God. This indicates two things: (1) They should not be sought by individuals and (2) all men are not to have the same gift or gifts.

2. Although all men do not have the same gifts, every Christian has some spiritual gifts. ''But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit . . .'' (1 Corinthians 12:7). This means that however small the gift, or insignificant the place, every Christian is essential to the body of Christ.

3. Spiritual gifts differ in value. It is true that all Christians have equality of privileges in Christian faith, but there is not equality of gifts. Some are more effective and essential than others. However, all spiritual gifts are to be used in love.

4. It seems apparent that some of the gifts were of a temporary nature.

We close this brief study by quoting from a sermon by A. W. Tozer, who for many years was editor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance weekly paper:

''So when the gifts are lodged in the body of Christ, in the local church, they are the ability to do. By way of illustration, your stomach is a gift from God. The purpose of it is not to hold up your trousers, just something to put a belt around. The stomach has a purpose and a function. What is your liver for? What are your eyes for? They have

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1:3

THE INSPIRATION OF A GREAT LIFE

I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that Kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by the giving or keeping of it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity. May grace and strength sufficient to enable me to adhere faithfully to this resolution be imparted to me, so that, not in name only, all my interest may be identified with His cause."—David Livingstone.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We may place our hopes and faith in various and sundry things but we find, oftentímes too late, that our hopes and faith have been misplaced.*

MONDAY, MARCH 17
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13:13

GIVING AND RECEIVING

So long as we live we must give. And that is one of the joys of living. Perhaps some of us have wished that the time might come when we need not "give" anymore. Then we need to read this true little message in verse:

" 'For giving is living,' the angel said,
'Go feed to the hungry sweet charity's bread.'
And must I keep giving again and again?'
My selfish and querulous answer ran.
'Oh, no!' said the angel, piercing me through,
'Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you.' "

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are all able to give, if nothing else, of our understanding, patience, and love.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
Scripture Reading—Psalm 57:1

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU?

A friend tells of overhearing two little girls, playmates, who were counting over their pennies. One said, "I have five pennies." The other said, "I have ten." "No," said the first little girl, "you have just five cents, the same as I." "But," the second child quickly replied, "my father said that when he came home tonight, he would give me five cents, and so I have ten cents." The child's faith gave her proof of that which she did not as yet see, and she counted it as being already hers, because it had been already promised by her father.—*Otterbein Teacher.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our heavenly Father keeps His promise. All through the Bible we have record after record of promises made and kept.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Scripture Reading—Joshua 1:8

THE UNFAILING REMEDY

A prime minister of England once said: "If I am asked what is the remedy for the deeper sorrows of the human heart, what a man should chiefly look to in progress through life as the power that is to sustain him under trials and enable him manfully to confront his afflictions, I must point to something which in a well-known hymn is called, 'The old, old story,' told in an old, old Book, and taught with an old teaching, which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind."—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Bible contains stories which satisfy every reader's hunger, be it mystery, romance, or answers to every conceivable problem.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
Scripture Reading—Psalm 16:6

TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS

Jonathan Goforth was God's radiant servant always. Of all the messages that reached his wife after he had entered the Gloryland, none touched her as the following: A poor Roman Catholic servant in the ho where the Goforths had often visit on hearing of his passing, said to l master, "When Dr. Goforth has b here I have often watched his face a have wondered if God looked l him!" That dear girl saw in his fa sightless though he was, what s hoped for in her heave Father!—*Goforth in China.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It would be nice to have peo receive a lovely thought by looking our faces, or our lives.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
Scripture Reading—Psalm 38:3, 1

THE VERY ONE CHIRST CAME TO SAVE

The brother of Whitefield, the gre evangelist, was deeply despondent times, and felt his utter worthlessne and helplessness. On one such c casion Lady Huntingdon spoke to hi about his salvation, and tried to i duce him to come to Christ. To all h pleas he answered, "Oh, it is of u use! I am lost! I am lost!" "Tha God for that," said she. "Why' asked the man in astonishmer "Because," said Lady Huntingdo "Christ came to save the lost, and you are lost, He is just the one wh can save you."—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is consoling to know th Christianity is one group in which person does not have to be an ou standing citizen or anything mo than a sinner who accepts Christ c his Saviour.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:6

GOD'S PEACE

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea,
Which falls like sunshine on the road
Of those who trust in thee.

That peace which suffers and i strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trialway too long,
But leaves the end with thee;

That peace which flows serene an deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure keep,
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

—*Youth's Comrade*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**uestion:** Please explain, "If any man e to me, and hate not his father, and her, and wife, and children, and thren, and sisters, yea, and his own also, he cannot be my disciple" ke 14:26). What does the word hate an as used by Jesus in this verse?

**Answer:** It means to regard in a lesser gree. What Jesus is saying is that a ristian's devotion to his family is to e second place to devotion to Christ. e first commandment indicates that we to love God (Christ is God) with all our arts, souls, and might. ". . . thou alt love the LORD thy God with all thine art, and with all thy soul, and with all y might" (Deutoronomy 6:5). Then we ve the words of Jesus our Lord when e gave an answer to one of the scribes: . . . one of the scribes came, and ving heard them reasoning together, d perceiving that he had answered em well, asked him, Which is the first mmandment of all? And Jesus anvered him, The first of all the comandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord r God is one Lord: And thou shalt love e Lord thy God with all thy heart, and th all thy soul, and with all thy mind, d with all thy strength: this is the first mmandment. And the second is like, mely this, Thou shalt love thy neighur as thyself. There is none other mmandment greater than these" Mark 12:28-31).

This would by no means coincide with e idea of hating one's loved ones as we w use the word hate. "Children, obey ur parents in the Lord: for this is right. onour thy father and mother; (which is e first commandment with promise;) at it may be well with thee, and thou ayest live long on the earth" Ephesians 6:1-3). This latter passage is mong the definite instructions given by e Holy Spirit for the church members—the saints of our day.

George H. Sandison gives a reasonable evaluation of this expression of Jesus in answer to a similar question as found on Page 299 in his book **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"In Luke 14:26 our Lord asserts his claim to our most loyal service and our supreme affection. In taking up one's cross to follow him, we must be prepared for trials for his sake, and to break even the nearest and dearest ties, if need be. He must have the first place in our hearts. It may come to choosing between Christ and our nearest relations. (Compare Matthew 10:37 with the passage in Luke 14.) 'Hate' is not the preferable word, as the passage in Matthew shows. The passage in Luke obscures the true form of the expression and invests it with harshness while Matthew makes the true meaning clear, that we are to love him better than all else, even those who are nearest and dearest to us, and that this love must assert itself loyally at the crisis, no matter what it may cost us. A loyal soldier will give up all to serve his country; so we too must be prepared to give up all, if need be, to serve Christ."

We, who would walk closely with our Saviour in anticipation of the wonderful and lovely accelerated experience we are to enjoy with Him throughout all eternity, should regard all else and everyone else as insignificant compared with Him. The Bible tells us, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10).

It is hard to realize that a poor lost sinner, destined to an eternal consignment in a terrible place called hell, where the worm never dies and the flames are never quenched and where the weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth never ceases, is now an heir of God and joint heir with Christ. Why should I not love God with all my heart, soul, and mind? Why should not all earth's beauties with all the present fond elations we have here fade into pale dimness and nothingness in the light of those wonders which we as Christians read about in God's Word? Why should not the fondest affections for the good and useful things here have little place in our affections, when we have grown into a sufficient familiarity of heaven's bounties as we have given in the Bible, teaching the place of honor and respect we are called upon in God's Word to give it? "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. . . . For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:10, 12).

The more completely we come in harmony with heaven and all in it the Bible holds before us, the more increasingly and strangely dim do the most beautiful things and experiences of this life become to us.

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## Churches and Ministers Available

Dublin Grove Free Will Baptist Church, two miles southeast of Aurora, requests applications for a pastor to serve the church starting July 1, 1975. Interested parties may contact Mildred G. Brothers, Route 1, Box 365, Aurora, North Carolina 27806. The church's preference is for morning services, four Sundays a month, with no evening services; however, other arrangements may be made.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro is in need of a half-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church should contact any member of the church or write to the clerk, Mrs. David Lee Fillingame, P. O. Box 66, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586.

Mr. Jack A. Jackson, a newly licensed minister, announces that he is available for God's services. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 4, Box 177-B, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379; or by telephoning 997-2825.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## MURAL AND STUDY AREA MOYE LIBRARY



Shown above is the mural and adjacent study area in the Moye Library recently sponsored by Mrs. Celia Hart Garris of Ayden, North Carolina, and her Jaughters, Mrs. Anna Hill and Mrs. Cora Lee Spivey.

The mural, conceived and executed by Willie Tagleiri, a native of New York, depicts the history of Mount Olive College. The overall design shows a cross with a mock design of the College seal with the Moye Library in the center. Across the top of the cross may be seen a painting of the old Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary in Ayden, the main building at Cragmont Assembly where the College operated for its first year, and a view of the main building on the downtown campus where the College began its operation in Mount Olive in 1953. Students from all walks of life and both hemispheres are shown converging toward the library and Henderson Building. A foundation of books supports the seal and therefore the educational efforts of the College. A rural scene complete with products of the farmland of Eastern North Carolina forms the basis of the mural. The mural is flanked on either sides by flags of North Carolina and the United States.

The mural is a unique feature oi the Moye Library and is a point of special interest to visitors and students alike. The mural is done in oil on canvas which was mounted on the wall before the painting was done. It measures approximately 14 by 14 feet.

Several other gifts have been made recently for special projects in the library as memorials or tributes. A number of projects are still available for sponsorship. Such gifts are recognized by engraved plaques placed on or near the project sponsored.

## BIOGRAPHIES OF MINISTERS

### Fifty-Two Years Later and Plea the Same

"We have given repeated notice the fact that we are compiling a Boo Biographies of our ministers. We wei the trouble of having a large numbe questionnaires printed and distribu among our brother ministers. We h from time to time handed out number these at different meetings, in order they might be filled out and returne us in due time. Just now for abou month we will have the best opportu to arrange them that we will have i good while. Now these records wi completed will be a wonderful refere book and will contain much valua information. You can refer to this b and tell who was the father of Elder Who received Bro. B into the chur Who Bro. C married and how ma children they have. When Bro. D v licensed to preach, whom and wh ordained and by whom. The positio that Bro. E has held and the results of labors, also what he is doing at present time. The work will be wo derfully interesting as a source of formation, both concerning the living a dead ministers. Give us the informati and we promise to have it compiled. N Bro. ministers please fill out the question blanks and send to me at on that this very important work may not delayed beyond this year at least. Do n wait, we pray and beg, till it is too la and then be anxious to get yo biography in. There is so much ju delayed business as this done that it real sickening. We have been selected do this work and we want to do it and in creditable manner. Of course we cann go into details for if we did it would take wonderfully large book to contain them Whose record do we want? We want or of every Free Will Baptist minister North Carolina of every association an confeience. We realize the enormity the task, but with the cooperation of o ministers it will not be so great. We w gladly send one of the blanks we a using to anyone who has not receive one. Simply drop us a card and give u your address and the blank will be se on return mail."

The above is quoted directly from a editorial by Editor E. T. Phillips in **Th Free Will Baptist,** April 4, 192 Apparently it was a problem then to g

sters to preserve their biographical d and today the case is the same.

1973, the Historical Commission of State Convention initiated a project of cting basic biographical data on ent Free Will Baptist ministers. They printed and provided at the State vention in 1973 forms to be com- ed and returned to the Free Will ist Historical Collection where they e to be kept. Every minister was n such a form. Fourteen such forms e returned that year and a few bled in in 1974 prompted by pleas ugh **The Free Will Baptist** and again viding them at the 1974 State vention.

We would like to recognize the wisdom he twenty-nine ministers who have s far responded to this current plea of Historical Commission by listing their nes.

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lson, Willis Whichard

On behalf of the Historical Commission d for the sake of preserving our nominational history, I join the late der Phillips in requesting that our rgy take a few minutes and complete a nister's Data Sheet and send it to my ention, Gary Barefoot, Librarian, Free ll Baptist Historical Collection, Moye brary, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. If you do not have such a form, we will be happy to furnish you one upon reguest. We would also welcome data on deceased ministers if their families or friends can furnish such.

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## CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH OFFICERS AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

A conference for training and exchanging ideas for church officers will be held at Mount Olive College March 22, 1975. The conference will consist of training sessions for deacons, clerks, treasurers, Sunday school superintendents, and assistant superintendents.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. Study materials on each of these offices may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden.

Program participants will be the following: The Rev. David W. Hansley, teaching deacons; the Rev. Walter Reynolds, teaching treasurers; the Rev. Bruce Barrow, teaching clerks; the Rev. Bobby Bazen, teaching Sunday school superintendents.

Also, at 10 a.m., Dr. Michael Pelt will teach a class on "Parliamentary Procedure"; and at 1 p.m., the Rev. Bill Futch will teach a class on "Church Administration."

There will be a two dollar registration fee payable upon arrival at the conference. For more information and registration forms, contact Mr. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; phone 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

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## COLLEGE CHAPLAIN SELECTED TO FILL BOARD POST



The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Mental Health Association. As a member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Harrison will serve on the Education Committee.

Chaplain Harrison is a former student of Mount Olive College and is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological

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## COLLEGE TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Mount Olive College will sponsor a conference for church officers March 22, 1975. The conference will consist of training sessions for deacons, clerks, treasurers, Sunday school superintendents, and assistant superintendents.

The sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served in the College cafeteria at $1.75 per person. There will be a $2 registration fee per person for the conference, payable upon arrival at the conference.

At 10 a.m., Dr. Michael Pelt will teach a class on "Parliamentary Procedure"; and at 1 p.m., the Rev. Bill Futch will teach a class on "Church Administration."

Please fill out the form below and return it to Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

_____I plan to attend the Church Officers' Training Conference March 22, 1975, beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be_____persons with me.

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ Phone Number

## MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

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Seminary, Wake Forest, with a major in pastoral care and counseling.

In June, 1971, Mr. Harrison completed two years of postgraduate study in clinical pastoral education in the School of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem. There he served as a chaplain and assistant chaplain supervisor with major emphasis of his training in pastoral counseling.

Prior to his study at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Mr. Harrison served as pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama. He served as a marriage and family counselor in the Surry County Family Guidance Center, Mount Airy, during his last year of study in clinical pastoral education at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Harrison is a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry.

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### TALTONS ARE HONORED BY MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE BOARD

The Mount Olive College Board of Trustees honored Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Talton of Pikeville at a luncheon Monday, February 17, for their support of the Free Will Baptist Institution.

College President W. Burkette Raper announced that an endowment fund in the name of Hardy and Mildred Talton was established at Mount Olive College January 4.

The endowment consists of over $3,500 raised at an appreciation dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Talton last month. Additional contributions will be added to the endowment fund as they are made.



James Hunt Sr., at left, chairman of the Board of Trustees at Mount Olive College, presents a certificate honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Talton of Pikeville for the establishment of an endowment fund in their name at the College. They were entertained at a luncheon hosted by college trustees February 17.

Dr. Raper said it will be the poli the College to invest the funds and the earnings in the name of Hardy Mildred Talton "to advance the purp of the College through Christian hi education."

He added that "for the present future generations, the endowment be a perpetual tribute to the Taltons their long and distinguished service their fellowmen."

State Legislator Sam Bundy of Fa ville, a member of the Board Trustees, lauded the Taltons as "hap contented, successful people who h found their place in life."

The Taltons thanked the trustees, Mr. Talton said, "If we have d anything worthy of this honor, we have much left to do."

Mr. Talton, a member of the Pleas Grove Free Will Baptist Church an former member of the North Carol General Assembly, served on the Mo Olive College Board of Trustees fo number of years.

At the January 4 dinner honoring Talton, over 600 people from all walks life packed the auditorium at the Way Center in Goldsboro.

Among the many who paid tribute Mr. Talton at the dinner were Governor Jim Hunt; State Sena Tommy Strickland; State Senator Ral Scott, of Alamance County; Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Oli College; State Representative Nan Chase; and, a host of other civic a business leaders.

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## CHURCH OFFICERS' CONFERENCE
## Saturday, March 22, 1975
### Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

---- A conference for training and exchanging ideas for church officers:

Deacons
Clerks
Treasurers
Sunday School Superintendents
Assistant Sunday School Superintendents

---- Program begins at 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., Henderson Building, Mount Olive College. At 10 a. m., Dr. Michael Pelt will teach a class on "Parliamentary Procedure"; and at 1 p. m., the Rev. Bill Futch will teach a class on "Church Administration."

---- Registration fee of $2 payable on arrival.
See articles on Page 7 for more information.

## Coming Events . . .

March 15—Piedmont District Woman Auxiliary Spring Convention, Mou Olive Free Will Baptist Churc Kannapolis, North Carolina

March 20—Eastern District Woman' Auxiliary Convention, First Free Wi Baptist Church, Kinston, Nort Carolina

March 22—Church Officers' Trainin Conference, Mount Olive College Mount Olive, North Carolina

March 22—Central District Youth Fellowship, Elm Grove Free Wil Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden North Carolina, Beginning at 10 A M.

March 26—Central District Woman' Auxiliary Convention, Black Jac

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Attendance Pins Awarded By Riverside Sunday School**



On Sunday, March 2, the Sunday chool of Riverside Free Will Baptist hurch, Route 1, Princeton, presented 3 student perfect attendance pins for e year, 1974. They were as follows:

First year: Tracey Tyner, Dana ennett, Avery Willoughby, and Jeff aumgartner; second year: Craig Casey; ird year: Connie Bennett and Twyla asey; fourth year: Tim Baumgartner, ecky Howell, and Marcia Toler; seventh ar: Billy Ray Howell; tenth year: Karen len; twentieth year: Patsey Howell and Louise Hartley; twenty-third year: Dan Benson; twenty-fourth year: Barbara Willoughby; and, twenty-eighth year: John L. Martin and Lula Martin.

The superintendent of the school, Bobby Fields, expressed his appreciation for those receiving pins. He stated, "We are very proud of our Sunday school and hope to have even more perfect attendances next year."

Avery Willoughby was not present when the picture was taken.

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**pecial Music and Revival Smyrna Church**

Sunday night, March 16, at seven clock, the Harmony Quartet of Kinston ll present a program of music at the nyrna Free Will Baptist Church, ounts Creek.

On Monday evening, March 17, vival services will begin at the Smyrna urch with the Rev. Jerry English as the uest evangelist. The services will begin ch evening at 7:30, and will continue roughout the week. The pastor, the Rev. Joe Edwards, will assist Mr. English. The church hopes to have special singing each evening.

The Four-in-Christ Quartet of New Bern will close out the services Saturday night, March 22, with a program of song and testimony.

The church's pastor and its membership invite you to come to these services throughout the week. They ask that you be much in prayer that this will truly be a great revival and that souls may be won to Christ.

**Revival Services Scheduled For Free Union Church**

The Rev. Norman Ard will conduct revival services at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, the week of March 16-21, at 7:30 each evening. In addition to the gospel message there will be special music each evening. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

The pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, will assist Mr. Ard in the services.

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**Eddie Edwards Conducting Oak Grove Revival**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro. Services are beginning each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Eddie Edwards as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. David Powell, is assisting in the services which are featuring special singing each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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**St. Mary's YFA Has Box Supper**

On Saturday night, February 15, the YFA of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, honored their parents with a box supper. The church fellowship hall was decorated throughout in red and white, carrying out the valentine motif.

Mr. James Flecher Flamenco, guitarist and instructor at Craven Community College, entertained with special music.

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**Elm Grove Church to Host Central Youth Fellowship**

The Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, will be host to the Central District Youth Fellowship on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a. m. All essays and declamations should be sent to Mrs. Jack Dail, Route 1, Box 206, Winterville, North Carolina 28590, as soon as possible. Elections of officers will be held at this meeting. Lunch will be served immediately following the meeting. All young people from any church in the district are encouraged to attend. Visitors are also welcome. Come and join together in a day of Christian fellowship and fun.

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# NEWS NOTES

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**Calvary Church, Wilson, Announces Revival**

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson has scheduled its spring revival for the week of March 17-21, with the Rev. Charles Suggs as the visiting speaker. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. D. C. Boling, assisting Mr. Suggs. Each service will feature good gospel preaching and special music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Robert May to Conduct Reedy Branch Revival**



The Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie will be the guest evangelist for the spring revival at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, beginning Monday night, March 17, and continuing through Friday night, March 21. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, assisting Mr. May. There will be special singing each night by the church choir and a special time for the small children.

The pastor and the church membership cordially invite you to attend these services.

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**Riverside Church Announces Annual Spring Revival**

The Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton, announces its annual spring revival to begin Monday evening, March 17, and continuing through Friday evening, March 21, beginning nightly at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of the Piney Grove church near Kenly. There will be special music each evening and all singers are invited to participate in the services. On Monday night the "King's Messengers" of Pinkney will be the featured singers. The pastor, the Rev. Joe Johnson who is assisting in the services, along with the church membership, cordially invite everyone to attend.

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**Wilson Revival In Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, and will continue through Friday night, March 14. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Johnnie Bullman, serving as the evangelist. Special music is being rendered each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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**Kings in Mission Service At Gum Swamp Church**

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King, missionary candidates to the Philippines, will conduct a mission service at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville (Belvoir Community), Sunday, evening, March 6, at 7 p. m. The pastor, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, and the church members invite the public to attend.

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**Youth Rally at Sound Side Church**

A youth rally will be held at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia the weekend of March 14-16.



*Rev. Bobby Taylor*

The Rev. Bobby Taylor will be in charge of the Friday night service and the Rev. Royce Reynolds the Saturday night service. The pastor of the church, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, will be in charge of the Sunday morning service.



*Rev. Royce Reynolds*

These ministers will be in charge of the activities of Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. The activities will consist of prayer groups, discussion groups, sermons, testimonies, and singing. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church. Everyone is invited.

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**Bobby Jackson to Conduct Black Jack Revival**



*The Rev. Bobby Jackson*

The Rev. Bobby Jackson of Greenville will be the evangelist for revival services at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, beginning

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# MISSIONS

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### DEAF CLASS AT FREE SPIRIT MISSION

Mr. Dale Albertson, director of the ee Spirit Free Will Baptist Mission, lson, reports that his wife, Jasmine, s started a class for the deaf and eady has several students attending. feels that this will be a great asset to e mission and the community. He also ports that the attendance to the ission is good and he thinks they are f to a very good start.

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### NEW MISSION IN LUMBERTON

A new mission point is now in peration in the Lumberton area under ne auspices of the Home Missions and hurch Extension Department of the orth Carolina State Convention of riginal Free Will Baptists. The mission eld its first service on February 9, and as already had up to 31 in attendance ith three new converts.



Freedom Mission Congregation

The mission's pastor and director is ne Rev. Lewis Sprouse who has had a uitful ministry. His previous pastorate as at the White Oak Free Will Baptist hurch in Bladenboro. The Executive oard of the Pee Dee Association has iven him a full written endorsement.



The Sprouse family (left to right): wife, Lois; Lewis; Robert, age 12; and Margaret, age 14.

This is the only work we have in the Lumberton area. This is the Home Missions Department's eighth sponsorship in about two years and we feel that this is just the beginning of greater things to come through our department. We trust our people will continue to remember us in their prayers and financial support.

Our funds are dangerously low. We expect to see great progress coming out of the Lumberton mission which has selected the name "Freedom" for its mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Hill
Director-Treasurer

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### REPORT FROM THE HERITAGE MISSION

The Rev. Wayne Watson, Pastor

I just want to write and share with you (the readers of "The Free Will Baptist") and our people some of the Lord's blessings we are enjoying here at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Mission at Charlotte. God continues to send us good people with which to work. Our attendance for the past few weeks has averaged thirty and above.

One of the new members of the mission has donated enough brick to build our new building. He requested that his name be withheld. We praise God for this gift and for people like him.

We closed the contract on our land purchase Friday, February 28. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone that has prayed so faithfully for us and to those who have helped financially. Especially do we thank our mother church, the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, who received a special offering in the amount of $658.28 to be applied on the land purchase.

Yes, the Lord is blessing us so much we are about to run out of room for the attendance, but I know He will provide us with a building soon in order that we will be able to continue to reach more people for Him.



Mrs. Gay Nell Smith

For months the mission has been praying for a pianist and the Lord answered our prayers. He sent to us Mrs. Gay Nell Smith. It seems that the music just flows from her fingers, and the love of God is seen and felt in her talent which she offers back to the Lord.

Truly God is good to us at the Heritage mission. We are enjoying the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services and the joy that this brings to our hearts is wonderful. Please pray for us that we will be all He wants us to be. If we can be of any service to you, our people, please let us know.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 23



# WHAT MAKES A VALID FAITH?

**Lesson Text:** Hebrews 12:1-4, 7-16
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 12:3

## I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson text for today, which is taken from Hebrews 12, is designed to encourage our faith and to strengthen our Christian commitment. The author makes use of two examples of unwavering faith to assist us in our efforts and reminds us that we have every reason in the world to forsake sin and dedicate ourselves to the Christian life which has been committed to our care.

The two examples to which he refers are as follows: First, the cloud of faithful witnesses and their works of faith are mentioned in Chapter 11; second, and most important of all, is mentioned the Author and Finisher of our faith, to whom we should look for guidance and strength as we run the race which is set before us.

We are not to assume that the race is an easy one, for it is not. There will be times when we feel that we have been forsaken by the Father and that His hand is upon us to chasten rather than correct, but we are encouraged to hold fast to the faith and to trust God's divine providence that all things—even those which seem to be to our hurt—are working together for good to us as we manifest by our works of love for God and our dedication to His call in our lives.

The background for today's lesson is a first century Christian church of Jewish extraction, the members of which were being called upon to undergo bitter persecution as a result of their religious faith.

The purpose of today's lesson is to encourage us, both by precept and example, to hold fast to our faith in Christ.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.).**

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Stop and meditate for a moment on how important faith is in the Bible. We cannot be saved without faith; we cannot please God without faith; we cannot expect to get an answer to prayer without faith; we cannot serve the Lord adequately without faith. Faith is one of the great elements of the Christian life.

B. There is a sense in which the Christian must discipline himself, and there is a sense in which he is disciplined by the Lord. We discipline ourselves by denying ourselves the desires of the flesh. God disciplines us by allowing trials and hardships. Whether we discipline ourselves or whether the Lord does it, it is always for our own good. The more we discipline ourselves the less the Lord will have to discipline us.

C. The story of the orchestra on the **Titanic** will long be told, and future generations will hear how these brave men continued to play until the great vessel took her plunge into the depths of the Atlantic. Nor will there be wanting those who will remember the call of Captain Smith, "Be British," which reminded the passengers that they were expected to meet death as brave men.

"Isidor, you and I will remain together," said Mrs. Straus to her husband, in low but firm tones, when her husband tried to persuade her to leave the sinking boat with other women. So died that faithful and noble woman, "Faithful unto death."
**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.).**

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. **F-acts.** Faith is based on facts. Christian faith is based upon the facts of the gospel, such as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. John wrote his Gospel to provide these facts in order that men "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (20:31).

**A-cceptance.** Facts are the foundati of faith. Faith "cometh by hearing (Romans 10:17). Faith is facts accepte the belief of testimony. It can be only strong as the conviction that is fou dational facts are true. Facts, faith, lif this is the order.

**I-nheritance.** "Faith is the substan of things hoped for, the evidence things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Fai accepts the testimony, and so believes and anticipates the resurrection (Joh 11:25, 26; Romans 8:11), a new body ( Corinthians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 15:54), crown of life (Revelation 2:10; 2 Timoth 4:8), and an incorruptible inheritance ( Peter 1:4).

**T-rust.** Trust is the child of faith Believing in God, we trust Him. Believin in Christ, we trust Him (John 14:1). An trusting, we do what He says and follo where He leads or go where He sends.

**H-appiness.** Happiness is an attitud of life, manifest to all, that comes wit faith and trust. It is the companion hope (Romans 12:12). Sad indeed is tha person who knows not the comfortin and strengthening presence of thi trinity—faith, trust, hope.—**Standar Lesson Commentary.**

B. ". . . what shall it profit a man, i he shall gain the whole world, and los his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Leo Tolstoy, the Russian novelist, tell the story of the peasant Pakham who ha done some deed of valor. The empero rewarded him by telling him he coul have all the land he could encompass i one day, but he must reach the startin point by sundown. In his greed Pakhan tried to encompass more than he shoul have. From noon until the setting sun h had to run at a breakneck pace. With a final brust of speed he fell across th finish line just as the sun sank over th horizon—dead!—C. F. Bowen.

# STORIES for our youth



# BICYCLE CONTEST

by
**Florence Elkstrand**

OU can't do this!'' Sammy Baker wagged his finger under ry Wall's nose. ''If you do, you might as well kiss that bicycle good-by.''

Larry pushed Sammy's finger away. Sammy was right. If he didn't get y and collect Manley's Market sales s, he might as well say good-by to all hopes for a bike.

''You want that bike, don't you?''

Do I want it? Larry ran his hand ough the red-brown hair that tumbled r his forehead. He bit his lip. He nted that bike so badly that he ached. Larry's knee hurt from the walking he d Sammy had done this morning. The ctor had said that a bike might make it sier to get around. But when you n't have a father, and when your ther's job had to support two younger ters as well, asking for a bike was like king for a Rolls Royce.

When Manley's Market announced the cycle contest, Larry was sure he could n. A bicycle would be given to the boy girl who collected the most receipts ring this month. Larry had tramped m door to door until his knee fairly reamed, asking people to save their anley's Market receipts for him.

Then he had climbed the steps to the eathered, gray house at the top of the l.

Mary Kasper lived there. She had a y face, a shy grin, and a sprinkling of ckles on her nose. She was in a wheel air.

''I know how you feel about a bike,'' e said softly. ''I wish some store uld have a contest for a walker.''

''A walker?''

''Yes, the doctor says if I got one, I ght be able to regain the use of my s.''

''Do they cost very much?''

''For us they do.''

Larry shifted uncomfortably. It was always hard to know what to say to someone who was hurt or sick. In Sunday school, they had talked about how Jesus had helped everyone.

And in that moment, Larry knew that he wanted Mary to have a walker as badly as he wanted the bike.

Now, with Sammy's finger wagging in his face, Larry made his decision all over again.

''I'm going to help Mary get a walker. When I ask people to save their receipts for me, I'll ask them to send a contribution for the walker.''

Many times in the days that followed, Larry was ready to quit. His knee rebelled at all the walking. Sometimes people would say, ''There must be agencies for getting a walker for a crippled girl.''

Larry tried to explain that Mary's case didn't come under any of these categories. Sometimes it took so long to explain that he didn't get many calls made after school.

Then a woman told him, ''Mr. Metzler at the drugstore has a walker. Perhaps he would lend it.''

Larry hurried across town to the small drugstore. But the store was closed when he arrived.

The next day, he went there after school.

''Yes, I did have a walker, but I sold it to a Mrs. Johnson on Griffin Street.''

It took nearly half an hour to find Mrs. Johnson's house, and she was not home. The next day, Larry went again.

''Yes, I had one. But I gave it to my church to lend out to people who need it. You go to see Mrs. Clark.''

It took another two days to find Mrs. Clark at home. When Larry explained his errand, Mrs. Clark exclaimed, ''Of course! We'll be happy to help your friend. Perhaps we could lend her our walker, and the money that's been sent to your pastor can be used for special therapy for Mary. I'll take the walker over to her day after tomorrow. That's Saturday, the thirtieth.''

Saturday, the thirtieth! Larry caught his breath. The day the contest would end! And he had to make the rounds of all the people who were saving receipts!

The morning the bike was to be awarded, a large crowd gathered in front of Manley's. The English racer, sleek and streamlined, stood on a platform. Larry scarcely heard anything until the name was called: ''The winner, Roger Frank.''

Larry swallowed hard. He wasn't sorry he'd spent the time helping Mary. But oh, the bike was beautiful! Then Mr. Manley called, ''Is Larry Wall in the crowd?''

For a moment, Larry's heart soared. But it was only a man wanting to talk to him.

''Come here,'' he motioned. He led Larry to the side of the store. There stood another bicycle, not quite so streamlined, but just as beautiful.

''It's yours,'' smiled the man. Larry only stared. The man laughed.

''It was Mary's idea. I'm her father. We know how you've worked to get her a walker, and we were afraid you wouldn't have time to collect enough receipts for a bike. We had bought Mary a bike shortly before the accident. She suggested we trade it for a boy's bike for you.''

''But—but I really didn't get the walker.''

''I know,'' Mr. Kasper answered. ''Everyone helped. Come on, how about riding that bike over to see how Mary's doing in her new walker?''—**Guide for Juniors.**

## NOTES OF THANKS

Many of you wrote to my mother, Mrs. J. W. (Lucy) Alford throughout the year, and espcially on her birthday in October and at Christmas. We are so grateful to each of you for helping to brighten her life. I would like to be able to thank each of you personally, but that is impossible. Quite a few of you did not give your full address and others stated only your church or organization. However, we are thankful for **The Free Will Baptist**, the media through which we can express our thanks.

To all of you who included gifts of money I will acknowledge and thank you personally if you included your full address.

Mother will be ninety-four (94) years old in October of this year. She is very feeble, but does get around in her room. She uses a wheelchair at other times. She has been fairly well for the last several weeks. There have been no trips to the hospital since last spring. Before that she was hospitalized almost half of the time. Her mind is still clear, and she speaks often of many of you. Visits make her very happy, so you are welcome in our home at any time.

Our gratitude is to you for remembering Mother in every way: visits, prayers, cards, letters, and gifts. Also our thanks to the superannuation board of our denomination for the periodic checks she receives.

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Earl (Bessie Alford) Lewis

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"I wish to take this space to thank all the churches and Sunday schools for the cards, letters, gifts, and money I received during the past year. But most of all, I wish to thank each of you for your prayers. I highly appreciate all you have done for me and I pray God's blessings upon each of you."—The Rev. Milford Hales, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina 27542.

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"I would like to express my appreciation to each of you who remembered my mother, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, formerly of Winterville, with cards and gifts of money during the Christmas season. She remembered each of you and was made very happy by you. Please remember Mother in your prayers."—Rachel Woodard Gorsuch, 60 Lemon Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

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## IN MEMORIAM

The members of Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill, wish to pay tribute to the memory of Miss Debbie Houston who, through a tragic accident, lost her life.

She bade no one a last farewell,
She said good-bye to none;
Death valley's gate just opened,
And a gentle voice said, "Come."

Debbie was a lovely girl
With a smile upon her face;
We know there is no other
Who could ever take her place.

We are all sorry God took her home,
But He had a reason, we are sure,
And will give all her loved ones
Strength enough to endure.

We leave in the hands of God all the things we cannot understand. The Rev. Joe Johnson said at her funeral, "I pray that all the young people Debbie knew will be touched by this tragedy and come to know the Lord better."

We pray God's richest blessings upon each member of her family.

You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Plain Church

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## IN MEMORY OF

(Mr. Johnnie Murphy)

Almost a year has passed since my dad left Mom, my family, and me for a better place beyond. The good times we shared together and the faith we have in God has helped us to endure his passing.

He did not leave behind a vast sum of money but treasures that money could never buy. He left us with a firm Christian faith, believing "All things happen for good to those who love the Lord." Regardless of how tough the road has been there is a purpose, and if we only believe, something good will re from the heartaches. He taught family that a gift of self was far m valuable to a friend than money. demonstrated this many times as he by the bed of a sick friend; or maybe the wee hours of the morning you co find him with a friend who had lost loved one. No task was ever too gr when it came to helping someone in ne or bringing comfort of joy to his fami He always had a rule of life, "You never any better than anyone else b just as good." This, applied to my li has helped me to meet many types people and never have to feel ill at ea with them. He always felt that the tru was better to hear than a polished lie.

I am grateful that Mom and I were part of this man's life. No truer wor could be spoken of him than his epitap "His heart he gave to God, his hand an his time to his fellowman."

Yes, Johnnie Murphy, you were son man and I am so proud to say that yo were my dad.

My dad was a member of the Marlbo Free Will Baptist Church, Route Farmville, along with my mother and me

Written by his daughte
Ann M. Parker

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## Coming Events . . .

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Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3 Greenville, North Carolina

April 2—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Fremont Chape Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont North Carolina

April 5—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina

April 9—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethel Free Wil Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina

April 17—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will

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### KINSTON CHURCH TO HOST EASTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The First Free Will Baptist Church of ston, located on the corner of College eet and Lenoir Avenue, will be host to Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary nvention on Thursday, March 20. The nvention's theme will be, "Love, the eatest Gift." The Scripture is taken m John 15:12, 13: "This is my mmandment, That ye love one another, I have loved you. Greater love hath no an than this, that a man lay down his for his friends." The district esident, Mrs. Fred M. Register Jr., ll preside over the meeting. Miss ren Register will serve as music rector with Mrs. Mamie Lee Rouse as ganist and Mrs. Vivian Sugg as anist. The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

:30—Registration
:00—Hymn, "Love Divine"
:05—". . . of Love," Devotions, Mrs. John W. Taylor, Program-Prayer Chairman
—". . . of Prayer," Mrs. Woodrow McCoy, Vice-President
—" . . . of Song," "Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me," Miss Karen Register
:15—Welcome, Mrs. Stanley Jenkins, Host Auxiliary Past President
—Response, Mrs. Wayne Davis
:20—Recognition of Ministers, Officers, and Delegates
—Remarks, Mrs. Fred M. Register Jr., District President
:30—". . . of Christian Literature." Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Ellen Dixon
—Report of Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Richard Bryan
:40—". . . Throughout the World," Mrs. G. E. Gray, Missions Chairman
:55—". . . of Care," Report of Children's Home, Mrs. Carol B. Hansley, Benevolence Chairman
11:05—". . . of Christian Education," Report of Mount Olive College, Mrs. Burkette Raper, State Secretary
11:15—Hymn, "Love Lifted Me"
—Offering (to be divided between the Children's Home and Mount Olive College)
—Appointment of Committees
11:20—". . . of Fellowship," Report of Cragmont Assembly, Mrs. D. W. Hancock, State President
11:35—". . . Through Youth Work," Declamation and Essay Contest Winners, Mrs. Nerry Wall, Youth Chairman
12:00—Announcements
—Benediction for Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, "Christ for the World! We Sing"
—Prayer
1:05—". . . of Appreciation," Woman of the Year Award, Mrs. W. E. Baldree
1:15—". . . of Recreation," Report of Camp Vandemere, Mrs. Matthew Prescott
1:25—". . . of Service," Mrs. Rivers Winstead, Field Secretary
1:35—Minutes of the Executive Committee
1:40—Reports of Other Denominational Work:
Secretary, Mrs. Nelson Simpson
Treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard
Old Business
New Business
Report of Committees
Appointment of Delegates to Other Conventions
—Installation of New Officers, Mrs. Carol B. Hansley
—Adjournment

### AUXILIARY HONORS MRS. BRYAN



Mrs. Lucille Bryan of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Bladenboro was honored at the December meeting of the woman's auxiliary by being awarded the Life Membership Award. Mrs. Bryan was presented a pin and a certificate for her devoted time spent in service, not only to the woman's auxiliary, but also to her church and community. At the present time, Mrs. Bryan serves as treasurer of the local auxiliary chapter, an office she has held for several years, as well as other offices of the auxiliary She also serves as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the church choir. It was voted unanimously to make the presentation to Mrs. Bryan since her faithfulness and determination have helped to make the Oak Grove woman's auxiliary what it is today.

## Coming Events

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Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P. M.

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

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## Family Fireside

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PRAYER THOUGHT

*God's peace is for all, both young and old. He gives it willingly and endlessly to all truly repentant sinners.*

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## FEATURE

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specific purposes and functions, something to do and accomplish. If they do their function and all the others cooperate, you will be a healthy, useful person.

"We have these gifts in the church in the same manner. Paul said in his careful instructions in the God-inspired writings that these gifts are placed to get things done. They exist in the church for a purpose."

We have found the following books to be helpful in the study of the Holy Spirit. We believe that they will be a blessing to you also.

Ryrie, Charles C., **The Holy Spirit**, Moody Press, Chicago, Illinois. This is a paperback book that is inexpensive, yet comprehensive. It really is more of an outline on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit than anything else. A good presentation.

Walvoord, John F., **The Holy Spirit**, Van Kampen Press, Wheaten, Illinois. This is the most comprehensive study on the Holy Spirit that I have ever seen. Dr. Walvoord is the president of Dallas Theological Seminary and approaches the subject from a Baptist viewpoint. You should have this book, preachers!

Tozer, A. W., **The Tozer Pulpit**, Vol. 2, Christian Publications, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This is a series of ten sermons on the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. You probably will not agree with all of the sermons because Mr. Tozer is a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church and believes in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a second definite work of grace. However, this is a good book. Read it!

## NEWS NOTES

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Monday evening, March 17, and continuing through Sunday evening, March 23, at 7:30 p. m.

There will be special music rendered each evening by church talent and visiting singers. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, invites everyone to attend and be much in prayer for these services.

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**Free Union, Pinetown, Revival in Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, continuing through Sunday evening, March 16. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church. Special music is being rendered each evening, and on Wednesday evening a candlelight service was held. The pastor, the Rev. Francis Garner, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

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**Revival Scheduled For New Sandy Hill Church**

The Rev. Marvin Waters will be guest evangelist for revival services which will be held March 17-22 at the New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Bailey. The time of the services will be 8 p. m., and the pastor, the Rev. Robert Rollins, will be assisting. Special music will be a featured part of each service, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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## MISSIONS

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**HOME MISSIONS BUILDING CONSULTANT**

It has come to our attention that a building consultant comes in mighty handy when our churches are often overcharged by contractors. It pays to have an experienced man who knows the business and fair prices.

We have such a man, the Rev. Grayson Spencer of the Home Missions and Church Extension Department of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. His address is 2020 Robbins Road, Route 2, Trinity, North Carolina 27536; telephone 431-3081. Mr. Spencer has had about 30 years of experience in this field. He recently lowered the building cost for one of our churches in the amount of approximately $10,000 by having the contractors to lower their prices.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer

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**REVIVAL AT EASTWOOD MISSION**

The Rev. Alton Howard, pastor director of the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Mission, Fayetteville, reports as follows: "I am writing to let all of you know about the wonderful revival we had at the mission January 27 through January 31. The Lord wonderfully blessed us. We had three people to accept Christ as their Saviour and one young girl rededicated her life to the Lord.



"For the revival we had visitors from the Charlotte mission, the Victory mission in Hope Mills, and the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville. It truly was wonderful to have three of our missions worshiping the Lord together and fellowshiping one with another. The Rev. Wayne Watson preached the Word of God and hearts were stirred by his messages."

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**And some were so noisy that they could not hear the "... sound of a great Amen."**

# Editorial—

## THE SOUND OF A GREAT AMEN

The young man at the organ was playing beautifully. It was Layman's Sunday at the church, and some of the parishioners were busily engaged in conversation. They were certainly aware of the melodious tones that filled the sanctuary, but they were obviously paying little attention to the music. At the first sounded note, they should have ceased their chatter and prepared themselves in meditative silence for the worship service to follow; but, this was not the case.

The prelude, so skillfully executed by the young college student, was a worship experience in itself, as this writer was privileged to be one of the congregation and can attest to the fact. Having been so accustomed to being the performer rather than the listener, this writer could appreciate all the more the skill of the young man and the heartful expression of his music and his meaningful contribution to the church. Perhaps this is why we were awe inspired as he began with "I Look to My Lord," a hymn tune which, at least to this writer's mind, should have prepared *all* the congregation for reverent attention.

To be sure, *some* of those seated in the pews (like this writer) were observing the young musician and were feasting on the spiritual food which the Almighty Father was offering through the mellow tones of the music. Fortunately, the concentration of the young man was such that he was in no way disconcerted by the unintentionally rude hubbub created by a few well-meaning, but somewhat insensitive, people whose prattle sometimes seemed to overpower the significant rendering of the Lord's music.

We watched and listened intently as the musician expressively played beautiful old hymns, the arrangements of which added interest and made even more evident his proficiency at the keyboard. We drank deeply—until the thirst of our soul craved more—hoping all the while that those who were talking about whatever seemed important to them would be *still* and *listen* and sit in adoration of the Father. Within, we felt the urge to tell those who seemed purposefully noisy to be *quiet* and prepare themselves for the blessing that could be theirs. Then, knowing full well that we could not openly reprimand, we pitied them for what they were missing. It was not this writer's church, and he therefore had not the right to speak out; but, the human part of our nature caused us to wonder whether those who were talking excessively had come to *socialize* or to *worship the Lord*. . . .

At an appointed time and with a grand crescendo, the organ burst forth in majesty with Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," uniquely executed with ease by the young man on the bench. We were moved and were reminded of the words of the tune, penned by Adelaide A. Proctor, and wondered if anyone else in the congregation knew just how significant the words were. The young man was playing from his heart—and surely, many appreciated what he was doing; but to others his music was merely an expected part of the service and was accepted as a matter of course. We are made sad at their apparent disregard.

The words of "The Lost Chord" echoed in our ears as the tune struck the strings of this writer's heart and he reflected upon the times when he himself had sat on an organ bench and had known the feeling that one can have when it seems that his efforts are in vain. Yet, however fruitless our efforts seem, it is good to know that the Father above sees, hears, and understands; and should we despair, it is comforting to know that whatever is done for His glory will not go unnoticed. With *His* approval, we can have a genuine measure of fulfillment and reward.

The words—how haunting:

*Seated one day at the organ*
*I was weary and ill at ease;*
*And my fingers wandered idly*
*Over the noisy keys.*

*I know not what I was playing,*
*Or what I was dreaming then,*
*But I struck one chord of music,*
*Like the sound of a great Amen.*

*Amen! Amen!* The sound of a great Amen! This writer's heart was filled and his soul was thrilled—not only by the music, but also by the dedication of the musician and the skill of his performance which was representative of his diligence at practice and his determination to glorify his Father well.

We cannot help but wonder if those talk-happy people in that congregation

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# HEED

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carloina

SOMETIME ago I heard my son say, "Mother, listen what is on TV." I then heard the nouncer say, "Tornado watch is up. ere might be severe storms with high nds and hail."

After a time of looking out of the doors d windows of the house (which emed like hours though just a few nutes) the announcer came back with, The storm is off the coast now."

With a prayer in my heart I could not elp but compare my son's call to me to ie calling of Jesus Christ, crying, Listen, sinners, please stop and heed. sten to my Word as it warns of what the rnado of sin can do to your lives." Yes, nner friends, if you do not heed God's alling your empty lives can be scattered ll over the countryside for all to see.

The pieces of life that have been torn way by sin are hard to find. Some parts f our lives may be missing forever. The cars of sin on our bodies will need epair, and please keep in mind that only God can make the repairs and remove the scars. However, we have to listen to God's Word, heed the call, and accept the warning before the scars of sin can be erased. We must heed God's calling lest the sin storm gets out of control.

As hail falls in a bad storm, damaging everything it hits, so does sin. Please do not let the hailstones of sin make holes in our Christian testimony! Do not let them tear down our usefulness to others! Dear friends, hailstones of sin can fall upon us hard if we do not keep our source of help—Jesus Christ—with us at all times.

Are we as Christians like a high wind in a storm? Do we blow hot one day for God and cold the next? On our cold day, can anyone even see a little breeze of Jesus Christ in our lives? May each of us let the gentle, loving breeze of Christ blow through us on to others. Christians, we should be more concerned for the welfare of others. Help us to pray for our friends even when they disappoint us. We all know that friends are sometimes like a storm—at other times like unto fair weather. Please help us to realize that God did not put us here to judge each other, but to love and help each other. If you love someone, you do not have room in your heart and mind for gossip and hatred for that person. Hatred and gossip are like severe storms—they destory all they touch. The person that hates usually gets the worst end of the storm.

No one will always agree with you. However, disagreements may be right or they may be wrong. Just think how dull things would be or how severe the storm might be in life if everyone wanted the same thing. If I don't believe as you do, do not hate me for it. Do not gossip behind someone's back. Remember, it always gets back to the one you gossiped about. It hurts the one gossiped about, but remember, it hurts you too. No one loves a gossiper.

Let us all open the doors of our hearts and let Jesus Christ in. If we do this we will get rid of the storm of sin. May we all walk together into the beautiful sunset of life with Jesus Christ at our side.

Please keep in mind dear Christian, that soon the storms of life will be over and we will share fair weather and a sinless life forever with Jesus Christ.




SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 13:10

WHERE HER PRIDE WAS

The following experience was told by a member of the family referred to in this incident. A split in their church had taken place, leaving behind it much bitterness. One Sunday morning a member of the family arose from the breakfast table and said she was going to church. "What?" exclaimed the others, "Are you going back there, after the way our family has been treated! Where's your pride?" The one addressed, quietly answered: "This is Communion Sunday. I am going to sit at the Lord's table and remember His death for me. As for my pride, I haven't any when I survey the wondrous Cross, and any bitterness I had has all vanished when I remember He is coming, and perhaps very soon."—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus was not too full of pride and self-righteousness to submit Himself to the indignities of the Cross. The honor paid Him on that long-ago Palm Sunday was a shameful sham in view of the subsequent events.*

MONDAY, MARCH 24
Scripture Reading—Luke 19:10

A MISSIONARY CRY

A hundred thousand souls a day,
Are passing one by one away,
In Christless guilt and gloom.
Without one ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless night,
They're passing to their doom.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Be very careful not to pass by any opportunity to bring a lost soul to the Lord. Many of us need not leave our homes to find a soul longing for salvation.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:24

" 'TIS NOT ENOUGH"

" 'Tis not enough to say,
'I'm sorry and repent'
And then go on from day to day,
Just as I always went.
"Repentance is to leave
The sins we loved before,
And show that we in earnest grieve
By doing them no more."

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How sad to come to the realization of God's love and not love Him in return.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 2:17

"I LIKE THE WAY I DO IT BETTER THAN THE WAY YOU DON'T DO IT!"

Charles Alexander was accosted by a carping critic; "I don't like the way you do personal work." Replied Alexander, who was well aware of his imperfections, "Neither do I, but how do YOU do personal work?" Shamefacedly, the critic confessed, "Well, I guess I don't do it!" "Well," said Alexander, "I like the way I DO it better than the way you DON'T do it!"

"He that winneth souls is wise," or, "The wise win souls!"—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It has been said that one who does no work makes no errors.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:16, 17

"IT'S FOR SAVED SINNERS!"

A godly old-country pastor was in the midst of his communion service. Suddenly his quick eye detected a woman passing the cup untasted. She sat among the people quietly weeping. At once his kindly heart sensed the situation. For who of us has not at such a time been so conscious of our own unworthiness and sinfulness as to shrink from partaking of that blessed sacrament? But the loving dominie knew the gospel of Christ too well to let one of His little ones suffer thus. He hastened down the aisle. He took the cup from the hands of the serving elder. Stepping up to the weeping woman he pressed it into her hand with the loving, tender exhortation—"Take it, woman; take it. It's for sinners; it's for sinners!"—James McConkey.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Communion with Jesus is privilege and honor originated sinners. Can we refuse Him?*

FRIDAY, MARCH 28
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:14

BESIDE THE CROSS

Oppress'd with noonday's scorchi
heat,
To yonder Cross I flee;
Beneath its shelter take my seat;
No shade like this for me!

Beneath that Cross clear wate
burst,
A fountain sparkling, free;
And there I quench my desert thirst
No spring like this for me!

A stranger here, I pitch my tent
Beneath this spreading tree;
Here shall my pilgrim life be spent;
No home like this for me!

For burdened ones a resting-place
Beside that Cross I see;
Here I cast off my weariness;
No rest like this for me!

—Horatius Bonar

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Words cannot express the feelin of love and compassion with which Christian's heart has to be consume at the recollection of Good Friday an all its wondrous pain and glory.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthian 3:11

TRUE, INDEED!

A newspaper cutting referred to striking story in an anonymous boo of memoirs published not long ago The writer met the woman wh nursed the great agnostic, Professo J. H. Huxley, through his last illness She said that as he lay dying the grea skeptic suddenly looked up at som sight invisible to mortal eyes, and staring a while, whispered at last, "S it is true."—From *Fingertips o Glory*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How wonderful to know it is tru and be able to rest assured that ou God lives and loves us.*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**uestion:** Please explain, "When the lean spirit is gone out of a man, he keth through dry places, seeking t, and findeth none. Then he saith, I return into my house from whence I ne out; and when he is come, he deth it empty, swept, and garnished. en goeth he, and taketh with himself ven other spirits more wicked than nself, and they enter in and dwell re: and the last state of that man is rse than the first. Even so shall it be o unto this wicked generation" atthew 12:43-45).

**Answer:** The word generation means has reference to the Jewish race. The ws went away into captivity under buchadnezzar under a 70-year ntence from God. They were com-etely cured of worshiping idols before ey returned to Palestine. The sweeping d garnishing the house symbolizes the ving up, once and for all, all forms of olatry. This does not mean they are edient to God or that they are not still der judgment from Him.

Among them were many atheists, nostics, Christian Scientist, Jehovah's tnesses, and others. There were also embers of the false so-called Christian lts. When Jesus offered Himself to em as their Messiah, the children and or people accepted Him, glorifying and noring Him; while officials of Judah jected Him on Palm Sunday. He turned and rejected them, pronouncing dgment upon them, telling them that: And they brought him to Jesus: and ey cast their garments upon the colt, d they set Jesus thereon. And as he ent, they spread their clothes in the ay. And when he was come nigh, even w at the descent of the mount of ives, the whole multitude of the sciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and saith unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation" (Luke 19:35-44). (See Zechariah 9:9; John 12:15; Matthew 21; Mark 11.)

Dr. L. T. Talbot in answering a similar question on Pages 193, 194 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained,** has the following to say:

"All kinds of interpretations and applications have been made of this prediction. It is very clear, however, that there is but one explanation, and that is in respect to the **unbelieving generation.** Note how Verse 45 closes, 'Even so shall it be unto this wicked generation.' The word 'generation' is certainly to be understood in the sense of 'race.' (Compare the footnote in the Scofield Reference Bible on Matthew 24:34 for the meaning of the Greek word used here.)

"The 'unclean spirit' in Israel in Old Testament times was idolatry. In the time of Christ, it had left the nation; for the captivities had brought God's people to see the folly and sin of idolatry. Even now Judaism is swept clean of that evil spirit, and boasts of reform. But it will not be so forever. The unclean spirit will return and bring 'seven others' with him. It will take possession of the house again, and the last state will be worse than the first.

"Because Israel, as a nation, has rejected her Messiah, the Lord Jesus, she is still in spiritual blindness. And when she makes a covenant with the antichrist, during the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy, then she will be allowing the return of the demon, with seven other spirits, as it were. The antichrist will try to force all the world to worship his image. That will be idolatry in its last, bold form. Israel will see that the antichrist is a false Messiah; will break her covenant with him; and will, consequently, have to go through the Great Tribulation. Only the return of the Lord in glory will save His chosen people, Israel, from annihilation from the earth. The antichrist and his forces will seek the utter destruction of God's people, but the Lord will come and save them."

There, perhaps, are many professed Christians that have abandoned a major spiritual malady; but, instead of letting that be a first step in their turning from sin and unto Christ in a full surrender that they may be saved by grace and grace alone, they, through the dropping of that particular hindrance to a full surrender, are lured into some false cult or religious profession. Like a sinner that I heard of who was attracted by the Mormons' Sunday school jingle, "Tea, coffee, and tobacco we despise and we eat only but just a little meat," and joined that group and became an alcoholic. Before joining the group, even though he was fond of tea and coffee and used tobacco, he had not been heard cursing, swearing, and practicing sexual immorality; he became notorious for these.

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A native woman in India stood by a heathen temple in the process of construction. Someone asked her the cost of the temple. She looked surprised at the questioner, a missionary, and said, "We don't know. It is for our god. We don't count the cost."

# Tribute Paid to Christian Action League President

THE governor of North Carolina Friday, February 7, paid tribute to the Rev. Coy Privette, president of the Christian Action League, for his efforts in calling attention to traffic safety during the past several years.

Mr. Privette was honored at a press conference by Troy A. Doby, secretary of Transportation and Highway Safety, on behalf of Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., prior to the monthly meeting of the Board of Transportation. The Baptist minister was specifically cited for his leadership role in promoting Traffic Safety Sabbath Weekend.

He received a framed letter from the Govenor which said, in part: ''Without public spirited citizens such as you who are genuinely concerned about the tragic loss of life and limb in traffic accidents, our efforts would be in vain.'' He also received a copy of the proclamation declaring the weekend of last August 23-25 as Safety Sabbath Weekend.



The Rev. Coy Privette, president of the Christian Action League (center), is honored at a ceremony February 7, for his efforts in promoting traffic safety. Making the presentation on behalf of Governor James E. Holshouser Jr., is Mr. Troy A. Doby, secretary of Transportation and Highway Safety (right). Also present for the ceremony was Colonel E. W. Jones, commander of the State Highway Patrol.

The Christian Action League, with thousands of members representing 12 Protestant denominations throughout the state, urged clergymen to observe Traffic Safety Sabbath with special religious services emphasizing the need ''to drive as our brother's keeper.'' Motorists were also encouraged to drive with headlights on during the observance.

The State Highway Patrol held Safety Workshops in each patrol troop prior to the weekend, and invited civic and religious leaders to attend. The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles

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**MOMENTS UNFORGETABLE**



At the entrance to Camp Vandemer you will find a wonderful old house which when purchased, was in dilapidated state. Its walls and top hav received a coat of paint and most of th inside has been renovated. Yet the hous is a reminder of years long gone. T those who have spent time there, it is pleasant sight.

From the front porch you may feel th cool breeze and hear the cry of the se gulls. You may gaze across the beautifu Bay River in the early morning and se the sun rise over the horizon as a ne day dawns. Come and view nature as breaks into life by the water's edge. I the glistening sun, see the fish as the break the water.

In the late evening, as the sun sink into the western horizon, there is wonderful change. Sea gulls settle on th water for the night and peace covers th area.

Praise God for this serenity as we se His love unfold for all!

Pray for and visit Camp Vandemere.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Luther Swinso

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**vival Services**
**Pleasant Grove, Pikeville**

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist urch, Route 2, Pikeville, will hold its ring revival, beginning March 24-28. rvices will begin each evening at 7:45 th the Rev. O. B. Jones of Tarboro rving as guest evangelist. He will be sisted by the pastor of Pleasant Grove, e Rev. James Lupton. Prayer room cilities will be available at 7:30 each ening.

Special music will be presented by cal and visiting groups. The church embership and the pastor issue a warm vitation to the public to be in at-ndance.

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**ony Hill Church Announces**
**outh Service and Spring Revival**

Sunday, March 23, will be Youth unday at Stony Hill Free Will Baptist urch, Middlesex. "The New reations" of Mount Olive College will ng and witness in the morning service, eginning at eleven o'clock. Young eople of the church will have charge of e Sunday school hour, with members the YFA serving as officers and achers of the school. The young people ill also participate in the opening ercises of the worship hour. At noon, The New Creations" will be guests of nor at a church fellowship dinner.

On Monday night, March 24, at eight clock, the spring revival will begin at ony Hill and will continue through iday evening, March 28. Evangelist for e services will be the Rev. Royster artin, pastor of Holly Springs Free Will aptist Church, Kenly. There will be ecial music by the church choirs and siting groups, one of which will be the rls' quartet from the Children's Home.

The pastor of Stony Hill, the Rev. aymond T. Sasser, and the church tend a cordial invitation to visitors to orship with them in these services.

**Unity Church Announces**
**Spring Revival**



The Unity Free Will Baptist Church located on Purvis Road, Durham, announces its spring revival for the week of March 24-29. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening with the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Wilson, as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. A. J. Scarboro, will assist in the services which will feature special music each evening by the local church and visiting groups. The church issues a warm invitation to all to attend these services.

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**Yelverton's Grove Church**
**Announces Revival**

The Rev. Luby Tyner will be the evangelist for revival services at the Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Smithfield, the week of March 23-28. There will be prayer services in the prayer room at 7:30 each evening, with the revival services beginning at 7:45. The Rev. C. M. Coats, pastor of the church, will be assisting in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Revival Services**
**At LaGrange Church**

The Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, will be guest evangelist for a series of revival services to be held at the LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church, March 24-28, beginning nightly at 7:30. Mr. Mayo will be assisted in the services by the pastor of the church, the Rev. L. B. Manning. Special music will be a featured part of each service by local and visiting musicians.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services, and prayer is requested for the success of the revival. On Sunday evening, beginning at 7 p. m., a musical program will be observed; and the public is invited to come out and enjoy the music and Christian fellowship.

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**Youth Sunday to Be Observed**
**At Oak Grove Church**

Youth Sunday will be observed at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, March 23. Children from the Children's Home at Middlesex will conduct the eleven o'clock worship service. The Rev. David Powell and the church congregation invite the public to be in attendance for what promises to be an inspirational service.

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**Revival Scheduled**
**For Daly's Chapel**

A series of revival services, with the Rev. Bruce Dudley as guest evangelist, will be conducted at the Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Seven Springs, the week of March 24-29. The pastor of the church, the Rev. David W. Hansley, will assist Mr. Dudley in the services; and special music will be a featured part of each evening's activities. The time is 7:30 p. m.

On Sunday, March 30, Sunrise Services will be held with the men's fellowship of the church serving breakfast. The eleven o'clock worship service promises to be a good one, as special plans have been made toward this end.

From the pastor, Mr. Hansley, and the church congregation come a cordial invitation for the public to be in attendance for these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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## NEWS NOTES

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### Earl Glenn to Conduct Powhatan Spring Revival



The Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro will be the guest minister for revival services at Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Clayton. Services will begin Monday evening, March 24, and continue through Friday evening, March 28, beginning at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Kemery Ard, pastor of Powhatan, will assist in the services. There will be special singing each evening with the "Way of Life Singer" of Selma featured on Friday night. Mr. Ard and the church members invite the public to attend.

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### Christian Chapel to Host Cape Fear Union

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Saturday morning, March 29, with the Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Lillington. The moderator, the Rev. C. M. Coats, will preside. The local church will render special music with the church pianist playing for the union.

To reach the church follow these directions: At the stop light in Lillington where Highways 210, 401, and 421 come together, take 421 west toward Sanford for one mile. At the top of a hill take old 421 Highway left and go about three miles. The church is located on the right side of the highway.

The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. Sexton Vann
—Welcome, the Rev. Sexton Vann
—Response, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin

10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Report of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business

11:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Special Music, Host Church
—Offering and Offertory Prayer
—Message, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley

12:15—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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### Gum Swamp Revival March 24-29



The Rev. Noah Brown of Morehead City will be the guest evangelist for the spring revival services at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, beginning Monday evening, March 24, and continuing through Saturday evening, March 29, beginning each evening at 7:30. There will be special music each evening with the pastor, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, assisting Mr. Brown. The Gum Swamp church encourages all the people of the area to come and hear Mr. Brown's inspiring messages.

### Albemarle Board of Ordination To Meet During Union Meeting

The Rev. Charlie Overton, chairman the Board of Ordination of the Albema Conference, announces that the bo will meet during the Union Meeting at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route Pinetown, March 29. Anyone desiring meet with the board may do so at t time.

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### First Church, Tarboro Revival in Progress

Revival services began Sunda March 16, at the First Free Will Bapt Church, Tarboro, and will contin through Friday evening, March 21. T evangelist is the Rev. Tommy Dot pastor of the Blue Cane General Bapti Church of Rector, Arkansas.

A native of Arkansas, Mr. Do graduated from the Southern Bapti College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas; ar from Oakland City College, Oakland Cit Indiana. He serves on the Foreig Mission Board of the General Associatio of General Baptists. He is a well-know radio personality in Southeaster Missouri and in Northern Arkansas.

Special music is being rendere during each service with the pastor, th Rev. O. B. Jones, assisting. The publi is cordially invited to attend th remainder of the services.

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### Jackson Heights Revival March 24-28

Revival services are scheduled for th Jackson Heights Free Will Baptis Church of Kinston for the week of March 24-28, beginning each evening at 7:30 The visiting evangelist will be the Rev Joseph Ingram of Goldsboro. The pastor the Rev. Frank Flowers, will assist in the services. There will be special music rendered each evening and the public is invited to attend.

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### Spring Revival at Christian Chapel

Christian Chapel Free Will Baptis Church, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina will hold spring revival, March 31-April 5. The Rev. David W. Hansley LaGrange, will be the guest evangelis with the pastor, Rev. Norman Ard assisting. Services will begin at 7:3 each night and offer special music. Apri 4, Friday night, a featured part of th service will be singing by the Wintervill

h choir. On March 23, Sunday night, p. m. the YFA of Christian Chapel present an Easter play, entitled ster—The Beginning'' by Nancy thews.

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**marle Union, League, and day School Convention**

he Union Meeting, League Con-ion, and Sunday School Convention e Albemarle Conference will convene urday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, he Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, te 1, Pinetown. The scheduled grams are as follows:

**Union Meeting**
**Saturday, March 29**

00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert May
10—Welcome, the Rev. Marvin Waters
—Response, the Rev. Charles Renfrow
15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
05—Business Session:
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Press Foundation, via Literature
Report of Cragmont, via Literature
20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Businesses
—Announcement of Next Union
—Minutes Read and Approved
35—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. John Owens
30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch

**League Convention**
**Saturday Evening**

30—Devotions, Mrs. Martie Miller
40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host League
—League Program
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
—Adjournment
(Mr. Greg Oliver will serve as pianist.)

**Sunday School Convention**
**Sunday, March 30**

9:45—Devotions, Rev. Johnnie Sexton
—Welcome, Mr. Haywood Singleton, Host Superintendent
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Bobby Phelps
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Ervin Foreman
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
10:55—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Conventional Read
Treasurer's Report
New Business
Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
11:55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Sunday School
Message, the Rev. Marvin Waters
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch

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**Peace Church to Host Central Fourth Union**

The Fourth Union of the Central Conference will meet with the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, Sunday, March 30. The theme will be, ''Because He Lives,'' with Scripture taken from Matthew 28. The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, ''He Lives''
—Devotions, Mr. Rex Edwards
—Welcome, Mr. Woodrow Wooten
—Response, Mrs. Julius Wooten
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Missions Report
—Hymn, ''Christ Arose''
11:30—Special Music, Owens Chapel Church
—Sermon, the Rev. Danny Braswell
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:15—Devotions, Mr. Wayne Griffin
—Special Music, LaGrange Church
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Benediction and Adjournment

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**Barnes Hill Sunday School Presents Attendance Pins**



The Sunday School of Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Nashville, recently present perfect attendance pins to forty-six of its students for the year, 1974. Those receiving pins were as follows:

Six months: Bill Pridgen, Mattie

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### CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene March 26, with the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, with the president, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, presiding. The convention theme will be, "Christ Makes the Difference," with Scripture taken from 1 John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Miss Leah McGlohon will serve as music director with Mrs. Mary Rose Page as pianist and Mrs. Peggy Hardee as organist. The scheduled program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
—Devotions, Mrs. Lila Mae Adams
10:10—Welcome, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd
—Response, Mrs. Thelma Reaves
10:15—President's Greetings, Mrs. A. B. Chandler
10:30—Business Period
10:45—Report on Missions, Miss Leah McGlohon
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
11:00—Youth Report, Mrs. Dot Dail
—Declamation
11:15—News from Children's Home, Mrs. Alice Barrow
—Offering
—Hymn, "He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me"
—Special Music, Local Auxiliary
11:30—Morning Message, the Rev. Jack Mayo
12:00—Benediction and Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:15—Hymn, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"
—Prayer
1:20—Presentation of Essay Winner, Mrs. Dot Dail
1:30—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
1:40—News from Mount Olive College, Dr. Hilda Owens
1:50—Report of Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Albert Proctor
2:00—News of Anna Phillip's Loan Fund, Mrs. Bertha Harris
2:10—Report of Cragmont Assembly
2:20—Recognition of Life Awards, Mrs. Frances Carraway
2:30—Business Period
—Committee Reports
—Benediction and Adjournment

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### NOTICE: WOMAN OF CENTRAL DISTRICT

**The Spring Convention of woman's auxiliaries of the Central District will meet Wednesday, March 26, at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville. We hope that each church in our district will be represented. We welcome visitors and encourage all officers and auxiliary members in the area to attend. Make your plans now to meet us there.**

**Perhaps these directions will be helpful to those of you who may not be certain as to the location of the Black Jack church: Coming from Greenville, take N. C. Highway 43; make a left turn at D. H. Conley High School, and Black Jack is approximately five miles down the road. It you are traveling from Greenville to Winterville, turn left at the stoplight in Winterville. Continue on the highway past D. H. Conley school and cross Highway 43. Black Jack will be approximately five miles down the road after you cross 43.**

**Be sure to be in attendance for this important meeting.**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd**
**Publicity Committee Chairman**

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### ATTENTION! ALBEMARLE AUXILIARIES

Our state study course chairman has asked us to have a study course ''Stewardship'' before our state mee in May. The book she suggested for course is ''Living the Christ-filled Li by John E. Hunter, which may purchased at the Ayden Bible Bookstore.

I would like to know how m auxiliaries are interested in this st course. Please let me know and I will a time and place for the course to taught, and in turn will notify e auxiliary.

Yours in His service,
Alice Webster
Albemarle Study Course Chairm

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### FRIENDSHIP AUXILIARY INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

On Sunday, March 2, during morning worship service, the Woma Auxiliary of Friendship Free Will Bap Church, Route 1, Middlesex, installed new officers for 1975. The Rev. Ja Burnett, pastor of the church, officiat in the installation service. Officers stalled were as follows: Presider Clentis Capps; vice-president, Ju Strickland; secretary, Sue Wilde missions chairman, Maybell Stricklan youth chairman, Kay Tippett; stu course chairman, Geneva Wilde program chairman, Emma Burne benevolence chairman, Virginia Wilde and, corresponding secretary, Ho Wilder.

The theme for the installation servic was "A Handful of Corn." Each offic installed held a handful of corn, sym bolizing service, love, and commitment.

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### ATTENTION LADIES!

I believe there must be at least on woman in each auxiliary who deserves t be recognized for her faithfulness to Go and her auxiliary work. Why n recognize and honor her with a Lif Membership Award? Requests for lif award pins, certificates, and the twenty five dollars should be sent to Mrs Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westove Avenue, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.

In order that a complete list can b kept of persons being honored with lif awards, it is necessary that the name o the recipient be sent to Mrs. Sasser also.

Ladies, let's make that specia someone "your woman of the year" wit

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## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

### NEW CHILD



Ve are very happy that Donald Sasser returned to the Children's Home to . Donald is 10 years old and in the rth grade in school. He is now living Albemarle Cottage with Mr. and Mrs. chell, houseparents, and 13 other s. Donald is a fine young lad and we fortunate to have him with us. At the sent time, Donald is in need of your yers, because his father passed away on February 26, so please remember him.

### COUPONS

As much as we appreciate everyone's willingness to save coupons for us, we are receiving many that are of no value to us.

Many are still sending "store coupons" which we cannot use, as we purchase our food wholesale.

Much as we appreciate the bonus coupons, we are receiving many that have already expired, and it requires a lot of time just to sort them out.

We would prefer that you send us trading stamps such as S & H, Gold Bond, Greenbax, instead of bonus coupons.

Your cooperation in this area would be greatly appreciated. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped us in this way, as we obtain most of our small appliances with these coupons.

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### NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Simplified Church Record System for rks** (This is a loose-leaf system with ges for church roll, church officers, stors, and minutes of church business etings. Extra sheets can be purchased add to the church record book. The ce is $13.95 complete with 100 ges, index, and imitation leather nding.)

**Simplified Church Financial Record stem for Treasurers** (This is loose-leaf stem made into two books. Book one is r a record of individual giving. Book vo is a journal for receipts and sbursements, along with sheets for aking a church budget and easurer's reports. This is available in vo bindings: best binding, per set, 17.95; good binding, per set, $9.95. his system can also be purchased eparately: book one, $3.95; book two, best binder, $14.95; good binder, $6.95.)

These publications may be purchased at the **Ayden Bible and Bookstore,** or any of its branch stores at Smithfield, New Bern, or Wilson, North Carolina.

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## Coming Events . . .

March 20—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina

March 22—Church Officers' Training Conference, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

March 22—Central District Youth Fellowship, Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, North Carolina, Beginning at 10 A. M.

March 26—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina

April 2—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Fremont Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina

April 5—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina

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### LECTURE ON SATANIC WORSHIP

On Thursday, March 20, at 7 p. m., the Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Grantsboro is sponsoring a lecture to be given by Dr. Ruth Moore of Carter Theological Seminary, Goldsboro, on what God's Word says about satanic worship and witchcraft. Dr. Moore, a very dedicated Christian, is well-versed in the subject. Her main interest is eschatology, but in the 1930's she came into direct contact with the occult. At that time, she began to study what the Scriptures said about such activity, and for some years now has been speaking to church and civic groups.

Recently, the reality of Satan has become very prevalent—especially in occult and satanic practices in North Carolina. Many persons have not realized that Satan **is** real and that he is powerful. He is luring more young people and adults into worshiping him today than ever before. It is because of this that the pastor, the Rev. Scott Sowers, and the church membership cordially invite the public to attend the lecture.

The Rock of Zion church is located in Grantsboro on Highway 306 Highway 306 East, approximately one mile from the crossroads.

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Once a rich man was asked to give some money to send a preacher to the heathen. This man said that he did not believe in foreign missions. "I have never given one cent to any missionary," he told the one who had asked for the money . "Then here is the collection," the solicitor replied; "you should take some out—it is for the heathen, you know."




**Lesson Text:** Hebrews 13:20, 21, 1-8
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 13:8

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today constitutes the Easter lesson for the quarter, but it does not deal with the resurrection in the conventional manner by relating details associated with the event of history. It relates to our hope for a resurrection and eternal life.

It accomplishes this purpose by encouraging us to walk worthy of that vocation to which we are called. It is only by so doing that we can reap the full benefits of that which is made possible to us through the resurrection of Christ and the assurance that the power of death has been broken by that resurrection.

This lesson, like the vast majority of those we have studied from this epistle, continues to exhort us to continue to fight the good fight of faith, knowing that with Christ as our Guide we will be able to do so.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. As we study the lesson today, we should remember that the basis of our hope for the future is the resurrection of Jesus. Paul has said that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, then our faith is vain and and we are yet in our sins. So let us not overlook the fact on this Easter that all our hope for the future is dependent not only on His death, but also on His resurrection.

B. Seven times in the New Testament, God is referred to as the God of peace. God is not the author of confusion nor of strife. If you feel your need of peace of mind and heart, God is the only One that can give it to you, because He is the God of peace.

C. Look at the blessings that come to us out of our hope in Christ. First, we are made members of the family of God and have many brothers and sisters in Christ. Second, we have Christian marriage and a Christian home. Third, we have freedom from fear. What a hope!

D. What is the biggest danger to our hope in Christ? It is our own desires which bring about covetousness. Our desires should become His desire. Our will should be lost in His will.

E. Now that we have this hope in Christ, we are urged to be faithful to the teachings of the man of God who taught us and to the unchanging Christ.—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In Hebrews 6:19 we read of the Christian's hope as "an anchor of the soul." The figure suggested is that of a ship safely moored and held by its anchor. Hope is an anchor **stedfast** and **sure.** The question is, how strong is your hope? To what is your soul really anchored? Will your anchor hold through every experience of life?

Will your anchor hold when you encounter sickness or affliction? When afflictions or death come to your loved ones? When your own death approaches?

Will your anchor hold under the storms of skepticism, agnosticism, and ridicule?

Will your anchor hold when the waves of doubt, failure, and criticism crash upon you?

Will your anchor hold you when things go right for you? When success comes easy and wealth multiplies rapidly? When praise and honor crown your head in great profusion?

Paul wrote of a time when the Ephesians were without God and without hope (2:12). How sad life would be without hope: how dreary, how tasteless, how tedious! But it is an even greater tragedy when, having hope, we permit the storms that beset every life to break our anchor loose our ship, and set it hopelessly adrift.

The two disciples Jesus encountered on the road to Emmaus seemed to have lost their hope. The Lord had b crucified, and their hopes of a redeen and glorious Israel were buried in tomb with Him. They said to Jesus, " we trusted (hoped) that it had been which should have redeemed Isra (Luke 24:21). . . .

We, that is we Christians, hav hope. Certainly there is hope for ev man through Christ. Our hope is chored in God's love in Christ revealed God's Word. If we cling to His Wo never forsaking it, we will be e reassured and strengthened by His lo The storms of life may come, but anchor will not slip. To anchor on hope in anything else only invi disaster.

What is your hope? How strong is Will your anchor hold?—**Standa Lesson Commentary**

B. "Did you have a good Easter" How many times have we been ask this question? To many people this i trite question, often as trite as the a swer we give to it. What they should a is, "What did Easter mean to you" which would likely provoke a mo meaningful answer.

Easter means many things to differe people. It should mean that we on more recognize that God, through H risen Son, has shown us again how live victoriously.

We heard a story of a family which lo three children in less than a week by dreaded disease. Only a three-year-o child escaped. The following Sunday w Easter, and the parents and child went church as usual. The mother taught h Sunday school class and the father we as usual to the superintendent's offic where he presided over the school, rea the Easter story from the gospel, and le his school in worship, with only a brea now and then in his voice.

"How could they do it?" the peopl said to each other as they left the church One fifteen-year-old boy said to hi father, "Dad, I guess they really believ it, don't they?" "Believe what?" aske the father. "The whole big thing, all of i Easter, you know," replied the boy.

Yes, they believe it, and that is wh they could approach the day victoriously And so will you and I if we believe.—**Th Advance Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

# STORIES for our youth



# Jimmy's Friends

Gleeda McConahay

IT was Saturday morning—a beautiful day, and just right aseball.

Jimmy ran down the front steps, g his fist into his ball glove to en the pocket, he felt sure that this going to be his day to hit a home

st season had been Jimmy's first to play, and he hadn't done too well; oday was going to be his day.

e other boys were already on the when he arrived. "Come on, ny," they called. "We need a good r."

e felt good all the way down to the s of his sneakers as he ran onto the and took his position at home plate.

was good to have so many wonderful nds. Jimmy knew what it was to be e. For two years, he had lived on a st reserve while his father had taken cial training as a conservationist. ough Jimmy had liked learning about mals and the forest, he had missed friendship of other boys and girls.

He was ready. Sure enough, this pitch s the one for which he had been iting. It was fast, just above the es, and straight across the middle of plate. Jimmy swung with all his ght. He heard the crack of the bat ainst the ball and then the shout of his mmates: "It's out of the field for a me run."

Jimmy took off and raced around the ses. The other team was shouting to outfielders as he rounded second, et that ball and throw for home te." But when he reached third base, noticed that everyone was suddenly ent; and by the time he had raced oss home plate, there wasn't a sound ywhere. The outfield had vanished, d the first baseman was running off the field, followed by the second and third basemen. The pitcher's mound was empty, and the catcher seemed about ready to join the others. His own team bench was empty; they had all disappeared.

"What happened?" Jimmy asked.

The catcher pointed to the new house at the edge of the field. There was a huge hole in the picture window which faced the field. "The ball I hit—did it do that?" Jimmy asked.

"That's right," the catcher said as he gathered up his equipment and headed for home.

Suddenly, Jimmy felt as alone as he ever had on the forest reserve. He walked slowly toward the edge of the field, where the new house stood with its gaping hole in the big glass window. "I thought they were my friends," he muttered. "Fine bunch they are. I have to face this all alone."

He could see a small, dark-haired woman running from the back of the house and knew that she had heard the crash of breaking glass. He never had wanted to run so much during all his eleven years. He could easily make it across the field and down the street to his own house before she even saw him; but he knew he couldn't do that, so he kept putting one foot in front of the other until he reached the driveway to the house.

The woman called, "Were you the only boy playing ball in the field? Did you throw the ball that broke the window?"

Jimmy ran the last few yards up the driveway. "Ma'am," he answered, "I hit the ball, and I'm sorry about your window. I can pay for it, I think. I have several dollars in my savings bank."

Jimmy's savings consisted mostly of Christmas gift money which he had saved for something special, and a broken window wasn't exactly what he had planned. But he was glad he had money to pay for the damages.

Suddenly, Jimmy heard the crunching of gravel on the driveway, and he turned to see Buddy Lathrop, the pitcher, running toward him. "I pitched the ball Jimmy hit," Buddy said, breathlessly, "so it was as much my fault as his. If I hadn't thrown him such a good ball, he could never have hit it so far."

It felt so good to have a friend again that Jimmy almost forgot that the window was going to cost him all his savings. But before he had a chance to thank Buddy for standing by him, all of the other boys—both teams—crowded into the driveway.

"We couldn't run off and leave you to face it all by yourself, Jimmy," Bobby said; and the others agreed.

"Well," the woman said as she smiled at the boys, "it seems there will be plenty of you to share the cost of the new window. You are fortunate, Jimmy, to have so many good friends."

"I know it," Jimmy grinned. He hoped his friends would never find out that for just a moment he had doubted them.—**Guide for Juniors**



# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

**Black Mountain, North Carolina**

### THE CRAGMONT GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

The General Youth Conference, which has been sponsored by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention since 1953, will be held this year the week after the second Sunday in June (June 9-14). The conference will be directed by the Rev. Willis Wilson, who will be assisted by a carefully selected staff of workers, several of whom have had previous experience in working in Cragmont youth conferences.

The following general information is offered regarding this year's session of the General Youth Conferences.

**Regarding the Program:** The theme will deal with the spiritual aspects of the bicentennial celebration being observed by Americans this year. There will be inspirational and educational features in keeping with the theme. As has been the custom over the years, there will be instruction given regarding the various phases of the youth program of our denomination, and youth evangelism services in the evening.

**Regarding Costs:** The State Sunday School Convention through its proper agency has set a registration fee for all campers. This year this fee has been reduced from the $7 requested last year to $5. This fee will be used to take care of admission fees for campers to places visited during the week, the group picture, and some other personal expenses of the campers in connection with off campus activities. Prior to last year, these expenses were collected item by item from campers at Cragmont. With the increased numbers attending, this had become more difficult. The change was made partly at the suggestion of parents, who formerly did not know how much money to give their children for spending at Cragmont. The Cragmont board has never required a registration fee—this has always been entirely the option of the conference sponsors. The only fee the Cragmont board sets is the charge for board, room and insurance—and each conference is responsible to collect this from campers and pay it in one sum to the manager at Cragmont. For the past four years the Cragmont board has recommended a limit for each conference to collect for general expenses of the conference, including board, room and insurance at Cragmont, and such other expenses as transportation, expense of counselors, etc. The board has raised this recommended amount from $40 to $45; and the State Sunday School Convention has agreed to go along with this suggestion for our conference in view of the increased cost of things.

**Registration:** We are again keeping registration as simple as possible. Registration blanks will be furnished if requested. However, the simplest way will be to list carefully names, addresses and ages of those going on a sheet of paper and send it, along with the $5 registration fee, to the registrar. The $45 general expense fee is to be paid on boarding the bus; or as may be arranged. (It will simplify matters, if church groups can get the money for all registered together, and give us one check to cover it all. This, however, is optional.)

Mail all applications to the registrar at the address given below. Advance reservations for groups can be made by calling telephone number 752-2950. It is important to get in applications early. Last year the full quota was reached around May 15, and many applications had to be returned.

L. E. Ballard, Registrar
1225 South Washington Street,
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

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### STATEMENT FROM THE BALLARDS

It is with a mixture of both joy and reluctance that we have agreed to return to Cragmont Assembly as managers for the 1975 season, beginning May 15.

We rejoice in the confidence shov us by members of the board of direct and in the endorsements we received from several of denominational leaders and friend Cragmont. We rejoice also in the that, through the mercies of the Lord feel at this time that we have suffic health and strength to undertake responsibility for this year, despite advanced age.

Our reluctance grows out of the h we had shared with many others that and Mrs. Davenport would be able t back for this year; or, upon t resignation, a younger couple than who might be good prospects f continuing relationship with Cragm beyond this year, could be found. certainly did not seek the appointm for this year, and are accepting it because our love for Cragmont outwei our human desire for a more comp retirement. The board seems to feel our experience in having managed institution for nine years in the past ( at one time and seven at another) ma it possible for us to return with suffici experience to take over on short notic the emergency that has arisen.

We have said all this to lead up to request that our friends and the frie of Cragmont make us the objects of t earnest prayers. We will do our bes meet the challenge that faces us and institution we love; but our best may be sufficient without your prayers a cooperation. In the meantime, even you pray for us, pray also that the L will help the board in finding the ri persons to go to Cragmont next year w prospects for a more lasting ministry the interest of our beloved mount retreat.

We are now seeking a staff of work for this summer. Several young peo have already applied and others terested are invited to write us. But special needs are for an adult cook an housekeeper. For more informati write us at 1225 S. Washington Stre Greenville, North Carolina 27834, or c 752-2950.

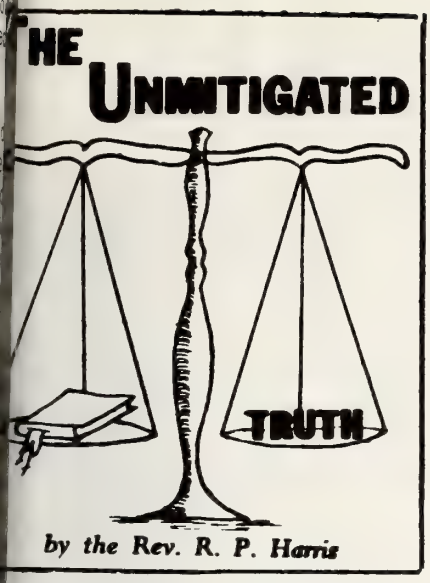
Respectfully submitted,
L. E. and Gertrude Balla

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### Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for February

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Bla

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criptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing also are compassed about with so at a cloud of witnesses, let us lay e every weight, and the sin which so easily beset us, and let us run patience the race that is set before " (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN RACE HAS A REGULAR SCEDULE

Most everything in this world is trolled by some kind of minute or ged schedule. The seasons of the r, the cycles of life and expiration, the and flow of life and tide, the ponse in nature to build the giant oak, the death and decay of all material gs are only a few to mention. God has mised that all things will come into tation in due time. Christ made His appearance in due time and His ond coming will take place as soon as e is ripe for it. God is moving in the edule of earthly resolvings and will g all things to their ultimate l—the consumation of the ages and establishment of His eternal kingdom e upon earth.

As humans running the Christian race, must remember that the race can be only in this life. The three score and (more or less) years we are permitted ive here determines where and how shall **continue** in eternity. I could e used the term **spend** rather than **tinue**, but eternity cannot be **spent**. scientists tell us that the earth must at least two billions of years old, and n the first Adam to Christ was about r thousand years, and since A. D. 4 re has been less than two thousand rs.

The way I read my Bible and put things together, God has allowed the Adamic race about seven thousand years upon this earth and the seventh thousand years has to do with the millennial reign of Christ upon earth. This means that God's schedule of time before the millennial reign of Christ must be completed within the next twenty-five or more years. Seven of these years will include the world's greatest war, the time of Jacob's trouble, and the years of the Great Tribulation. There will be famines, earthquakes, pestilence, unprecedented bloodshed, agony, and grief. The Christian (all Christians) will have completed their race by this time and will be in heaven with Christ. Only the sinner and the ungodly will remain upon earth during the seven years of tribulation.

The Christian's race includes a schedule of service to Christ. He must be fruitful and produce during the harvest season. The harvest season is upon every born-again saved person. The fields are now white unto harvest and our Lord requires that Christians pray that the Lord (Jesus Christ in the person of the Holy Spirit) send forth laborers into His harvest. Every able and commendable effort must be utilized now to guarantee a harvest.

The devil is in a desperate plight to corrupt and confuse, delay and terminate every Christian endeavor to get the full gospel of Jesus Christ out. We must do everything possible to sound the gospel loud and clear for everyone to be saved.

The cry of ". . . whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17) must be declared and preached everywhere in the world.

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## NEWS NOTES

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Pridgen, Eugene Poland, Cindy Winstead, Tracy Winstead, and Beverly Langley; first year: Wendy Poland, Michelle Joyner, Sonia Joyner, Louise Eason, and Irene Pridgen; third year: Diana Poland, David Poland, Alan Poland, Maris Poland, Agelene Poland, and Nancy Eason; fourth year: Ginger Pridgen; fifth year: Myrna Joyner; sixth year: Keith Langley, Michael Langley, Carol Langley, and Ellen Bozelle; seventh year: Vergie Joyner and Nate Bozelle; eighth year: Martha Carol Hinson and Carolyn Hinson; ninth year: Wanda Nelms and Grover Hinson; tenth year: Pattie Langley, Louise Poland, Sylvester Poland, Betsy Poland, and Brice Poland; thirteenth year: Teresa Nelms and Iva Langley; seventeenth year: the Rev. Charles Morgan; eighteenth year: Dorothy Morgan, Cleo Worrell, Estelle Eason, and Henry Eason; twenty-first year; Norma Bozelle; twenth-third year: Etta Vick; twenty-fourth year: Ervin Vick.

The superintendent of the school, Mr. Lonnie Worrell, and the pastor, the Rev. Charles Morgan, praise the Lord for His blessings upon the Sunday school and each member, teacher, and officer. They ask for your prayers that God will continue to bless the school and church in all they do.

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## CRAGMONT

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Mountain, reports as follows for the month of February, 1975:

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| Balance February 1, 1975 | $10,445.28 |

**Receipts**

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|---|---|---|
| Churches | $ 771.09 | |
| Sunday Schools | 29.38 | |
| Auxiliaries | 4.00 | |
| Union Meetings | 105.19 | |
| Youth Fellowship | 33.00 | |
| N. C. State Auxiliary Conv. | 630.78 | |
| Total Receipts | | 1,573.44 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 12,018,72 |

**Disbursements**

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|---|---|---|
| Operating Expenses | $237.43 | |
| Tractor | 600.00 | |
| Insurance | 98.10 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 935.53 |
| Balance March 1, 1975 | | $11.083.19 |

**Earmarked Funds**

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|---|---|
| Debt Retirement | $ 602.00 |
| Renovation of Main Building | 3,166.09 |
| Chapel Fund | 3,206.54 |
| Curtain Fund | 25.00 |
| General Fund | 4,083.56 |
| Total | $11,083.19 |

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The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure, all sincere; nothing too much; nothing wanting.—Locke.

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## Church Auxiliaries

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a life award before this convention year ends, and your twenty-five dollars will help meet the needs at the Children's Home.

Gladys Weeks
**State Benevolence Chairman**

### IS WA FOR YOU?

by Nina Grace Register

The woman's auxiliary is not a society for the banding together of old, worn-out women who have nothing else to do. It is a vital, active organization in which concerned women pool their talents to enhance the work of the church.

Any woman—single, young mother, middle-aged, or grandmother—can choose the field she likes and give it as much or as little time as she wishes. Almost any talent, skill, or hobby is useful here. And we need each woman in the church in the woman's auxiliary.

Benevolence needs people who cook, sew, drive, write, visit, entertain, and speak or pray in public. Enlistment handles publicity (making posters, writing, and telephoning) and personal visitation.

If you like to read but never have the time, help with study courses. You can sit down with a good book and a clear conscience if you're preparing a report!

Are you interested in missions? Write to missionaries and tell of their activities to others. Read about the countries in which they work, and share your knowledge with other members.

Youth supervisors must be energetic, young-at-heart women who love young people. YFA, AFC, and Cherubs schedule regular meetings, outings, programs, conventions, and contests; but they can have none of these without adult help.

The woman's auxiliary provides an outlet for our creative, loving, and sociable impulses. We enjoy helping people and sharing Jesus' love with them. We look forward to the social atmosphere of its meetings, the inspiration of its programs, and the opportunities for service in its activities.

Every woman in the church should be a member, and every woman is needed. Where one couldn't work alone, a few Joined together can accomplish mu The work is diversified, the needs many, and the rewards are great.

## editorial—

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(and all other congregations) upon entering the holiness of the Lord's san tuary do so with a prayer in their hearts that they will carry away with them a abundance of His blessings. We do not mean to criticize unduly this particul church. Let us emphasize the fact that its people are warm Christians and th its overall program is a good one and that we were received into its fellowshi royally. We merely use the particular service about which we are writing as a example, in an attempt to promote needed reverence in *all* houses of the Lord.

The people of this church are not all that unusual in their before-servic conversing. Such conduct is observed in nearly *all churches*, and thus we ar prompted to give this advice: *Hush.* Hush, dear friends, upon entering into th worship service. We exhort you to prepare your hearts so that God can com and effectively do His will. Each chord of music, each spoken word, each thin done for Him should make your souls rejoice.

We thank the young man for his music and for reaffirming that the Lord' house *is* a reverent place. We thank him for reminding us that when one enter in the *spirit of worship* he can and will receive that which he needs. The chord he struck touched this heart as never before *"Like the sound of a great Amen.* And God be praised—even in silence. . . .

## FEATURE

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distributed some 12,500 traffic safety kits to clergymen for use during the observance.

Statistics showed that during the week following the observance there were four less traffic fatalities and 103 less accidents than recorded over the previous seven-day period.

Governor Holshouser in his letter to Mr. Privette said that state government has a continuing responsibility to build and maintain highways that are safe, to make sure that unsafe vehicles are not allowed on the roads, to enforce traffic laws, and to encourage and educate the public to adopt safe driving practices as a matter of habit.

"In particular, the leadership role you have taken in promoting the annual Traffic Safety Sabbath observance has been of exceptional value in bringing the message to the people of this state that they do have a moral responsibility when they get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle," the Governor's letter continued. "We are grateful to the people like you who care about their fellowman."

Mr. Privette is the pastor of the North Kannapolis Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He and his wife, the former Betty Shoaf, are the parents of four daughters.

The minister is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

Also attending this morning's ceremony was Colonel E. W. Jones, Highway Patrol Commander, and other officers of the patrol.



**What if the angel had said to the women, "He's here. Come on in and do your work"?**

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# the free will baptist

*AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1975*

# Editorial—

## "HE'S HERE. COME ON IN AND DO YOUR WORK."

After the Sabbath Day had passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James), and Salome had bought sweet spices that they might anoint the body of Jesus. Very early the next morning, the first day of the week, carrying these purchased spices and other essentials with them, they walked quietly toward the sepulcher in which He had been laid. The sun was just rising above the hills of Galilee.

As is so often the case, their intentions were good ones: The women had made *some* necessary preparations and had neglected *others*. They had the spices, the ointments, and whatever else was needed to finish the embalming process; but, they had apparently forgotten (in their haste or anxiety) to secure masculine help to roll the stone away from the mouth of the cave so they would be able to do their work. Whether it is significant that they did not *ask* the assistance of a man can be questioned, but it is certain that they realized that they might need some help as they inquired among themselves, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?"

When they arrived at the tomb—that borrowed grave which belonged to Joseph of Arimathaea, an honored counselor who loved Jesus—the women marvelled at the fact that the tomb was open. The stone that had sealed it had been rolled back from the entrance—but *by whom* and *for what reason?* Surely, they pondered and feared what they would find.

Upon entering the tomb, they were startled to find a young man. The Bible says in Mark's Gospel that "they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment." He quelled their fears and affirmed the fact that they had come seeking their Lord. We have been taught for as long as we can remember that the man (an angel) said unto them, *"He is not here. He is risen."*

Let us consider the course of events as they might have occurred and the effect this would have had on history should the angel have said, *"He's here. Come on in and do your work."* Of course the women, as faithful as they were, would have proceeded to pour spices and oils over the body of Christ; for this was their purpose in coming. They would have labored over His remains, preserving Him as best they could after the Jewish manner, lovingly and patiently doing their work in as effectual a method as was possible. After they had done what they could and were satisfied that they had done their best, as befitted their Lord, they would doubtless have knelt in prayer and adored Him for a period and then departed to do whatever else fell their duty.

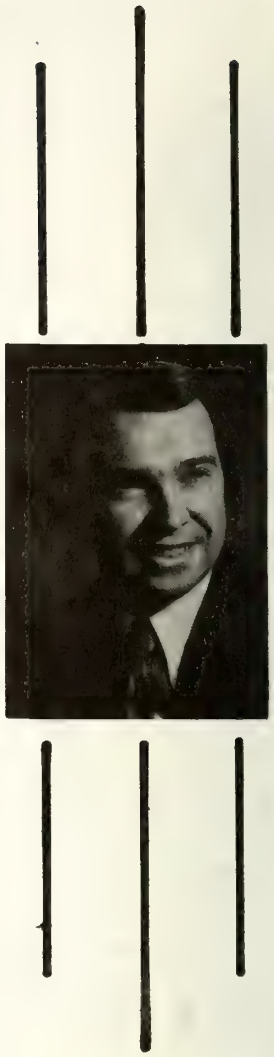
The Lord of heaven, the King of kings, the Son of God, the Prince of peace, the Saviour of mankind, by being in the tomb, would have thus proven that He was merely a *man*—nothing more. And, all believers would have nothing to credit Him with except good deeds, miracles, and promises—promises gone like the fickle wind—promises made empty by the most important *broken* one. Which broken one? The one that He made when He said, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"* (in reference to His body).

If this *were* so—if Christ *had* broken that all-important promise —Christians would have no more hope than do so many adherents who honor and worship heroes and religious leaders who lived good lives and died—just *died*! If indeed the women had found their Lord in the tomb, He would have been no greater than *Confucius, Mohammed, Budda,* or any of the other *"masters."* Because He was *not found* in the tomb, He made true His saying that He would rise from the dead.

We *do* serve and praise and worship a *risen Saviour*—a *living Saviour*—and our hearts are made glad. We can *rejoice* in our salvation. Sad to say, however, so many of us who claim Him act as though He were *still* in the grave; and by our faithless living, we show to the world that it is just possible that we believe that the angel did say to the women, "He's here. Come on in and do your work."

For shame! Shall we crucify Him again? To put it another way, Do we not indeed crucify Him *daily* by our ungodly acts and willful disregard of His Word?

Somewhere there is a tomb where the body of Christ was laid, but this editor thanks his God that the women were not able to do their work. Gladder still are we that no mummified remains of the Lord have ever been found. He *has* risen—and God be praised again and again! Amen.




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# FOR WOMEN ONLY

am mad! I am infuriated! I am now a woman's libber! this happened simultaneously and e instantly.

certain pastor was referring to the es auxiliary and ladies circle tings when he bellowed from the pit, "These gossiping, socializing, ee-sipping biddies . . ."

here have been many times before n a statement from the pulpit ruffled feathers; times when thoughts ped to my throat, looking a way out. this was a real shaker. I wanted to p up right in the middle of the Sunday rning worship service before 450 ple and have a stomp-down, drag-out ument, maybe even turning over a tables. Of course, I couldn't do that. action level just doesn't quite meet bravery level.

It isn't the first time women have had swallow bitter statements such as this ut their meetings.

You have been in homes of the reaved where men guzzled just as ch tea and smacked their lips on just much fried chicken as the ossipers." Have you ever known the norable men to prepare and serve the al?

Once each month, the shut-ins in a al rest home are served home-baked es. If those patients had to wait for men to prepare their desserts, their eet tooth may as well be extracted.

How many mission study courses have u attended that were sponsored by the n's organization?

Who sponsors the youth groups?

Who has cottage prayer meetings with ut-ins?

Who gives gifts to patients in the rest mes?

Who does most of the showering in the Children's Home? A source from that office reports there is no comparison between the help received from the ladies organizations and that from the men. To give the men some credit, the ratio would be better than 10 to 1 in favor of the **coffee-sippers.**

This prodded research about the good and bad done by these "gossiping, socializing, coffee-sippers" versus the staunch, Christian men in the church. Telephone calls to several persons revealed some surprising facts. What is even more astounding, the spiritual education of the church is mainly dependent on these same socializers.

These statistics are fascinating:

Church No. 1: Ladies auxiliary, women's visitation program, and 5 men and 21 women Sunday school teachers.

by Nancy Matthews

Church No. 2: Ladies auxiliary and 40 percent male and 60 percent female Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 3: Ladies auxiliary, layman's league, and 1 man and 10 women Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 4: Ladies auxiliary (strong), layman's league (rather weak but beginning to grow), and 4 men and 15 women Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 5: Ladies auxiliary, layman's league, and 40 percent male and 60 percent female Sunday school teachers. (Pastor states that the women do a marvelous job.)

Church No. 6: Ladies auxiliary and 3 men and 19 women Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 7: Ladies auxiliary and 4 men and 10 women Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 8: Ladies auxiliary, layman's league (stronger), and 50 percent male and 50 percent female Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 9: Ladies auxiliary, layman's league, and 50 percent male and 50 percent female Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 10: Ladies auxiliary and 4 men and 32 women Sunday school teachers.

Church No. 11: Ladies auxiliary (approximately 60 members), men's prayer fellowship (average attendance 6 to 8), and 14 men and 28 women Sunday school teachers.

To recap this information, seven churches reported a total of 35 men and 135 women Sunday school teachers. The four churches reporting by percentage show a 9 to 11 ratio favoring women.

Each of the eleven has ladies auxiliaries, and six reported men's organizations. Only one pastor reported his layman's league stronger than its sister organization. His church also reported a 50 to 50 ratio in teachers.

So where does this all lead? It appears that the women not only carry the work load of the church—they are also the soul.

Lady members of the ladies auxiliaries and circles, please keep up your "gossiping, socializing, coffee-sipping" work. As one pastor put it quite frankly, "If it wasn't for the ladies in my church, it would have closed down long ago."

My prayers are for you ladies and the wonderful work you are doing. Maybe God will see fit to give you credit in heaven because credit is short coming your way on earth.




SUNDAY, MARCH 30
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 6:14

"COME FORTH"

Before the tomb Christ stood one day,
And dried the people's tears away
As He spoke forth in mighty voice
That made Judea's hills rejoice,
"Come forth!"

Inside the tomb Christ lay one morn,
Defeated seemed Salvation's Horn,
But God the Father spoke the word,
And this He said, though no man heard,
"Come forth!"

And when the great and final sound
Shall raise our loved ones from the ground,
'Twill be the last time we shall hear
That glorious sound upon our ear,
"Come forth!"

—Louie W. Stokes

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ has paid our sinful wage. His resurrection assures us of a new beginning—a new life. Make use of the opportunity! Join the throng to hear, "Come forth!"*

MONDAY, MARCH 31
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:14

THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH

The Arc de Triomphe in Paris is a center of radiating life. It is the most magnificent triumphal arch in all the world. From it a dozen of the stateliest and most lovely avenues of the city stretch forth into the far distances. All life floods it; and all life flows out of it. So the world's life has its central Arch of Triumph in Christ's Cross and resurrection. Two mighty bulwarks of stone rise to their tremendous yet graceful height to form the single Arc de Triomphe—two yet one. Neither is complete without the other. "Christ died—and rose again," but the resurrection power gives meaning and power to the Cross.—*King's Business*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In the Cross of Christ we conquer our fear of death. We are offered tender love and sweet communion. Shall we let our Lord's suffering and death have been for naught?*

TUESDAY, APRIL 1
Scripture Reading—Luke 1:35

COMFORTING LITTLE VERSE

What most you long and hope for
Might only bring you pain;
You cannot see the future
God's purpose to explain.
So ever trust thy Master;
He doeth all things well;
He loveth more than heart can know
And more than tongue can tell.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God loves us and is anxious for our well-being. All He asks in return is our love for Him. Is this so difficult?*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 6:4-6

NO ALTERNATIVE

The Christian life is like riding a bicycle: if you do not go on you go off.—W. H. Griffith Thomas

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we backslide as Christians we are very apt to regress beyond all hope.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:10

"THE THREE SHORT YEARS!"

"The three short years of the public ministry of Jesus have done more to soften and regenerate mankind than all the moralizing of all the moralists, and all the philosophising of all the philosophers since the world began!"—Leckey

PRAYER THOUGHT

*No one has ever made such an amazing and lasting impact on all mankind, besides God, than has His Son, Jesus.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
Scripture Reading—John 1:1-3

CHRIST MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green!
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen:

Birds with gladder songs o'erflow,
Flowers with deeper beauties shi
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His, and He is mine.

—Wade Robin

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The resurrection of Jesus has giv a new meaning to budding trees a blooming flowers. We, much as i trees and flowers, can look forward a fresh rebirth.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Scripture Reading—Job 19:25

GETHSEMANE

"Down shadowy lanes, across stran
streams,
Bridged over by our broken dreams,
Behind the misty cape of years,
Close to the great salt font of tears
The garden lies; strive as you may
You cannot miss it in your way,
All paths that have been, or shall be
Pass somewhere through
Gethsemane!

—Selecte

PRAYER THOUGHT

*All of us have our own privat Gethsemanes. We, like Jesus, have heavenly Father, who will see u through our perils and enfold us i welcoming, loving arms when w reach our journey's ends.*

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**NOTICE**

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**uestion:** Does the Bible teach that the ish temple will be rebuilt in salem?

**nswer:** Yes, that is how I understand Scriptures' teachings on this ject. The temple, whose surements are given in Ezekiel –44, has never been built. The fact God will eject the decadent church rapture the remnant of the church ose members shall be true to Him, pite of the fact that the bulk of istendom will be as far from obeying serving God as the majority of Jews re when Christ came the first time, is forth in the Scriptures. "I know thy rks, that thou art neither cold nor hot: would thou wert cold or hot. So then cause thou art lukewarm, and neither d nor hot, I will spue thee out of my uth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, d increased with goods, and have ed of nothing; and knowest not that u art wretched, and miserable, and or, and blind, and naked" evelation 3:15-17).

Because of unbelief God discontinued, a time known only to Him, His special or to Israel that marked her as His culiar people whom He had constant lowship with as He dealt with em in the Promised Land. During this e He is building His church; but there l come a time when the visible church l be plagued with the same kind of ubt that caused Israel's dejection and en God will destroy that false church, antichrist, and the false prophet. ee Revelation, Chapters 13 and 17. ad and compare Romans, Chapters -11.) ". . . if some of the branches be oken off, and thou, being a wild olive e, wert graffed in among them, and th them partakest of the root and ness of the olive tree; Boast not ainst the branches. But if thou boast, ou bearest not the root, but the root ee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive trees? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Romans 11:17-25).

In short Israel, "the apple of God's eye," with whom He entrusted His precious name and word turned from Him and into idolatry because of their unbelief and God gave them over to a "reprobate mind." He did that to the Gentiles because of the unbelief that dominated them following His salvation of Noah and his family and His covenant with Noah. According to the first chapter of Romans, the Gentiles went clear away from God in unbelief which provoked Him to call Abraham from among those worshiping idols, deposited His name with him, and made a covenant with him. But when Jesus came and the descendants of Abraham, the Jews, rejected Him, He rejected them. (Read and compare Romans 1, that tells of God's deposing the Gentiles and Matthew 21:1-27; 23:28-39.)

In Matthew 21, the Jews reject Him when He makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and He rejects them in Chapter 23, and especially so in Matthew 23:37-39, and prophesied of their desolation such as has been true of them from A. D. 70 and will be until the end of the Great Tribulation. The time of the Great Tribulation is called the time of Jacob's trouble.

Perhaps the answer from Dr. Talbot on a similar question would serve our purpose here, as found in his book, **Bible Questions Explained,** on Pages 203, 204:

"The prophetic Scriptures plainly teach that the Jewish temple will stand on the site where the Mosque of Omar now is. There have already been three temples: Solomon's, Zerubbabel's, and Herod's. Then there is to be a temple during the tribulation, in which the antichrist will set up the 'abomination of desolation,' which is his own image, to be worshiped. Whether the present building on the temple-site which is the Mosque of Omar, will be converted into a Jewish temple for the period of the reign of the antichrist; or whether the Mosque of Omar will be destroyed, and the temple built on that site, I do not know. But Jewish worship will be restored on that spot. Arab and Jew, both descendants of Abraham, have contended through the years for Abraham's land; but God will give it unto the children of Isaac, even as He has promised in His Word.

"The fifth temple will be the millennial temple, and is described in Ezekiel 40—44."

That the days in which we live are among those referred to as being in the end of the age in which we live in the Bible cannot be denied. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2); "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Services for Rose Hill Church**
**Easter Sunday**

An Easter sunrise service will be held at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, on March 30, at 7 a.m. The program will consist of scriptural readings and singing by the church choir. This service will be followed by Sunday school at 10 a.m., and morning worship services at 11 a.m.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Dan Beaman. You are invited to come and join in the fellowship of these services.

**Revival Services in Progress**
**At Gray Branch Church**

The Rev. Lloyd Vernon is the guest evangelist for revival services which are in progress at the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run. The services began Monday night, March 24, and will continue through Saturday night, March 29. The time is 7:30, with the pastor, the Rev. James Warren, assisting Mr. Vernon. Special music is being presented by local and visiting musicians, and the public is issued a cordial invitation to be in attendance for the remaining services.

**Pre-Easter Service**
**At Elm Grove Church**

A pre-Easter service will be held Wednesday night, March 26, at the Elm Grove Gree Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, beginning at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey, will conduct the service which will be highlighted by a candlelight communion service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Gum Swamp to Host**
**Second Union and S. S.**

The Second Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference will convene at 3 p. m., Sunday, March 30, with the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, The moderator of the Union Meeting is the Rev. Jack Mayo, and the president of the Sunday School Convention is Mr. Bruce Gray. All area churches are urged to be represented.

**Pleasant Hill Church**
**To Hold Singspiration**

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43, between Greenville and Vanceboro, will hold a singspiration Sunday evening, March 30, beginning at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, will be in charge of the service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**First Union, Western**
**At Marsh Swamp Church**

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Rock Ridge, Wilson County, Saturday, March 29. The moderator is the Rev. James V. Joyner, and the clerk is the Rev. C. F. Bowen. Below is the program:

10:00—Morning Devotional, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes
10:15—Welcome Address, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. Dwight Hawley
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:20—Report of Committees
11:30—Morning Worship
—Congregational Singing and Special Music
—Offering for the Children's Home
—Sermon, the Rev. Melvin Moore, pastor of Trinity Church, Johnston County
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

**Rudy Shepard Conducting**
**Revival at Snow Hill Church**

The Rev. Rudy Shepard will serve guest evangelist for revival services to held at the Snow Hill Free Will Bap Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, the w of March 31—April 5. The time is 7 p. m., with the pastor, the Rev. Bot Taylor, assisting. Special music will presented nightly, and the public issued a cordial invitation to attend.

**Stancil's Chapel Announces**
**Annual Spring Revival**

The Rev. Bobby Jones will be t guest minister for revival services Stancil's Chapel Free Will Bapt Church, Route 2, Kenly, during the we of March 31—April 5. Services w begin nightly at 7:45 with the pastor, t Rev. J. B. Godwin, assisting. Spec music will be rendered each service a the public is invited to attend.

**Revival Scheduled**
**For Everett Chapel**

Revival services are scheduled f Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Everett Avenue, Clayton, for the week March 30—April 5, beginning nightly 7:30 p. m. The visiting minister will b the Rev. Curtis Jones, pastor of Palme Memorial Free Will Baptist Church Raleigh. Each evening there will be Bibl preaching, gospel singing, and spiritua fellowship. A nursery will be provided fo small children. The pastor, the Rev. Bill R. Yawn, and the congregation cordiall invite the public to attend and be muc in prayer for these services.

**David C. Hansley Conducting**
**Marlboro Spring Revival**

The Rev. David C. Hansley of Moun Olive will be the guest minister for reviva services at the Marlboro Free Will Baptis Church of Farmville. Services will begi nightly at eight o'clock on Monday March 31, and continue through Friday evening, April 4. Special music will b rendered each service. The pastor, th Rev. Bruce Barrow, will assist in th service. He and the church member extend a warm welcome to everyone t attend and enjoy the preaching, music and Christian fellowship.

**Pilgrim's Home Church**
**Announces Spring Revival**

The Rev. Harry A. Jones, pastor o Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, will b

guest evangelist for revival services e Pilgrim's Home Free Will Baptist rch, Route 2, Dover, the week of ch 31—April 5. Services will begin evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Willie Stilley, assisting. The pastor the church membership invite the lic to attend.

**mer Memorial to Host e Fear Youth Rally**

The Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist urch of Raleigh will be host to the e Fear Youth Rally, Saturday ning, April 5, at 7:30. A very in-esting program has been planned and churches in the conference are urged ttend; visitors are also welcomed.

**w Creations to Present gram at Sound Side Church**

The "New Creations," a singing up from Mount Olive College, Mount ve, will present a program of in-irational songs and testimonies at the und Side Free Will Baptist Church, lumbia, Sunday morning, April 6. The gram will be at 11 a. m., replacing e morning worship service. The public cordially invited to attend.

**ster Sunrise Service Ormondsville Church**

The Woman's Auxiliary, along with the urch choir, is sponsoring an Easter nrise service at the Ormondsville Free ll Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, ster morning, March 30, beginning at ven o'clock. This year the service will nsist of a cantata, "Truly the Son of d," closing with a communion service nducted by the pastor, the Rev. Clifton ce.

Following the service a breakfast will served in the church's recreation ilding. The auxiliary, church mem-rs, and the pastor extend a warm lcome to the public to attend.

**myrna Church to Conduct ster Sunrise Service**

An Easter sunrise service will be held the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church cated on Highway 96 near Meadow, on ster morning, March 30, beginning at 30 a. m. The Rev. W. A. Martin, pastor the church, will bring the sunrise ssage. There will be special singing d a fellowship breakfast to follow.

Sunday school will be at 10 a. m., and e youth of the church will be responsible for the eleven o'clock worship service.

**Phillip Jones Conducting Sweet Gum Grove Revival**

Revival services are in progress at the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, with the Rev. Phillip Jones doing the preaching. The services are beginning at 7:30 each evening and will continue through Friday evening, March 28. The pastor, the Rev. Andrew Hill, is assisting in the services which are featuring special music each evening by the church choir and visiting singers. A nursery is being provided for the small children. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services and pray for the success of the meeting.

**Smith's New Home YFA Held Valentine Banquet**

On Friday night, February 14, the YFA of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, held a valentine banquet in the fellowship hall of the church. The hall was decorated in red and white, carrying out the valentine motif. Guest speaker for the occasion was Miss Lawanna Taylor, a past YFA member who is now a senior at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. A Miss Valentine Sweetheart was chosen by the members. A valentine box of candy was presented to Miss Susan Smith, who received the honor.

**Rocky Mount Revival In Progress**

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark is the visiting minister for revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 406 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount, which began Monday evening, March 24, at 7:30, and is continuing through Friday evening, March 28. The Rev. R. P. Harris of Rocky Mount is assisting in these services. Special music is being rendered each evening and a nursery is provided for the small children. The public is invited to attend the remainder of the services.

**Revival Scheduled for Rose Hill Church**

Revival services are scheduled for Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, for the week of March 31—April 4, beginning nightly at 7:45. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Floyd Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel church, Route 3, Wilson. Special music will be featured each evening. The pastor of the Rose Hill church, the Rev. Dan Beaman, and the church membership invite everyone to attend and be much in prayer for these services.

**Willis Wilson to Conduct Ormondsville Revival**



Revival services are scheduled for the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, for the week of March 31—April 4. The visiting minister, the Rev. Willis Wilson of Winterville, will be bringing the messages each evening at 7:30, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice.

Mr. Wilson is no stranger to the Ormondsville church, having conducted several revivals there before. Besides being an outstanding minister in the denomination, he is also a much sought-after afterdinner speaker.

During the revival special music will be rendered each evening by the church choir, under the direction of Mr. Ralph A. Bowen, who is also church organist. Also visiting musicians are expected throughout the week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Kenly Revival Scheduled For March 31—April 4**

The Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Kenly, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church the week of March 31—April 4. Services will begin nightly at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner, assisting Mr. Bowen. Each service will feature good gospel

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### WESTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet Wednesday, April 2, 1975, with the Fremont Free Will Baptist Church in Fremont. The convention theme will be, "Doing the Will of God," with Scripture taken from Ephesians 6:6, "Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." The following program has been planned.

**Morning Session**

9:15—Registration
9:45—Hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus"
—Devotions, Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount Olive College Mount Olive College
—Welcome, Mrs. Buck Peele, Host Auxiliary President
—President's Remarks, Mrs. James Joyner, Kenly Church
10:15—Hymn, "His Way with Thee"
—Missions, "The Will of God," Mrs. Mark Taylor, Calvary Church
—Special Music, Local Auxiliary
—"Sharing Is God's Will," Mrs. Jean Sasser, Piney Grove Church
—"Doing God's Will for Our Youth," Mrs. Charles Sullivan, First Church, Wilson
—Hymn, "Trust and Obey"
—Offering
—Offertory
—Special Music, Sherron Acres Church
—Convention Message, the Rev. James Joyner, Kenly Church
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn
—Devotion, Mrs. Roland Cherry, Micro Church
—Memorial Prayer
—Special Music, Sherron Acres Church
1:30—Business Session
—Installation of Officers
—Closing Hymn, "I Surrender All"
—Benediction

### STONY HILL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRESENTS LIFE AWARD



Mrs. Dewey Boykin of the Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Middlesex was honored during a recent Sunday morning worship service by the Woman's Auxiliary. She was presented the Woman's Auxiliary Pin along with the Life Award and Life Membership Certificate as a token of appreciation for her loyal and devoted service to her auxiliary, her church, and her community. Mrs. Boykin has always been willing to do whatever she could to help carry on the work of her Lord. Even during the past year, in spite of failing health, she has continued to be faithful. Many might have used a condition such as hers to excuse themselves from serving as they should—or could.

It was with love that the auxiliary bestowed this honor upon Mrs. Boy The pin is being pinned on Mrs. Bo by Mrs. Robert Matthews, presiden the auxiliary.

The pastor, the Rev. Raymond Sasser, commended Mrs. Boykin for determination and faithfulness stated that this was an inspiration to entire membership.

### FIVE QUESTIONS FOR EVERY FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN

1. Would you like to take a vacation
2. Would you like to feel young?
3. Would you like good food for a w prepared by someone other th yourself? No dishes to wash?
4. Scenic tours?
5. Would you like to be drawn closer God?

If your answer is yes to the abc questions, then this is what you need do: **Register for Cragmont Woman Conference, August 11-16, 1975.**

This will truly be the best way you c spend your vacation. The food is alwa good and the atmosphere is gre Planned tours are enjoyed throughout t week to places of your choice. Best of is the spiritual environment that y enjoy for the week. From the time y board the bus until you return you ca feel the very presence of God. As someone who has been there.

Last year a young lady who attende our conference for the first time said her testimony, "If anyone should tell m that I could never come to Cragmo again, it would be like telling me that could not go to heaven."

Women, it really is a little foretaste heaven; so don't miss the 197 Cragmont Woman's Conference. A interesting and inspiring program already being planned.

Due to inflation we will have to rais our rates this year. The cost for th week will be $50. Send a registration fe of $10, and then pay the balance whe you board the bus. Please send you registrations to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasse Route 2, Box 497, Goldsboro, Nort Carolina 27530.

Mrs. Dola Dudley
Mrs. Lille Mae Sass
Codirectors

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### RESA PELT STUDIES ART THE CO-OP WAY

by Roberta Davis, Freshman

Mount Olive College has a Cooperative ucation Program which offers those dents participating in it an opportunity work outside the classroom. The gram, under the direction of Dr. Jamil ami, attempts to combine the ssroom activities with the world of rk. It provides a chance to put the ories learned at school into practical erience.



Teresa Lynn Pelt, a freshman at Mount ve College, is participating in the Co- Program. She is employed by Kraft's udio of Mount Olive, and her work is pervised by Mr. Charles Kraft, master otographer.

Miss Pelt, 19, is the daughter of Dr. d Mrs. Michael R. Pelt of Mount Olive. e has chosen art as her major and ure occupation.

Teresa's work involves retouching hniques. She can retouch negatives or traits. Before printing the picture, resa must remove spots from the gative. She does this by placing the negative on a machine (a negative retoucher) and then utilizes certain lead pencils to blend those shadows and blemishes apparent on the film. After the picture is printed, some faults may still be noticeable. By using special brushes dipped in certain dyes, Teresa can dot the picture to remove spots, blend cracks, or even repair old pictures. This also enables her to fill in shadows on the picture. In addition, Teresa's duties include general assignments, framing and mounting prints, and assisting in the darkroom.

As a general assistant at Kraft's, Teresa feels very rewarded to have taken advantage of the opportunity the Cooperative Education Program has provided her. ''Cooperative Education has been a good experience for me. The skills I have learned and developed at Kraft's Studio will certainly be of help to me later as I continue my study of art,'' she stated. Teresa hopes to transfer from MOC after graduation to a university with a strong art department.

Miss Pelt would also like to revisit Europe, where she spent last year with her family. She visited England, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Greece. Her family received the chance when Dr. Pelt, professor of religion at Mount Olive College, was awarded a National Humanities Grant. Their main stay was in England, where Teresa attended Impington Village College near Cambridge. She commented on England as being cold and rainy, but added that it was ''unforgettable and very rewarding'' and has motivated her for further travel.

The Cooperative Education Program at Mount Olive College is providing this semester a Co-Op experience for 34 students. The work assignment of these students includes minister's assistant, feature writing, recreation director, secretarial science, teacher's assistant, and retail and production management.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro is in need of a half-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church should contact any member of the church or write to the clerk, Mrs. David Lee Fillingame, P. O. Box 6, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586.

The pulpit committee of Russell's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, is seeking a pastor for their church. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mr. Virgil Day, Route 1, Box 375, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516; or telephone after 5 p. m., 728-3028.

## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

**ATTENTION!**

**Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Route 1, Box 219, Winterville, North Carolina 28590, was elected treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. Black Mountain, in the place of Mrs. Fountain Taylor who resigned. All Cragmont funds should be sent to Mrs. Chandler.**

**Mrs. Chandler was also elected publicity secretary, so if any of you have questions, she will be glad to try to answer them.**

## NOTE

**If anyone knows of people living in the Edenton area with a Free Will Baptist background, or anyone interested in beginning a Free Will Baptist mission in this area, please contact Mr. Bill Gurganus, 105 Wilts Avenue, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962; telephone 793-2646.**

## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079


### STATUS OF ALBEMARLE AND STATE COTTAGES BUILDING CONTRIBUTIONS

| | 1974 | 1975 | Accumulated Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Albemarle Conference** | | | |
| Free Union | $ 450.00 | | $ 450.00 |
| Gum Neck | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 325.00 | | 325.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 45.00 | | 45.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| League Convention | 230.76 | | 230.76 |
| Sidney | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| St. Paul | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Trinity | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| Union Chapel | 592.86 | | 592.86 |
| Total | $2,313.62 | | $2,313.62 |
| **Cape Fear Conference** | | | |
| Bethel | $ 450.85 | | $ 450.85 |
| Eastwood | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Goldsboro | 350.00 | | 350.00 |
| Hopewell | 390.40 | | 390.40 |
| Johnston Union | 220.00 | | 220.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 3,055.00 | | 3,055.00 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,000.00 | | 1.000.00 |
| Palmer Memorial | 251.29 | | 251.29 |
| Pleasant Grove | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Powhatan | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Riverside | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Robert's Grove | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Smyrna | 480.00 | | 480.00 |
| St. Paul | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 132.25 | | 132.25 |
| Yelverton's Grove | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Total | $8,429.79 | | $8,429.79 |
| **Central Conference** | | | |
| Aspen Grove | $ 100.00 | | $ 100.00 |
| Ayden | 20 00 | | 20.00 |
| Bethany | 65.32 | | 65.32 |
| Black Jack | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| Daniels Chapel | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Dawson's Grove | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Edgewood | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Friendship | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Greenville, First | 100.00 | | 100.00 |

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## Coming Events . . .

March 26—Central District Woman Auxiliary Convention, Black Ja Free Will Baptist Church, Route Greenville, North Carolina

April 2—Western District Woman Auxiliary Convention, Fremo Chapel Free Will Baptist Churc Fremont, North Carolina

April 5—Pee Dee District Woman Auxiliary Convention, White Oak Fr Will Baptist Church, Bladenbor North Carolina

April 9—Cape Fear District Woman Auxiliary Convention, Bethel Fr Will Baptist Church, Four Oak North Carolina

April 17—Albemarle District Woman' Auxiliary Convention, St. Paul's Fre Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunda School Convention, Daniels Chap Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3 Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bibl Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Wi Baptist Church, Durham, Beginnin at 2:30 P. M.

April 26—North Carolina State Yout Convention, Kenan Auditorium Kenansville, North Carolina

April 26—Vacation Bible Schoo Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina with Registration Beginning at 9:3 A. M.

May 8—North Carolina State Woman' Auxiliary Convention, Eas Rockingham Free Will Baptis Church, Rockingham, with th Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Wil Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex North Carolina, Beginning at 10:3 A. M.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

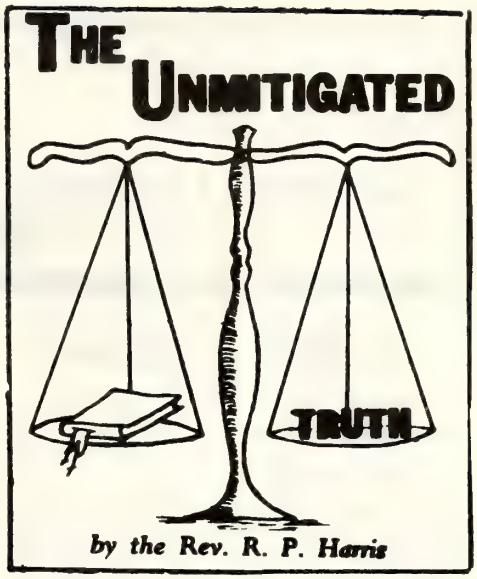
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| sant Hill | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
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| Olive | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Pleasant | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Zion (Onslow) | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
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| eads Ferry | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| ow Hill | 210.56 | | 210.56 |
| und View | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| hite Oak Grove | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
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Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN RACE HAS HINDRANCES

Every worthy goal achieved has had its hindrances. Many great men are obligated to become great through a deluge of difficult and besetting hindrances. Indeed, the road to success is oftimes strewed with a series of disasters—blood, sweat, and tears. The Christian's race may require more sacrifices and near defeats than any other endeavor.

The final goal in earthly achievements is success. If a person has the faith and the determination, he can ultimately become a success. However, a Christian must make heaven his goal and this may require the sacrifice of any or all earthly goals. It is not possible for a person to have all the earthly riches and pleasures afforded him and the glory of God and heaven at the same time. If one goes to heaven (the Christian's goal) he will need to sidetrack and even disallow many of the earthly goals.

I will mention three hindrances to the Christian's race. First, a lack of faith is perhaps the largest of the hindrances one has. The Christian must believe that God actually exists and that He is a rewarder of everyone who believes in Him. When Peter was walking on the water, he could have continued walking

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## GOD'S GLORY IN CREATION

**Lesson Text:** Psalm 104:1-4, 24-34
**Memory Verse:** Psalm 104:24

### I. INTRODUCTION

The lessons for the rest of the quarter are taken from Scriptures in the Old Testament and deal with some of its great themes. The passages used are found in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Micah.

These Old Testament themes are not outmoded; rather, they are as fresh as today is, and treat many current needs. Listing them, we have (1) God's greatness in creation; (2) our dependence upon and responsibility for God's creation; (3) a look at the importance and purpose of laws and our responsibility in observing them; (4) God's love for us and His presence with us, which makes us responsible for our actions to Him and to our neighbors.

In today's lesson, the first in the series, we turn to the beautiful 104th Psalm. This psalm is part of the Hebrew division called the fourth book, which runs from 90 to 106. The author of the 104th Psalm is not given in the Hebrew texts but the Greek translation, which we know our Bible to be taken from, gives the psalm as one of David's.

We will not discuss the entire psalm, but will stress the theme, "God's Glory in Creation" as found in the printed portion of the psalm. Bible believers know that God created the universe, including the earth and that all of it speaks of His glory and might.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The proper view of nature corrects much false doctrine. First, it destroys atheism. How can one look at nature and not believe in the Creator? Second, it erases the doctrine of pantheism that says God is nature and nature is God. God created nature; therefore, it is separate from Him. Third, it destroys materialism. The greatest power is not the material but the spiritual, because the material was made from the spiritual. No wonder the psalmist began to praise God as he contemplated nature.

B. Scientists tell us that there is a balance in nature. What they mean by this is that the plants consume carbon dioxide and give oxygen and the animals and man consume oxygen and give off carbon dioxide. This means that one part of nature is dependent upon another part. Then man, the plants, and the animals are all dependent upon God, the Creator. Isn't this reason enough to praise Him?

C. The psalmist is not satisfied with just looking at nature, but he contributes nature to God. There are many people who can look at the beauties of creation and admire them, but it goes no further than that. We should be like the psalmist and look through the beauties of nature to God and praise His name.

D. "This is a great intellect in a contemplative mood. The appreciation of nature is the work of the intellect; hence, in proportion as the human mind is cultivated, is nature found to be teeming with instruction and sources of enjoyment. Never, perhaps, was nature more graphically described than in the psalm before us. Facts here are turned into poetry. Divine power is celebrated in strains the most elevated and inspiring, while the exquisite adaptations of nature are indicated with the minuteness and delicacy of the most analytical observation."—Joseph Parker

E. How can we best praise God? Some say that we can best praise Him in song; and this is a wonderful way to praise. Others say that we can praise Him in prayer, and **this** is a good way to praise Him. And still others say that we can best praise God by our service. Why not use **all three** methods of praise to God?—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. It would be natural to suppose that all humanity would be giving daily thar for material and spiritual gifts that G has so freely bestowed upon H creatures. But as a matter of fact it is n so. There is no mystery connected wi the failure thus to recognize God, unle it be in the wonder that man, created God's image, could fall to such u fathomable depths. The Apostle Paul tel us the secret of the lamentable state the world in his day, from which it h not yet recovered. In the opening chapt of one of his greatest letters he say "Because that, when they knew Go they glorified him not as God, neith were thankful . . . and changed the glo of the uncorruptible God into an imag made like to corruptible man, and t birds, and fourfooted beasts, an creeping things . . . and worshipped an served the creature more than th Creator" (Romans 1:21-25). Idolatr supplanted the worship of God. Th remainder of the chapter traces th downward steps taken by the huma race until it reached low levels o depravity to which even beasts have no sunk. When once man began to multip idols, calling them gods, there was n limit to their number. The longe humanity persisted in this strang conduct, the more depraved became it state. There is such a developmen wherever people forsake the true Go and turn to idols. Even today a large par of the human race is bowing before idol of gold and silver and stone and wood the work of man's hands. Idolaters, o course, do not give thanks to God because they have lost all knowledge o Him in the corruptions of their false religions. . . .

Gratitude to God is always a mark o the good Christian. Stewardship, taught so plainly in the New Testament by Jesus and the apostles, recognizes that all we have has come from God; we owe it all to Him. Therefore recognition of this fact links with it the obligation to acknowledge our debt with grateful praise. Have we possessions? We are not their owner, but their manager. They belong to God. Therefore we should give Him thanks for them all, and use them for His glory and in the service of mankind. Have we a talent, a special skill, professional training? We owe it to the Lord. All that we are and all that we have are from Him. Christians should therefore look upon gratitude, not as a

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# STORIES for our youth



# THE MINIATURE CALVARY

I'M happy that you received Jesus as your Saviour this rning,'' Betty Wilson told her friend ris Hanson as the girls emerged from juniors' classroom of their Sunday ool.

''I'm glad you invited me to Sunday ool, Betty,'' Doris replied with a ile. ''The first few weeks I came emed almost a bore, but our teacher owed such an interest in me that I kept ning back.''

''Mrs. Grady is like that,'' agreed tty. ''She tries so hard to win to Christ ry pupil who comes to her class.''

Five minutes later Doris slipped into a w beside Betty, who had joined the t of her family in the sanctuary. The gs were different from those song in junior department of the Sunday ool. Doris tried to follow them from hymnbook. She enjoyed the music by choir, and the preacher's sermon ved mostly understandable. But owing the message, the congregation served the Lord's Supper. Doris had er even heard of a communion vice.

After the service, Betty asked her ents, ''May I walk home with Doris?'' e sensed bewilderment in her friend's d. On the way, Doris remained angely silent. ''Something in the rch service bothered you, didn't it?'' ty inquired. ''Was it the com-nion?''

'Is that what you call the bread and pe juice?'' Doris asked. ''I didn't e any, because I don't know what it ans.''

'You did right, Doris,'' her friend arked kindly. ''I'll try to explain it to .'' Betty related how the morsel of ad is a symbol of Christ's broken y and how the grape juice is an emblem of Jesus' shed blood. But Doris still did not seem to understand.

''Do you do this in every service?'' the new convert inquired.

''Our church observes communion once a month—on the first Sunday,'' replied Betty. ''Mrs. Grady told us that some churches have it once a week. Others have it once every three months, and still others observe it once a year. A few churches do not observe it at all. We had a lesson about the Lord's Supper just a few Sundays before you started attending our class. I wish you could have seen it.''

''Seen it?'' Doris retorted. ''Don't you mean 'heard it'?''

''I wish you could have seen and heard it,'' Betty corrected. ''The teacher illustrated it with an object lesson.''

''I wish I had started going to Sunday school sooner,'' Doris agreed.

''I'm sure Mrs. Grady would be glad to have you over to her house to explain communion the way she did in class,'' Betty volunteered. ''She keeps all the objects she uses.''

A few days later, by appointment, Doris and Betty scampered up the staircase to the front door of the Gradys' home. Their teacher responded to the summons of the bell. After the greeting, Mrs. Grady let the girls to a table. ''Betty, you always have learned a lot in class,'' she complimented. ''Why don't you explain communion to Doris? Here are all the cutouts I used.''

Betty muttered a hesitant, ''I'll try.'' Then she stared at the table display. ''Communion means a miniature Calvary. Isn't that what you said, Mrs. Grady?''

The Sunday school teacher beamed and nodded.

''You know what Calvary means, don't you, Doris?'' Betty continued.

''Calvary means Jesus died for my sins,'' Doris replied.

''Look at Christ on this cross,'' Betty suggested. ''Of course, it's only paper, but it shows the event. How many wounds do you see?''

''One, two,'' counted Doris. ''A nail pierces each hand. Both His feet are pierced, and so is His side. That makes five. And there is the crown of thorns, too.''

''Can you see how His body is broken?'' Betty asked. ''When Jesus served the first Lord's Supper, He broke a loaf and said, 'This is my body, which is broken for you' '' (1 Corinthians 11:24). Betty picked up the cutout of a broken loaf and set it beside that of Christ on the Cross.''

''But what about the cup?'' Doris asked.

''You can see the blood of Jesus flowing from His wounds in the picture,'' Betty continued. ''Jesus passed the cup to His disciples at the Last Supper and said, 'This is my blood . . . which is shed for many' '' (Mark 14:24). Betty placed the cup on the other side of the Cross. ''So when Jesus instituted communion, He dramatized Calvary in miniature. And the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11 that we proclaim the Lord's death when we observe the Lord's Supper.''

''Does this help you understand?'' Mrs. Grady asked Doris.

''Jesus died for me,'' the new convert replied. ''His body was broken. His blood was shed. The communion bread and cup are symbols of His death for our sins. Is that it?''

''Exactly,'' Mrs. Grady exclaimed. ''Betty, you explained it well.''

''I expect to take communion the first Sunday of next month,'' Doris declared reverently.

## The Unmitigated Truth

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if his faith had not failed him. But when he looked around him and saw the boisterous waves and wind, he became afraid and lost faith. All of life is challenged with boisterous waves and winds. The Christian who wins will of necessity be compelled to face the storm. Many times he will need to walk face forward into the raging, devastating turmoil, accompanied with death and destruction. Come what may, the Christian's faith must reach out to Christ and He will reserve him from all evil.

The second hindrance in running the race is a lack of love. Christians build their faith on the ability to love. Christ loved us enough to die on the Cross so that we could be saved. The Christian also, if he wins the race, must love Christ enough to die for Him. The only way one can die in Christ is to live in Him before he dies. If you are in Christ, you will be made secure in Christ when you die and heaven will be your eternal home.

The Christian can develop his love for Christ by having a love for the brethren. Christ loved others more than He loved Himself. This is the kind of love we must use if we are to be like Christ.

The third hindrance to the Christian's race is unconfessed sin. This does not mean that we have to broadcast openly our sinful deeds. It does mean, however, that we need to confess publicly that we are sinners and this will be followed by a profession of faith in the Lord and in His willingness and ability to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Repentance and a demonstration of godly sorrow for our sins will be evident. The Christian can best prove himself by ceasing to do evil and in becoming involved in following the example of Christ by going about doing good in the name of Christ. He will need to bring into play a willingness to clean up his life. This will change his language, his activities, his friends, and he will unite with a fundamental Christian church, pay his tithes, and support all phases of the work heartily.

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**OPEN LETTER**
**from**
**HOME MISSIONS**

**Dear Brethren,**

**I come to you with a matter of utmost urgency. I have always accepted and carried out my responsibility as director-treasurer in letting you know the truth concerning this department (home missions).**

**My purpose in this letter is to let you know that our home missions funds have become dangerously low. As of this date, March 18, 1975, we have $2,757.89 in the bank which is less than three weeks of operational cost. In the past I have had to go to a private individual and to one of our churches and borrow money to meet our expenses; but this was understandable since we were new and the word had not gotten around.**

**We are already sponsoring eight new missions within the state and great progress is being shown. Thanks to and our Lord we are off to a real g start.**

**Many of our churches and individu have done an excellent job in suppor this program and we are indeed thank however, we have reached the p where we are in desperate need of m assistance and I have no doubt that faithful Free Will Baptists will rally to t urgent plea for help.**

**Respectfully yours,**
**Taylor Hill, Director-Treasu**
**1207 Arsenal Avenue**
**Fayetteville, N. C. 28305**

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Let the people know the truth, and t nation will be safe.—Abraham Lincoln

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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| **Pee Dee Association** | | | |
| Beaver Dam | $ 200.00 | | $ 200.00 |
| Mt. Calvary | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| Oak Grove | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| White Oak | 362.50 | | 362.50 |
| Total | $ 912.50 | | $ 912.50 |
| **Western Conference** | | | |
| Barnes Hill | $ 175.00 | | $ 175.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Calvary | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 342.24 | | 342.24 |
| Flood's Chapel | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Friendship | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Little Rock | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Living Waters | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Western Youth Fellowship | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Pine Level | 180.00 | | 180.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 780.00 | | 780.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Rosebud | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Sherron Acres | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Spring Hill | 400.00 | | 400.00 |
| Stancils' Chapel | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Stoney Creek | 248.00 | | 248.00 |
| Stony Hill | 75.00 | | 75.00 |
| Union Grove | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| West Hillsborough | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| Total | $3,725.24 | | $3,725.24 |
| Miscellaneous Contributions | $ 2,515.21 | | $ 2,515.21 |
| Total Contributions | $27,846.54 | $100.00 | $27,946.54 |

Construction costs on these two buildings have totaled approximately $95,000. W paid $45,000 of the indebtedness off in 1974, and still have $50,000 in mortgag notes. We need contributions for this building fund in order to pay off these mor gages.

## Questions & Answers

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ying the power thereof: from such
n away'' (2 Timothy 3:1-5).
e are frequently reminded by the
s media and other sources of in-
ation that this is a religious day in
more people profess religion than at
time before; but at the same time and
he same informers, that ungodliness
evalent. The last of these Scriptures
being fulfilled before our very eyes
t now.
o Christ warned us in the following
ptures: ''And when these things
in to come to pass, then look up, and
up your heads; for your redemption
weth nigh'' (Luke 21:28); ''Be ye
patient; stablish your hearts: for the
ing of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge
one against another, brethren, lest ye
condemned: behold, the judge
deth before the door'' (James 5:8, 9).
Ve of this, the church age, are prone
think that since it is nearly 2,000
rs since Christ left the earth to
ume His position at the right hand of
, surely He will not come today; but
Bible warns us to live according to
rules in God's Word lest we are
ght unaware. We are warned that He
o come as a thief in the night. ''For
rselves know perfectly that the day of
Lord so cometh as a thief in the
ht. For when they shall say, Peace
safety; then sudden destruction
neth upon them, as travail upon a
man with child; and they shall not
ape. . . . Therefore let us not sleep,
do others; but let us watch and be
er'' (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3, 6). The
le says to the saints: ''And when the
ef Shepherd shall appear, ye shall
eive a crown of glory that fadeth not
ay. . . . Humble yourselves therefore
der the mighty hand of God, that he
y exalt you in due time: Casting all
r care upon him; for he careth for
. Be sober, be vigilant; because your
ersary the devil, as a roaring lion,
keth about, seeking whom he may
our: Whom resist stedfast in the
h, knowing that the same afflictions
accomplished in your brethren that
in the world'' (1 Peter 5:4, 6-9).

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## Sunday School Lesson

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y imposed upon them, but as a
ssed, happy privilege to pour out their
souls in thanksgiving unto God.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. ''Can't I worship in the green fields?'' piously asks the Sunday hiker. ''You can,'' was the answer, ''but you don't.'' Nature never, of itself, leads to God. The African savage sits at his cannibal meal, surrounded by natural scenery which surpasses in splendor and glory anything we in England have ever seen. Nature has not led him to God.—**Why Sunday**

We agree that nature by itself will not lead one to God, but the psalmist is in agreement with many of us when he speaks of God's works in nature making him more appreciative of God's power and glory and influences him to sing songs of praise to his Lord.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

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## Church Auxiliaries

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### ATTENTION, CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMEN

Woman's Auxiliary members of the Central Conference, Mrs. Albert Proctor will teach a study course of ''Stewardship,'' based on the book, ''Living the Christ-Filled Life,'' by John E. Hunter, at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Proctor is the district's study course chairman and is conducting the course for all the auxiliaries in the district.

Auxiliaries, if you have not had a study course on ''Stewardship,'' please make plans to attend this course and receive credit for your auxiliary. The woman's auxiliary of the Free Will Union church is hosting the study course.

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## NEWS NOTES

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preaching, singing, and fellowship. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

### Kenly Ministerial Association To Sponsor Easter Film

The Ministerial Association of Kenly will sponsor a film, ''Day of Triumph,'' closing out the Easter Sunday, March 30, at the Kenly Elementary School. The film shows many of the great events in the life of Christ; including, the Sermon on the Mount, the raising of Lazarus, the betrayal, the Last Supper, the trials, the crucifixion, and the resurrection. The Bible scenes are skillfully woven into a moving, suspenseful story that effectively communicates the full meaning of Easter. This is a full-color, feature film, and will evangelize as well as entertain you. It runs for two hours.

The association invites the general public to close out their Easter Sunday the evening of March 30 by witnessing this moving film.

### Mt. Zion to Host Second Union And Sunday School Convention

The Second Western District Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention will convene with Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Nash County, Saturday afternoon and evening, March 29. The theme will be, ''Is God in Control of Your Life, Your Church, and Your Community?'' The Scripture is taken from Philippians 4:13, ''I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.''

### Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention

The Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention will convene with the New Haven Free Will Baptist Church near Ernul, Sunday, March 30. The Rev. David Cauley is the host pastor. The convention's theme will be, ''Can We Live Victoriously?'' There will only be a morning session. The program is as follows:

10:00—Opening, Mr. Charles Mason, President
—Prayer, Pastor of Host Church
—Hymn, ''Christ Arose''
—Welcome, Host Superintendent
—Response, Spring Hope Sunday School
10:15—Recognition of Pastors, Delegates, and Officers
10:20—Convention Offering
—Congregational Hymn
10:25—Sunday School Lesson, Miss Jean Fillingame
10:55—Business Session:
Minutes Read
Treasurer's Report
Presentation of Awards
—Denominational Reports:
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Ellen Dixon
Mount Olive College
11:25—Program, Host Sunday School
12:00—Adjournment

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# A DARK DAY

by Ruth Langley Newsome
Wilson, North Carolina

Down the street with a steady beat
Come the sound of marching feet.
The crowd has gone mad,
What is wrong?
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
I'm a stranger here,
Of whom are they speaking?
What has He done that they should cry,
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him"?
It was in the garden—
The Garden of Gethsemane—
They found Him there,
Judas and the mob.
And they brought Him, bound, before Pilate;
And the mob shouted,
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
Pilate could find no fault with Him;
And He opened not His mouth,
But with sadness, looked upon those who cried,
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
Up Golgotha's hill they go
With Him carrying His heavy Cross,
And they will crucify Him.
They drove wicked nails
Into His hands and feet,
And lifted Him up on that Cross—
Between heaven and earth, they lifted Him.
His blood ran down,
His life's blood ran down.
While the cruel soldiers mocked,
He cried, "Father, forgive them
For they know not what they do."
Between two thieves He hangs.
One shouts, "If thou be the Son of God,
Save thyself and us."
The others says, "We are punished justly,
But He . . . He has done no wrong.
Remember me when thou comest into thine own."
"Today thou shalt be with me
In Paradise."
I was a stranger, and I was there.
The heavens darken,
The earth shook, the crowds were silent.
There was no cry now of
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
A soldier screams,
"Truly He was the Son of God."
Before the setting of the sun
He is put into a new tomb.
A stone is placed, a watch is set.
The crown silently melts away
To their homes—
To the upper room.
It is complete . . . it is done . . . it is finished.
What is this I hear?
In the morning, on the first day of the week,
The stone is rolled away.
He has risen, just as He said.
While the flowers were bursting in bloom,
The tomb was opened,
And He stepped forth.
To the top of the hill His followers went.
I was a stranger in the crowd.
This man of whom they cried,
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
Raised His hands, and in a gentle voice said,
"Go ye into all the world,
Tell the good news;
Lo, I am with you alway,
Even unto the end of the ages."

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**"The church always loses." How empty the sound and the feeling. . . .**

## THE CHURCH ALWAYS LOSES!

One of our ministers visited the editor's office at the Press three weeks ago and commented favorably (believe it or not) about our editorial of March 5, "Preachers Ought to Be Reachers!" He was in accord with what the writer said; but at the same time, he asked us a question which prompted other thoughts.

"Tommy, why does the church always lose out to everything else?" Then, he qualified his question by making some statements about how often church members attend services at their *convenience*, letting ball games, parties, or whatever else that may be of interest take precedence.

Pews are empty, but bleachers are full. The preacher receives less attention than does a favorite television program. A church drive for some benevolent cause holds maybe half the interest of some civic affair. Yes, we will have to support the minister's view with *our* affirmation, for we have seen with our own eyes the foregoing.

After the minister friend left our office, we began pondering the reason or reasons why the church does lose. We tried to be objective, and we'll share some of our thoughts with you—knowing, of course, that you may not agree with our conclusions. Nevertheless, consider the following:

1. The church loses because its minister isn't doing an effective job. (Could be; but we've been active in one church long enough and visited others enough to *know* that the minister cannot be blamed. After all, the minister is *not* the *church*, notwithstanding the fact that one who is injudicious in his leadership can tear the membership asunder. Members should not allow their disapproval of the pastor's techniques absent them from the Lord's house. How effective the minister proves to be is largely dependent upon the cooperation and encouragement of the congregation. One mule cannot pull the cart forward if 250 are pulling it backwards!)

2. The church loses because its buildings are not attractive to the eyes and are lacking in comfort. (Could be; but the amount of time spent in the church and buildings owned by it is so small in comparison to the time spent other places. On an average, an active church member spends no more than six hours a week in church. Notice that this is six hours out of a 168-hour week. This leaves 106 hours, allowing 56 for sleep. Most people work 40 hours a week, so 66 hours remain for leisure, eating, and other personal activities. So, here again, the church is given very little time; and, if its buildings are unattractive and uncomfortable, why aren't some of those 66 hours used to resolve the problem?)

3. The church loses because a few people are trying to be the sole directing force or are trying to "run the show," as they say. (Could be; but *somebody* has to take the initiative to get things done—even if it does offend some "tell-you-how-to-do-it" members who stand off and don't want to get involved except in an advisory capacity. All the beautiful plans in the world are naught unless someone has the courage to enact them.)

4. The church loses because it doesn't have a strong youth program. (Could be; but a youth program is only as strong as its participation. If the youth are not encouraged to attend the various meetings, little can be accomplished; and, *nothing* can be accomplished if they are not on the scene when it's happening. Some parents think that the youth program is so insignificant that they make no effort to get their youngsters to the meetings. But! Let some school function or special pop concert be in the offing; they can't get the car started quickly enough! Priorities are strange, aren't they? And, we can't help but wonder whose priorities they are—the parents' or the youngsters'. . . .)

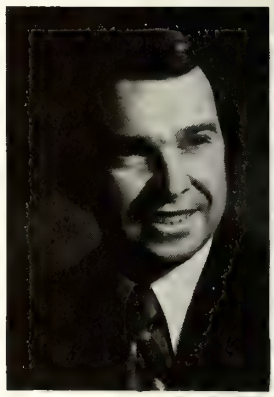
5. The church loses because its people are tired from working at their jobs and just don't have the energy to attend the services. (Could be; but it's a known fact that most people can muster up the energy to do what they *want* to do—tired or not! And, this doesn't need further comment except to say that it is quite possible that they really don't want to go to church anyhow.)

6. The church loses because—well, we'll quit here. We could write a whole volume, and our conclusion would be similar in all points listed.

We will have to agree (without any reluctance) that the church *does* lose in its "contest" with other things of interest—and it's really sad. It's sad because we, the people, comprise the church; and when we absent ourselves from its activities, *we* are the losers. But, don't let anybody try to tell us that. We just won't listen. . . .

On the other hand, let a crisis situation present itself. What happens then? You know, don't you? Church becomes the sweetest place in the world. God forbid that we make His house a shelter *only in the time of storm*. . . .

Listen, ye people: "*The church always loses.*" How empty the sound. . . . Do something about it—please?



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# THE GIFT OF TONGUES

by
Floyd B. Cherry

N the March 12 issue of this , we had a short article entitled, Gifts of the Holy Spirit.'' In that e we made some general statements the gifts of the Spirit. In this e, we want to make some ob- tions about a specific gift of the : the gift of tongues.

t us point out in the beginning that are not interested in propagating one's opinion about the gift of ues. Opinions vary to the point of usion and disorder in many places, God's Word stands. Therefore, we nterested only in the plain teaching od's Word. Of course, we are aware men differ in their interpretation of Word, but regardless of any dif- nces, the Word must stand. So se study the Scripture references allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten mind in regard to this matter.

The New Testament teaches that e is such a thing as a gift of tongues orinthians 12:28-31). This passage tongues along with other gifts of the it. In the Book of Acts, there are e examples of it. On the Day of ecost, we are told, ''. . . and began peak with other tongues, as the Spirit e them utterance'' (Acts 2:4). A nd instance of speaking in tongues urs in Acts 10:46 with the conversion Cornelius and his house. A third ance is Acts 19:6 when Paul overed some disciples of John the tist who had never heard the gospel grace. Following their baptism in er, ''. . . the Holy Spirit came on n; and they spake with tongues and phesied.'' These three instances in s, with the references in 1 Corin- ns, are the only references in the v Testament to this gift.

. This gift of tongues was a definite ernatural miracle. Some have tried to use it by saying that it was a guage spoken and known by other men. We share this opinion, but the speaking of a foreign language immediately without years of study and practice is nothing less than a miracle. We are also aware that when the word ''tongues'' is preceded by the word ''unknown'' in the Bible the word is always in italics which indicates that it was added by the translators, but this still does not change the fact of a definite supernatural miracle. Others have said that it was the language of angels; and, still others have said that it is the gibberish of demented minds. All naturalistic explanations must be dismissed. It was clearly a supernatural work of God. Only those who do not believe God's Word or who feel so insecure in their beliefs feel that it has to be explained away.

3. The gift of tongues was a temporary gift. John F. Walvoord in his book, ''The Holy Spirit,'' gives four arguments to substantiate this. (1) It is obvious that speaking in tongues began at Pentecost. There is no record of Christ or the disciples ever speaking in tongues before that event. (2) Tongues had the characteristic of being a sign to Israel. Such a sign was necessary at the inauguration of the age of grace to prove to Israel that the gospel was a message from God. (3) Some spiritual gifts are temporary, as illustrated by the gift of apostleship, the gift of prophecy, the gift of miracles, and the gift of healing. (4) It is predicted that tongues would cease (1 Corinthians 13:8). In view of the fact that the gift of tongues is mentioned in the chapters before and the chapter after this statement it seems reasonable to assume that this reference is to the gift of tongues.

4. The gift of tongues was no guarantee of spirituality. So far as we know, the only church Paul instructed about the matter of tongues was the Corinthian church, and it was a very carnal and divided church according to Paul. So we may be sure that it **does not** make one more spiritual to speak in tongues.

5. The gift of tongues was not a guarantee that one had been baptized by the Holy Spirit. In fact, we are not able to connect the two for this very good reason. **All Christians** receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but as a gift of the Holy Spirit only some received the gift of tongues. Therefore, we cannot say that they were dependent upon each other.

6. The gift of tongues was regulated by the Scripture. The following rules are given for its use. (1) Tongues should not be heard in the church unless an interpreter is present (1 Corinthians 14:13-20). (2) Tongues are declared to be a sign to unbelievers not primarily for the edification of believers (1 Corinthians 14:21, 22). (3) Tongues are to be used only when their use results in the edification of the church (1 Corinthians 14:26-38). (4) The gift of tongues is inferior to prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:1-12).

What can we conclude from the foregoing? Are those who speak in tongues maligners? Are they sincere people who are moved by psychological effect? Are those who do not believe in or practice tongues duped by the devil?

Of course, every person must answer these questions for himself. However, there are two or three conclusions that it is difficult not to reach: (1) The gift of tongues is not for this age; and, therefore , should not be practiced today. (2) Even if our first conclusion is wrong, speaking in tongues is not a sign of spirituality. Therefore, it is wrong for those who practice such to leave the impression that they are more spiritual than those who do not believe in tongues. (3) In the face of 1 Corinthians

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 27:1

"TOMORROW IS THE DEVIL'S MOTTO!"

Colonel Rahl, the Hessian commander at Trenton, was in the midst of a game of cards when a courier brought the message stating that Washington was crossing the Delaware River. Rahl put the letter in his pocket. He did not read it until the game was finished; then he rallied his men, only to die just before his regiment was taken prisoner. Only a few minutes' delay, but he lost honor, liberty, life!

"Tomorrow!" is the devil's motto. Earth's history is strewn with the wrecks of half-finished plans and unexecuted resolutions. "Tomorrow" is the perpetual refuge of incompetency and sloth.—*Alliance Weekly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Tomorrow is too late, because tomorrow never comes! Do what you will to further God's work today.*

MONDAY, APRIL 7
Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:26

GOD'S WATCHING, THE "FATHER KIND"

I read somewhere of a little boy who was told that the eye of God is always watching us. He thought a minute, and then he said, "I'd like to know what kind of watching it is. Tim Brown watches me in school so he can tell teacher if I whisper and get me bad marks. But Father watches me in a different way. When I am on the beach he keeps watch so I won't get in too deep. I like that kind of watching. Is God watching like that?"—*Moody Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We can be well assured that our heavenly Father watches over us with the best of intentions. Mankind is his own worst enemy.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:17

ARE WE READY?

We must be ready for unexpected calls and new responsibilities. The Samaritan who rode down from Jerusalem to Jericho had nothing to do in the morning but follow that highway, and take care that his beast did not stumble or hurt itself, or get tired out so that it could not finish the journey . . . But, when he came to the place where that unknown pilgrim lay senseless and bleeding beside the road, then, in a moment, the Samaritan's duty changed, and it compelled him to be a rescuer, a nurse, a helper of the wounded. —Henry Van Dyke

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our little Girl Scouts have the motto "Be Prepared." How much more should a Christian be ever ready for God's beckoning call.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:11, 12

RECIPE FOR DEVIL'S FOOD

Take one fine boy of tender years,
Remove the ties of love,
Mix with parental neglect and bad company in equal parts,
Sift in a few foul stories,
Add a dash of deviltry, and a measure of mischief,
Allow to soak in, then beat into a fury;
Add a pinch of hate, then crush with brute force, putting in a pound of parental cussing;
Shake well, then turn into the street to harden;
Garnish with ungodliness.
Serve with six months in the workhouse.

—Dr. C. H. Williamson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A great many parents will have a great deal of explaining to God concerning the badly mixed-up generation they have prepared for the devil's consumption.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:22

"NO LITTLE THINGS WITH G
I feel permitted to offer u
prayers for everything that con
me, and I am inclined to imagin
there are no little things with Go
hand is as manifest in the feath
a butterfly's wing, in the eye
insect, in the folding and packin
blossom, in the curious aqueduc
which a leaf is nourished, as i
creation of the world, and in the
by which the planets move.

I understand literally the inju
"In every thing make your req
known to God"; and I canno
notice how amply these prayers
been met.—Sir Thomas F
Buxton

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We can see by looking at natur
fine eye for detail that God
exhibited. Why do we worry? I
allow God to sketch our lives, He
not fail to enhance the beauty o
overall picture.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
Scripture Reading—Acts 20:35

JUST ONE!

Value just one soul. One may
many. Andrew brought Simon—
one. But that one was many, for ur
God Simon brought three thousan
one day. Joel Stratton, a waiter
restaurant, brought John Gough
Christ. Just one. And Gough brou
many to Christ. Ezra Kimball,
Sunday school teacher, brou
Moody to Christ—just one. But t
one was many, for Moody rocked
continents for God. But why
more? Just as one digit is valuabl
the multiplication table, and
letter in the alphabet, far m
valuable is just one soul in Go
sight.—*Watchman-Examiner*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have no way of knowing h
much influence for good just
convert for Christianity may provi
Only one more will make the ef
worthwhile.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
Scripture Reading—1 Chronic
16:23, 24

AN ARTIST NAMED TUCKER

A young artist named Tuc
painted the picture of a forl

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**estion:** Please explain, "Notstanding she shall be saved in bearing, if they continue in faith and y and holiness with sobriety" (1 hy 2:15). Does this verse mean that voman should die in childbirth she o to heaven? or Does it mean she is d in some other way rather than to are her for heaven?

**swer:** It does not necessarily even est that an unregerated woman who in childbirth will ever get to heaven, most surely she will not unless she rn again before she departs this life. only possibility that this experience e her to be saved would be that she nt. (See John 3:3-5) "Jesus vered and said unto him, Verily, y, I say unto thee, Except a man be again, he cannot see the kingdom of . . . He that believeth on the Son everlasting life: and he that eveth not the Son shall not see life: the wrath of God abideth on him" n 3:3, 36).

he verse does not say anything about h in childbirth. Probably some other the King James Version of the Bible translate this: "She shall be (saved preserved through childbearing" ld serve our purpose better here. In the e extensive passage the author has n speaking about how the serpent or an deceived Eve in the first temptation of the judgment of God that followed transgression. Henceforth she is to subordinate to Adam and of course placed judgment in a kind upon 's daughters or female descendants. s is made clear in, "I will therefore men pray every where, lifting up hands, without wrath and doubting. ike manner also, that women adorn mselves in modest apparel, with mefacedness and sobriety; not with ided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly ay; But (which becometh women fessing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (1 Timothy 2:8-14).

I do not think the correct interpretation will be too hard for a Christian of average biblical knowledge when he takes into consideration these verses and even more of the context from whence 1 Timothy 2:15 comes. If he sees fit, in fact it would not hurt and might help, to return to Genesis 3 and read all the judgments God pronounced on the three transgressors Satan, Eve, and Adam, and then the whole of 1 Timothy. One could forget that even the pain of childbearing came as a result of sin—the sin of our first parents, and the sin which blights the whole human race.

God said, ". . . in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Satan said, "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4, 5). Read the ensuing verses of Genesis 3 as you make comparison with what is found in 1 Timothy. In that way you should be able to see the facts as God designed that we see them.

In answering a similar question, Dr. Louis T. Talbot has the following interesting discussion to be found on Pages 245, 246 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained**:

"In the first place, nothing is said here of her death in childbearing.

"In the second place, the Revised Version renders the more accurate translation: 'She shall be saved (or preserved) through childbearing.'

"And finally, the context makes the meaning clear. Paul had been speaking of how the serpent deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden, and of the woman's consequent position of subordination to the man—not inferiority to him. Therefore, Paul, said, that the woman should 'keep silence in the public assembly of Christian worship.' (This question is discussed in another place in this series.) Having referred to God's declaration of woman's position, Paul draws this conclusion as to her place in the church.

"Now God's own words to Eve are found in Genesis 3:16: 'Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.' Having restated this **order**, as set forth by God in the Garden of Eden, Paul then shows that, in spite of Eve's sin; in spite of her 'sorrow' as a result of her sin; yet God will **preserve** the woman **through** her sorrow, especially when she manifests faith and love and a life of separation from the godless world.

"There is nothing in this verse to intimate that a woman is saved **because** of childbearing. On the contrary, all Scripture teaches that no one can be saved except by a personal faith in the atoning work of Christ on the Cross."

When we are considering anything found in the Bible that God imposed upon its readers, we would do well to remember that it is because of the mercy and grace of God that we have the Bible by which we know of His plan of redemption and our opportunity to escape the final judgment. This is revealed in the following Scriptures: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8); "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; . . . Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful,

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Youth Revival at**
**Rose of Sharon Church**

A youth revival will be held at Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church, Bear Grass, Martin County, April 7-11, with services beginning each night at 7:30.

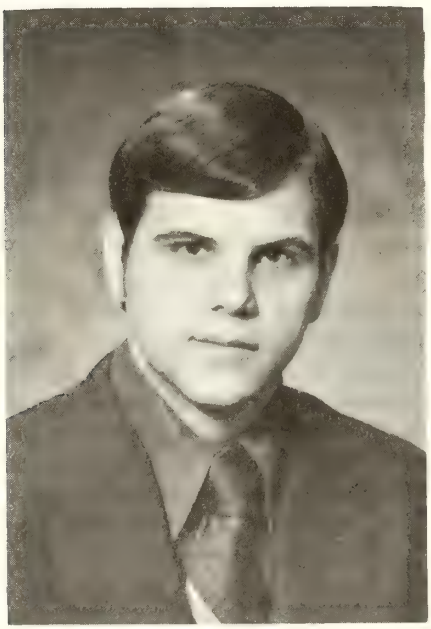
The revivalist for the meeting will be the Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen.

There will be special music each evening.

On Saturday night, April 12, the Steeplaires, a male quartet from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, will give a gospel concert. Everyone is invited to attend the revival and the concert.

Mr. Waters is a student at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

**John Melancon to Conduct**
**Saint Mary's Revival**



The Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, has scheduled its spring revival for the week of April 7-12, with the Rev. John Melancon of Pink Hill, as the visiting speaker. Services will begin each evening at eight with the pastor, the Rev. Leslie Hawley, assisting Mr. Melancon. Each service will feature good gospel preaching and special music. The prayer room will open each night at 7:45. Also a nursery will be provided for the small children. The pastor and the church membership cordially invite you to attend these services.

**King's Cross Roads Church**
**Announces Spring Revival**

The King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, announces its spring revival for the week of April 13-19. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Bobby Bazen, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. John Williams. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with special music being rendered each service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Smith's New Home Revival**
**Week of April 7-11**

Revival services are scheduled for Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Deep Run, for the week of April 7-11, beginning nightly at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Rudy Shepard, pastor of the Wintergreen church near Cove City. There will be special music each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Harrell, who will be assisting in the services, along with the church membership, invites the public to attend.

**Florida Jail Inmates**
**Receive Baptism**

Baptismal services were conducted for six jail inmates by the Rev. Arnold Woodlief in a creek near Marianna, Florida. The inmates were imprisoned in the Jackson County jail at Marianna. The baptisms, which were held on occasions (four on March 5 and tw March 12), resulted from the preac of Mr. Woodlief at the jail on sev occasions. Following the baptizing six inmates gave a testimony as to t conversion and belief in the Lord Je Christ.

Mr. Woodlief would like to express thanks to the Jackson County Sheri Department for arranging and mak possible these services at the jail.

**O. B. Jones to Conduct**
**Peace Church Revival**

The Rev. O. B. Jones of Tarboro be the guest minister for revival servi at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church Pinetops, beginning April 7, and c tinuing through April 11. The pastor, Rev. Danny Braswell, will be assist Mr. Jones in the services which feature good gospel preaching a special music each evening. The pub is cordially invited to attend.

**Pleasant Hill Church**
**Announces Revival**

Revival services are scheduled Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Chur located on Highway No. 43, betwe Greenville and Vanceboro, near Cali Crossroads, the week of April 7-1 beginning nightly at 7:45. The Re Eddie Edwards, pastor of Juniper Chap church, will be doing the preaching. T pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, will assi Mr. Edwards in the services which w feature special music each evening. T public is extended a warm welcome attend all these services you possib can.

**College Choir Offers Concerts**
**At Columbia High School**

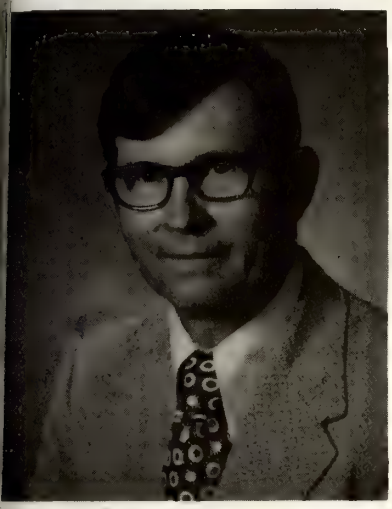
The Mount Olive Choir, under t direction of Mrs. Patten, will hold concert at the Columbia, North Carolin High School for the students at 2 p.m Wednesday, April 9. In the eveni another concert will be given in t school auditorium for the publ Everyone is invited, and a special i vitation goes out to the churches of th area.

**M. E. Cox to Conduct**
**Owens Chapel Revival**

Revival services will be held the we

il 7-12, at the Owens Chapel Free
aptist Church, Route 3, Elm City,
ning each evening at 7:30. The
g minister will be the Rev. M. E.
with the pastor, the Rev. Rudy
s, assisting. There will be good
hing and singing each evening. A
al invitation is extended everyone to
and enjoy the Christian worship
llowship.

**val Scheduled for**
**ory Grove Church**



he Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist
rch located on Highway No. 33, four
s east of Bethel, announces its
ng revival for the week of April 14-
The guest evangelist for the services
be the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of
Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of
son. Services will begin each evening
:45 with the pastor, the Rev. Hubert
ress, assisting Mr. Boling. Special
ging will be part of the services each
ht.
he pastor and the congregation
come your presence for these ser-
s throughout the week.

**ing Revival at**
**'s Chapel Church**
he Rev. Billy Nowell will be the
ngelist for spring revival services at
's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church,
te 2, Smithfield, beginning Monday
ning, April 7, and continuing through
day evening, April 11. There will be
yer services in the prayer room each
ning at 7:30, with revival services
inning at 7:45. There will be special
ging each service with the pastor, the
. Foy Futrelle, assisting Mr. Nowell.
public is cordially invited to attend.

**Moseley's Creek Church**
**Schedules Spring Revival**

Revival services are scheduled for Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dover, for the week of April 7-11. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Delmus Brown, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Donald Fader. The services will begin each evening at 7:45 and each will feature good preaching and special music. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to visitors to worship with them in these services.

**Otter's Creek Church**
**Announces Revival Services**

Revival services will begin at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, Monday evening, April 7, and will continue throughout the week. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with good preaching and special music. The pastor, the Rev. Boyd L. Shook, will be assisting in the services. He and the church membership extend to each of you a warm welcome to attend these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

**Gonzalez to Conduct**
**Faith Revival Services**

The Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, pastor of the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, will be the visiting minister for revival services at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, the week of April 6-11. Services will begin nightly at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley, assisting. He and the congregation extend an warm invitation to everyone to attend.

**Revival Services Announced**
**For Rock Springs Church**

Revival services are announced for the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, one mile west of Bailey, on Highway 264, for the week of April 6-12, beginning nightly at 7:30. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Swade Benson of Clayton. Special music is to be rendered each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the church members cordially invite the public to attend.

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"Since when did you stop singing in the choir?"

"Since the Sunday I was absent and everyone thought the organ had been tuned."

## Coming Events . . .

April 2—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Fremont Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina

April 5—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina

April 9—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina

April 17—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P. M.

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 3—Vacation Bible School Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina, with Registration Beginning at 9:30 A. M.

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks, West Virginia

## 1975 Camp Schedule

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, Inc.

## Black Mountain, North Carolina

**The Rev and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Managers**

Cragmont will be opened May 15—November 1, 1975

JUNE 9-14: GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE—The Rev. Willis Wilson, director; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, registrar, 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

JUNE 16-21: MINISTERS' CONFERENCE—The Rev. David Charles Hansley, 220 Crest Drive, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, president.

JUNE 23-28: CHRISTIAN CADETS CONFERENCE—The Rev. Raymond Jones, director-registrar, P. O. Box 1367, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.

JUNE 30—JULY 5: YOUTH FRONTIER CONFERENCE (YFA, ages 13 and up)—Mrs. D. W. ''Ma'' Hansley, director-registrar, Route 4, Box 162, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551. Bobby Taylor, codirector.

JULY 7-12: YOUTH FRONTIER CONFERENCE (AFC, ages 9-12)—Mrs. D. W. ''Ma'' Hansley, director-registrar, Route 4, Box 162, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551. Bobby Taylor, codirector.

AUGUST 4-9: YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE CONFERENCE (all ages)—The Rev. J. B. Starnes, director-registrar, Route 3, Box 123, Newport, North Carolina 28570.

AUGUST 11-16: WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE—Mrs. Dola Dudley and Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, codirectors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, registrar, Route 2, Box 497, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

AUGUST 18-23: FAMILY WEEK—The Rev. L. E. Ballard, director-registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

OPEN PERIODS: May 19—June 8; July 14—August 3; August 25—November 1, 1975.

The open periods are ideal for church groups to assemble for a Churchwide Spiritual Life Retreat. Many churches enjoy such retreats each summer! These times are also wonderful opportunities for our church families to stop by Cragmont on vacations and get to know more about the facilities we have at Cragmont and what the needs are.

The cost for youth encampments at Cragmont this summer will be $45. The registration fee is $7 (except for the General Youth Conference, whose registration fee is $5), with the remainder due upon boarding the bus. The Woman's Auxiliary Conference will be $50 per person including the $10 registration fee. Send your name, address, sex, age, and registration fee to the registrar of the conference you desire to attend.

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**CRAGMONT—**

**''PRELUDE TO HEAVEN''**

Dear Cragmont Friends,

We wish to thank all of you who have contributed to Cragmont; and we are especially grateful to those churches and groups who have included Cragmont in their budget. We would like to encourage all churches and groups who have not done so to add Cragmont to your budget for the need for **consistent support,** even though it may be small, cannot be stressed enough.

It was mentioned in a January article that we are sorry that Bill and Frankie Davenport will not be able to manage Cragmont during 1975. We are happy to announce, however, that the Rev. & Mrs. L. E. Ballard (''Pa'' and ''Ma'' to most of us) of Greenville have agreed to serve as managers for this summer.

It was also mentioned in the Janu article that there is a **great** need fo Worker's Lounge at Cragmont. T young workers need a place to gat during their spare time. The canteen v be moved back to the basement of t Main Building and the old dining ro will be converted to a Worker's Loun We need furniture—tables, chairs, e for it. So far there has been no respon to our plea for furniture. We need to ha this project completed before Cragmo opens in May, or before the workers up for the summer. It is suggested th those of you who wish to do somethi ''special'' or ''extra'' for Cragmont w take this as your project. You may dona **good** furniture or contribute money t this purpose.

Mrs. Ballard states that she needs woman who can serve as housekeepe She could also use one or two girls workers. If you are interested, or if y know of anyone who may be, conta Mrs. L. E. Ballard, 1225 Sou Washington Street, Greenville, Nor Carolina 27834.

We are hoping that 1975 will be t best year yet in the history of Cragmont

In His service,
Mrs. A. B. Chandler
Treasurer-Publicity Secreta

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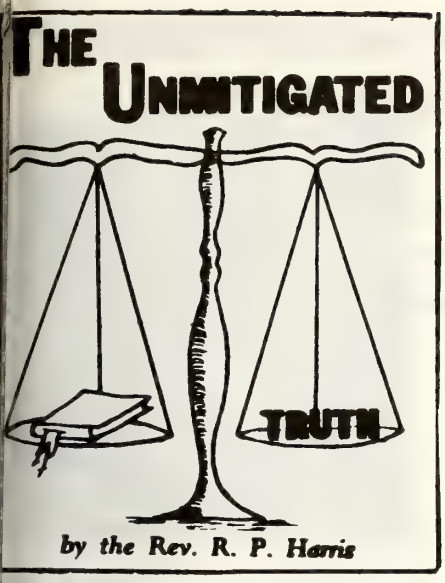
**HAPPY LIFE**
**by Mrs. Luther Tugwell**

If you want to live a happy life
Amid this world's turmoil and strife,
Always lend a helping hand
To some sad and lonely fellowman.

His pathway might be hard to trod;
So tell him about the love of God.
Tell him how He died on Calvary,
And oh! How He suffered such agony.

His burdens might be hard to bear;
Smile at him—show him you care.
Tell him the best things in life are free,
That is why He died for you and me.

Tell Him to trust God and never depart,
And He will put peace within the heart.
He will mold and cleanse and make y
anew;
Thus, making a better person out of yo




Scriptural Basis: "Wherefore seeing e also are compassed about with so reat a cloud of witnesses, let us lay side every weight, and the sin which oth so easily beset us, and let us run ith patience the race that is set before s" (Hebrews 12:1).

### THE CHRISTIAN'S RACE WILL BE REWARDED

With all the hindrances a Christian ust encounter here on earth, the eavenly goal, when reached, can and ill be reward enough. However, our ord promises much, much more. When person is hired and does his work well, is employer is pleased to compensate ith the promised wages. Many times a ood employer will add other benefits if e employee's work is satisfactory. Many employers add a bonus on special ccasions; as an example, Christmas. hese extras are appreciated, but the ain paycheck is that which pays the ving expenses.

Heaven is our determined purpose and oal, and the Saviour has promised that l His children will be able to enter the ate to the **glory land!** But our Lord has ade, or is making up, other rewards for e faithful. There are three of these I will ention.

First, there is the incorruptible crown: And every man that striveth for the astery is temperate in all things. Now ey do it to obtain a corruptible crown; ut we an incorruptible crown" (1 orinthians 9:25). Earthly citizens go for rowns that will fade away, become orrupt or destroy those who achieve em. The crown promised the Christian ill never fade, it will never be corrupted, and it will improve with use in all eternity. The shining and polishing and the extra ornaments or doodads will come as a result of the owner's sacrifice and faithfulness in doing for others while he is earthbound.

Second, there is the crown of life for the faithful Christians. This crown is based upon the Christian's faithfulness while passing through life here on earth. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Christians are stewards of God's manifold grace. The grace of God is that which saves through faith. Every child of God is definitely committed to work with the grace of God in all things. These things are acts of ours which honor Christ, to declare Him Lord of our lives. He is Lord of our lives or He is not Lord at all.

Our faithfulness to win the crown of life depends upon our willingness to go all the way with Christ; all the way in support of a godly program in a full gospel Christian church. We must pay the tithe, honor the Lord in attendance in the sanctuary, visit the sick and fatherless and widows, and administer to their needs. We are to help the poor, preach to them, feed and care for them. We are to walk upright in all our dealings with our fellowman.

Third, the Christian's race will be rewarded with a crown of glory. The chief Shepherd, Christ himself, promises that a crown of glory will be received by all who appear with Him. This crown will never fade away (see 1 Peter 5:4); thus, the ones receiving this crown will shine with the brightness of God's glory forever and ever. Our Lord did the following personal things to help us achieve this crown: (1) He came from heaven to earth to die on the Cross for our sins. He bought redemption for us. (2) He is personally interceding for us on the throne of glory, at God's right hand. (3) He will come the second time personally to escort us to heaven. Hallelujah!

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A minister once asked a man why he did not give of his time and money to help support the work of Christ. "Well," said the man, "the dying thief did not help with missions; and he was saved, wasn't he?"

"Yes," said the preacher, "I believe he was; but you must remember that he was a dying thief, whereas you are a living one."




### ADVERTISING

You run into advertising everywhere. Riding down the street you see an apartment for rent, a car for sale, money for loan, food to fill the hungry spot, drink that can satisfy a thirst, a motel for restful sleep, a bank to pay you interest on savings, etc. The same is true with radio, television, and newspaper. Advertising—you can't run away from it. It's for sale, rent, lease, or loan; and many times it has a certain trademark.

Twin arches usually have a hamburger underneath; a giant blimp in the air means tires that stick to the road; men in white hats sell a certain brand of cars; a white tornado means cleanliness. All these trademarks either attract or repel the prospective buyer. Many times it is how a product is presented rather than what it is that causes it to sell.

People are also advertisements and each person has his own particular trademark.

Think about the people around you. What are their trademarks?

When you remember a certain friend does a smile break across your face as you recall the wit flowing from that friend?

Another gives you a warm feeling when you remember his warm gentle glow.

Another makes you think of world events, politics, sports events, scouting, children, or homemaking.

You see another and your thoughts automatically turn to backaches, headaches, toothaches, or any other kind of ailment that person has shared with you.

Some people argue, some talk of love, some try to build themselves up, some build you up, and some tear down.

Some are a walking advertisement for the church; some have the trademark of a Christian.

**Whether you do it voluntarily or not, you are constantly an advertisement for something. Concentrate a moment. What are you advertising? What is your trademark?**




### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Woman's Auxiliary of the Central Conference will meet at East Banks, West Virginia, on Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24. Make vacation plans now to attend and bring the whole family. You may rest assured that you will obtain physical and spiritual heights!**

**God bless you,**
**Margaret Ard, President**

### ATTENTION, NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES!

**The 1975 session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 8, with the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham. Each auxiliary should represent with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of $5.**

**Many auxiliaries mail their fees in advance. This is a good thing to do, as it saves the delegates the trouble of handling the money. Also, in the event something happens at the last minute to prohibit your representing in person, your auxiliary is registered as having been represented.**

**IMPORTANT: Please mail your fee before May 1, if possible, so that I will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention registration committee for use on the morning of May 8. If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fees, as the convention needs your support. Mail fees to the address below.**

**Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser**
**State Treasurer**
**517 Westover Avenue**
**Wilson, N. C. 27893**

### CAPE FEAR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene April 9, with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Four Oaks. The theme will be, "Walk in the Light," with Scripture taken from 1 John 1:5, "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." The day's program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"
—Devotions, Mrs. John Gilliland
10:20—Welcome, Host Auxiliary
—Response, Mrs. Alice Davis
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson
10:30—Business Session:
Reading of Minutes
Roll Call of Churches
Nomination of Officers
Appointment of Committees
11:00—Report of Children's Home
11:10—Hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
—Offering
—Special Music
—Message, the Rev. Curtis Jones
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight"
1:05—Memorial Message, Mrs. Hubert Jackson
1:15—Special Music, Mrs. Alma Dale
1:20—Report of Youth Chairman
—Essay and Declamation Winners
—Report of Foreign Missions
—Report of Home Missions
—Report of Mount Olive College
—Report of Cragmont Assembly
—Report of Superannuation Board
1:45—Election of Officers
—Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie"
2:30—Benediction

### LITTLE CREEK AUXILIARY PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



Left to right: Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs Taylor, and Mrs. Smith.

On Sunday, March 2, during th morning worship service, the Rev. Dav C. Hansley, pastor of Little Creek Fre Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayde asked Mrs. Lou Smith to please com forward to recognize a very speci woman's auxiliary member, Mrs. Edn Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor, during her many years a a faithful member of the Little Cree church and its woman's auxiliary, ha been a blessing and inspiration to all. A a mother, she has taught the Bible to he children and has seen the promise of th Scripture, "Train up a child in the wa he should go: and . . . he will not depa from it" (Proverbs 22:6) fulfilled.

Mrs. Hagar Blanchard, president o the auxiliary, presented to Mrs. Taylo the certificate and pin. In her remarks Mrs. Blanchard stated, "Mrs. Taylor ha served the Lord with gladness in thi church in many capacities, and to a tasks, great or small, she has brough the same loyalty, concern, involvement love, and devotion. She has been a example to her fellow members as a fruit bearing tree: 'Ye shall know them b their fruits. . . .' (Matthew 7:16).

"In presenting Mrs. Taylor this awar we wish to express our love, ou gratitude, and our appreciation; an above all, our joy in knowing her. We a a church body and auxiliary group hav been most fortunate to have such a faith ful member—one who is always willin to do her part. We thank the Lord fo Mrs. Taylor's life and each kind dee she extends to those she comes i

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

**MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079**

## FAITH AND WORKS AN OUTSTANDING COMBINATION

Most of you readers will remember an icle which appeared in the February issue of **The Free Will Baptist,** entitled he Lighthouse Ministry.'' In that icle the statement was made that our urch, Memorial Chapel, voted on bruary 9, 1975, to become a member the lighthouse ministry. What did such tatement mean? It meant that a small oup of adults and children, mostly ildren, committed themselves to give ,000 to the Endowment Fund of our ildren's Home. Next it was an ex- ession of faith for we really didn't ow how or where the money was ming from. But our faith and trust in d was sufficient because in less than a ek God revealed a way for us to reach r commitment. His revelation came by ephone through a nearby blue jean tory. This factory offered our church e opportunity to wash blue jeans at .90 per dozen so that they in turn ght place them in stores for sale as ewashed jeans.



Our members of Memorial Chapel tefully accepted this opportunity and n we combined work with our faith. own in the photograph are several of r members hard at work with our oject. At the time of this writing, in a ek's time we have earned half our mmitment; and if we faint not, we ould have reached our $1,000 goal by e time you read this article.

We thank God for allowing us the opportunity to help ourselves and we praise His holy name for so many blessings.

If any church is interested in becoming a member of ''The Lighthouse Ministry,'' your inquiry should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; or telephone 235-4079.

## TERRY FAIRCLOTH HOSPITALIZED

Sunday, March 23, Terry Faircloth, a child at the Children's Home in Middlesex, was admitted to Wake Memorial Hospital in Raleigh.

At first the indications were that Terry had spinal meningitis, but we are thankful that the tests were negative. The tests, however, showed that Terry had a very bad case of the flu. If he continues to improve he will be coming back home soon. Terry lives in the Rodgers Cottage here at the home.

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**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the March 5 issue of **The Free Will Baptist** an announcement was made about the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes Founder's Club. There were three categories of founders, which are as follows:

A. Those who contribute over one half of the total construction cost of an apartment or a duplex unit, that apartment or duplex would be named in their honor.

B. Those who contribute $1,000 or over, their name would be engraved in a permanent-type marker placed in a suitable location on the grounds.

C. Those who contribute at least $100 and below $1,000, their name would be placed on a wall plaque located in the appropriate apartment.

Each of the three categories of donors would also receive a Founder's Club Membership Certificate to be presented in September of 1976.

Interested persons should clip out the following coupon and after completion mail it to the Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, General Delivery, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

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**FREE WILL BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES**

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Please place an X in one of the following blocks:

☐ I want to become a member of the Founder's Club and my gift in the amount of $____ is enclosed.

☐ I am interested in becoming a member of the Founder's Club but I would like for you to mail me additional information.

☐ I am interested in becoming a member of the Founder's Club and I would like a representative to visit me.

Mail this coupon to:
Retirement Homes, Inc.
General Delivery
Middlesex, North Carolina 27557

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## MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR CREATION

**Lesson Text:** Psalm 8; Genesis 1:26
**Memory Verse:** Psalm 8:6

### I. INTRODUCTION

We talk a great deal about trusting God, trusting Him to care for us, trusting Him to provide for our needs, and trusting Him for salvation through Christ. We should talk about trusting Him but, more than talk about it, we should do it. But how often do we realize that God is trusting us?

A pastor visited a man who was suffering from a terrible malignancy. The man tearfully asked, "Why has God allowed this thing to come upon me?" That is always a hard question to answer. The pastor thought for a moment and then said, "Some people who have some terrible affliction become bitter and lose faith in God's goodness and wisdom. He is trusting you with this because He knows you will keep your faith in Him."

There is one way God is trusting us to which we have given very little thought. He has given His creation to us to have dominion over it. He trusts us with the grave responsibility of using His creation wisely. He wants us to keep it unpolluted, unspoiled, and unabused. The environment in which we live is our earthly home while we wait for the time when we shall be taken up to live with Him. He has given us the obligation to "conserve God's natural resources and avoid polluting the universe." How well have we been faithful to that trust?—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. A new word that has entered the English language in this generation is "ecology." It means our natural environment. Man has a responsibility to God and to future generations concerning this "ecology." Are we leaving the world a better place for future generations as a result of our having lived here?

B. What is the majesty of God? It is His overall essence or being. His majesty is composed of beauty, holiness, power, goodness, mercy, and justice. These are the things that ought to call forth praise from us.

C. The fact that man was given dominion over the earth does not mean that he has the right to use lavishly the things of nature without regard to the consequences. We have a dual responsibility to God and man concerning nature. Do you feel that we are living up to that responsibility?

D. In what ways did God make man different from the animals? Perhaps, the most obvious difference is his God consciousness. The animals and plants have no consciousness of God's existence, but man has. This means that man has a soul that will go back to God.

E. Think about it, and be able to discuss what could be done in your community to make man's environment better.—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Although as creator God is in ultimate control of all things, He has presently given the control into the hands of man. . . .

"No wonder the world is in such a mess! It is man who is supposed to be in charge, to have dominion, to take control.

"Man has done just that. He has been extremely fruitful and has multiplied to the point that a soaring population may well outrun the food supply in large parts of the world before the end of the decade, creating famine on a vast scale. Man has certainly done his best to subdue the earth. He has cut down, paved over, and dammed up in the name of progress, and bombed, burned, and defoliated in the name of peace. He has used the earth's rivers, lakes, and oceans for sewers and filled the air with pollutants in his compulsive pursuit of profit and pleasure. In exercising dominion over the 'lower' species he has driven many into extinction. The ultimate irony is that the most threatened species today is man himself, as he continues to stockpile weapons that already have the capacity to destroy human life on earth several times over.

"Scares me! Doesn't it you? I'm not so sure I want to be in control. Why did God give us dominion, anyway? Didn't He know ahead of time what a mess we could make of things? Certainly He did. But this is the meaning of being created 'in His own image.' God did not create us to be mechanical men—robots. Rather He made us to be like Himself, with the freedom to choose. And in that freedom lies man's potential to do great good, and to do great evil.

"This accounts for the origin of moral evil. It is the will of man, not the will of God. Then how do we account for the origin of natural evil—the hurricane, the flood, disease? Genesis 3 relates natural disorder to man's sin. It is almost as if God obliges man by saying, 'If evil is the way you want it, then evil is the way it shall be' "—**Faith**

B. Our lesson is entitled, "Our Responsibility for God's Creation." The word "responsibility" is made up of two words, "response" and "ability." Man has responsibility because he has the ability to make a response. Let's consider man's responsibility under these two headings.

We have already noted that man is like God in a spiritual sense and that this means he has the capacities of thinking, feeling, and willing. Let us first consider man's ability.

All of God's creatures are wonderfully made. All are provided with the powers and the instincts that aid in their development and that enable them to adapt to their surroundings. Likewise God blessed man with every faculty and attribute needed to fulfill his purpose on earth. He has intellect, the power of reason, enabling him to "think God's thoughts after Him." Man's knowledge in many areas enables him to use responsibility which God has put into his hands, if he will. Not only does the Bible teach this, but through the years it has been proven to be true.

Man should be wise enough to know that the resources available to him are

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# STORIES

## for our youth



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SHE was just another little Chinese war orphan without ything or anyone, left in a world of rrow and distress! The old servant of a inese Ta Ta (lady) who lived in a big, nbling homestead had found the child arving, ragged, and miserable, crying eously, near their place, outside the arket town.

Old Cu-Sao had a kind heart, and she ew it would make little difference if e brought back an extra slave girl. ere was plenty to eat, although the usehold already owned several slave ls and other servants. Her mistress uld not bother nor even see the extra e, who would soon be kept busy by the ner girls.

Alas for the newcomer, whom they lled Seventh Slave, her companions used and ill-treated her in every way ey could, and she was made to work ry hard. Seventh Slave was quiet and edient. She was too much afraid of the ners not to do all she was told, so as to cape the many blows which were ded to her daily punishments.

One very wet morning two of the older ls came in from market with their ck-padded clothes soaking with rain. venth Slave was called at once to dry em as they gave her several stinging ows to make her quick in doing so. The ying room at the back of the kitchen as dark and stuffy, with several small rthenware charcoal stoves like large wer pots. The damp heat and fumes ed the place as Seventh Slave held the aked garments over them. Suddenly e felt dizzy and faint. She had been ck all day, but dared not say so or stop rking even for a moment. Now sudden ntness came over her. She fell across e open stove over which she was nding, and her thin cotton coat caught e. By the time the others came in she was unconscious and very badly burned. "Truly she will die," they shouted, "then we shall all have the worst of luck here."

Old Cu-Sao, who had rescued the little girl, was called and in her fear ordered them to carry the poor child outside at once and leave her to die where she had been found. "The Ta Ta will know nothing about it, and in any case it does not matter what happens to a miserable war orphan. The spirits were displeased that I tried to save her life." So the poor little girl was left to die, but the pain gradually brought her back to the world of suffering she knew only too well. No one came near her until a coolie boy happened to pass that way with his empty bamboo yoke. He stopped when he heard the little girl's feeble cries of "Kyin-meng" (save life).

Being naturally of a curious mind, he thought he would go over and see what was the matter. Seventh Slave fixed her eyes upon him, crying as loudly as she could, "Oh, Elder Brother, have pity, have pity. Help me to die quickly, for I cannot bear this pain. I was a slave girl in that house over there, but I fell on the **K'ang** (stove), and they cast me out for fear I would bring ill luck."

The young coolie, Ah-Ling, was no stranger to suffering and somehow felt he could not leave the little girl in her misery. He was employed at the Jesus hospital in the town and a sudden idea struck him. Why not get the wonderful doctor to heal her, and then she might perhaps later become his wife? Seventh Slave told him she was a war orphan and had no one left belonging to her in the world.

"My father is far too poor these times even to buy me a wife," thought Ah-Ling to himself. "People like us have no hope of getting any better sort of girl now, for we are almost starving at home and my mother is very sick." With this idea Ah-Ling carried the poor little sufferer to the healing home. The kind doctor looked very grave when he saw her.

He said to Ah-Ling, "Only the power from God can save her life, but we all will do our best." It was a long time before Seventh Slave began to get better, and then the doctor said he must have many patches of skin to help heal the burned places on her poor little body. To his surprise and satisfaction Ah-Ling willingly agreed to help in this way! The boy had never confessed faith in Christ, although he had often heard the gospel in the hospital compound. Perhaps he had been influenced more than they thought by the teaching.

Time went on, but when the little girl could take a few steps, she was so bent over on one side, they called her little Heavenly Bamboo. These tall, slender trees bend low in the breeze but never break. It was a very good name to possess, and one to be coveted in China, denoting a tough spirit. When Ah-Ling was told the little girl would never be able to walk upright, he was bitterly disappointed. Suddenly he disappeared and refused to come near the hospital again. This was a great grief to Heavenly Bamboo who could not understand the reason, and fretted much for the one she called her elder brother. Happily she had come to know the truth of that simple chorus:

Jesus loves me this I know,
For His Book has told me so.

Heavenly Bamboo was learning to read and she believed the wonderful message which she had seen in the lives all around her. Surely she had been so marvelously saved in soul and body for some job to do for her Saviour and Lord. That job proved to be helping in a home in China for war orphans like herself. She is a real joy and blessing there today. Although bent, frail, and crippled in body, she has a strong spirit like the tall, upstanding bamboo. She bears all things and never breaks down in the storms of life.—**Junior Challenger**

## HEAVENLY BAMBOO

**by A. O. Stott**

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### MOC FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND CO-OP MEETING

Five Mount Olive College faculty members attended the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Cooperative Education Association held in Greensboro, March 20 and 21. The faculty members represented the ongoing Co-op program, which involves 12 percent of the students at the College.

The meeting provided an open forum for discussion of the operation and philosophy of Cooperative Education programs, Co-op opportunities in civil service, employers view of Co-op, and Co-op as an instrument of institutional need.

Mount Olive College faculty representatives were as follows: Dr. Jamil M. Shami, Cooperative Education director; Dr. Michael Pelt, professor of religion; Mrs. Rebecca Worrell, professor of business; Mr. Sidney Johnson, professor of English; and Mr. Willis Brown, professor of science.

Cooperative Education is defined as a process of education which formally integrates the student's academic study with work experience in cooperating employer organizations. The usual plan is for the student to combine periods of college study with periods of experience in appropriate fields of business, industry, government, social service, and the professions.

The experience periods are considered an integral part of the student's education. Through the interaction of study and work experience, the students enhance their academic knowledge, their personal development, and their professional preparation. The teaching faculty, the coordinators, and the employing supervisors share in the education process of the cooperative student.

The Cooperative Education program at Mount Olive College is providing this semester a Co-op experience for 34 students. The work assignment of these students includes minister's assistant, feature writing, recreation director, secretarial science, teacher's assistant, and retail and production management.

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE— SOME OBSERVATIONS

by Harper Shackleford

Spiritual and intellectual growth are inseparable. Mount Olive College offers firm foundations in both faith and education. A strong spiritual movement is exerted through the work of various individuals and organizations. This spiritual movement is complemented by a sound academic program. Mount Olive is a liberal arts institution accredited with a sound educational program and backed by a strong spiritual movement.

Several organizations and individuals contribute to the spiritual growth on campus. There are four major organizations on campus: the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist Student Union, the Kappi Chi, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. These clubs provide various programs throughout the year. Such programs include gospel music programs, guest speakers, and chapel services. The boys' dorm has a nonstructured organization called the "Prayer Brothers" equaled by the girls' dorm "Prayer Sisters." These groups are composed of students who get together to hold prayer services.

Another outlet for spiritual growth is the music festival committee meetings. Students involved in this committee are preparing for an all-day music festival of gospel music. Students involved on this committee in past years have found that hard work and prayer really pay off. The College chaplain also heads the chapel services and spiritual growth group. Each year he spearheads a Religious Life Retreat that is really a rewarding perience spiritually. All these spiri outlets give the student a place service to enable him to develop spiritual maturity.

Mount Olive also offers a str educational program. A nonfai grading system produces a more rela atmosphere for the student. If a stud cannot finish a course in one semes the course simply carries over to the n semester. The student is also allowe repeat a course in which he is passing. Package courses are also great benefit to a student. These cour allow the student to advance at his o rate. These package programs allow students to get as much help from instructor as needed. Probably strongest point of the academic progr is a dedicated faculty. The closeness the students and faculty is unbelieval and adds to the relaxed classro conditions. The strong educatio program is one of the highlights of t College.

Spiritual and intellectual growth a inseparable at Mount Olive Colleg Spiritual maturity is strengthen through knowledge obtained throu education. Educational strains a channeled out through spiritu programs. At Mount Olive, great em phasis is placed upon academics; a spiritual study is available to anyone w wishes it. Mount Olive College aids student in developing his maturity bo through academic and spiritu programs.

## CAMP VANDEMERE

### SPRING FIELD DAY

A Youth for Christ Rally in the Easte Conference will hold a Spring Field D on April 12, at Camp Vandemere. T theme for the field day will be "Ask N Only What Your Young People Can Do f Your Church, but What Your Church C Do for Young People." The day's a tivities are as follows:

11:00—Orientation, Registration, a Lunch Preparation
11:45—Devotions
12:00—Lunch and Tour of Ca Vandemere
1:30—Discussion Groups

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## FEATURE

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how can anyone believe that it is t for one to practice tongues in a rch that does not believe in it and stir onfusion and disorder?

is our intention to follow with a third t article on this subject: "Who Are Holiness People'?"

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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man and child out in a storm. This ture took such a hold on him that laid by palette and brush, saying, must go to the lost, instead of nting them."

He prepared for the ministry and some time worked in the city's ms. At length he resolved, "I must to that part of the world where men em to be most hopelessly lost." at young artist was none other than shop Tucker, of Uganda, rica.—*Power*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We wonder if our news reporters ght not bring more help to starving ungsters if they carried food for ind and body rather than a camera.*

(Devotions used by permission, *ight's Master Book of New ustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

## Questions & Answers

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t became vain in their imaginations, d their foolish heart was darkened. . . . herefore God also gave them up to cleanness through the lusts of their n hearts, to dishonour their own dies between themselves: Who anged the truth of God into a lie, and rshipped and served the creature re than the Creator, who is blessed for er. Amen. For this cause God gave em up unto vile affections: for even ir women did change the natural use o that which is against nature" omans 1:16-18, 21, 24-26).

## Sunday School Lesson

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st from God to be used wisely and to passed on to succeeding generations. ese resources ought not to be uandered or subjected to pollution. owing this, we **are** responsible for at we do with them.—**Standard sson Commentary.**

## Church Auxiliaries

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contact with. Truly she is a blessing to each of us!

"We wish for you, Mrs. Edna Taylor, many more years in the Lord's service here at Little Creek church and the woman's auxiliary."

### CAMP VANDEMERE

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3:00—Recreation
4:30—Group Singing and Group Discussion
5:30—Supper
6:30—Gospel Sing

Each person is asked to bring his own picnic lunch (drink included). Supper will be furnished by the rally. Also, each person should bring seating arrangements, such as lawn charis or blankets. Insect releppent would also be useful.

Each church is asked to send an approximate number of the people who will be attending the field day. This will help in buying the food.

In His service,
Sharon Whitford
Secretary-Treasurer
P. O. Box 3
Ernul, N. C. 28527

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The pulpit committee of Russell's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, is seeking a pastor for their church. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mr. Virgil Day, Route 1, Box 375, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516; or telephone after 5 p. m., 728-3028.

The pulpit committee of Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, is seeking a full-time pastor for their church. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact the clerk, Robert C. Phelps, Route 2, Box 158-B, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; telephone after 4:30 p.m., 797-4336.

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief announces that he is in need of work in the field of evangelism. He is available for any church or group desiring his services. If interested he may be contacted by writing him at 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida 32446; telephone (904) 112-482-4659.

### JUNIOR SWORD DRILL WINNER



We, the members of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43, between Greenville and Vanceboro, are very proud of Anita Gail Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lloyd. Anita was the winner of the Junior Sword Drill held during the State League Convention, March 8, at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church.

The winners of each division of the Sword Drill, along with Anita, won a free trip to the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont this summer.

Anita is seven years old and became a Christian just a short time ago. She is eager to learn more of her Saviour and has the faith to guide and keep her. This faith is the key to success that will bring peace within. She exercises her faith in God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit, and accepts the whole Bible's plan of salvation. She is steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in her work for the Lord. We are sure God will guide her all along life's journey.

May we say thanks to all who participated in the Sword Drills. We are sure you are receiving a blessing in all the league work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Novella Stokes
Publicity Chairman

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## THE FUTURE OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

W. Burkette Raper, President

Current news about the financial difficulties confronting private colleges has caused many people to ask about the condition and future of Mount Olive College. There is no question but that these are difficult days. In recent years more than fifty private colleges have closed or have become public institutions. We were all surprised and even shocked when North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount announced that it could no longer continue as a private college and was offering itself to the State of North Carolina.

Mount Olive College has been engaged in a continuous struggle for survival from the time it was chartered in 1951. At no time during these twenty-four years has the College been "financially secure"; the only security we have ever known has been faith in God. At all times we have worked hard and tried to manage well, but in Christian endeavors human efforts are never enough; only the wisdom, resources, and will of God can suffice.

We believe the future of Mount Olive College rests upon our full commitment to God and our faithful practice of Christian stewardship. In summary:

1. **We believe the College is a part of God's work on earth,** and as long as He needs this College to accomplish His will, we believe He will sustain it through His people.

2. **We believe Free Will Baptists need Mount Olive College,** and we believe God has entrusted to us the funds needed for adequate support of the College; and we further believe that Free Will Baptists want to be good stewards of God's trust.

The future of Mount Olive College depends upon our willingness to put into God's work a reasonable portion of the resources He has so lovingly provided for us. The College needs urgently the support of every Free Will Baptist, and the amount of your support need only be based upon God's blessings to you. Will you not make your investment in the future of Mount Olive College by mailing the form below today to:

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College
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## MUSIC OR NOISE IN CHURCH?



# Editorial—

## *MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, or NOISE?*

The Bible says to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, but it doesn't say to deafen the listeners. We are taught to enter into His courts with praise, but that doesn't mean that we should shout emotional hosannas to the point of hysteria. We are told that we should come before His presence with a song, but we are not to pierce the air with a screaming rendition of it.

There is a trend today for youth and adult groups to witness to their saving knowledge of the Lord by and through song and testimony services. This is noble, and their efforts are to be commended; however, do not these groups sometimes *overdo* what could be a good thing? Do they not sometimes become so involved with showmanship that *they*, rather than their *Lord*, receive the glory? Is it not possible that these self-styled artists and would-be Lord praisers are really headed for a hallelujah breakdown? That is to ask: Are they not really proving to be a *deterrent* to worship rather than a *promoter* of the same?

Jubilance is good, certainly. We want a proper measure of enthusiasm employed in all of the Lord's work—and especially as we render service to Him and offer Him praise. We should bless His name and declare His glory. At the same time an exhortation would be in order to honor Him, and all too frequently singing groups who amplify their voices until they make the chandeliers rattle might just do Him dishonor. Surely there will be dissenting opinions regarding the foregoing statement; but give it honest thought —please.

Take this situation, for example: A group comes to the church with microphones, amplifiers (with the volume turned almost to the maximum), and they sing to the top of their voices, their faces redden under the strain, and after jumping up and down several times, they decide that it makes them *feel so good* that they lambast the congregation again with the same rendition in the same manner and nearly shake the stained-glass windows out of their frames. Still, the show goes on; and that's what it amounts to so often—a show of what they can do, how loud they can sing, and how happy and enthusiastic they can appear in their serving the Lord. It causes us to wonder: Are they really serving the Lord, or are they serving themselves and inflating their egos?

Let us make ourselves clear: We are *not* criticizing *all* singing groups. There are many who use amplification equipment properly, which enhances their music and doesn't make *noise* of it. (Noise is anything unpleasant to the ear.) What concerns us most are the manner, the method, and the reason for what is done. We have sat back many times and enjoyed gospel music which was tastefully rendered and amplified just enough to make it more appealing. Our "gripe," if it can be called such, is that if these musical programs are presented for entertainment rather than edification, then the values are confused and the perspectives are distorted.

We personally would prefer soul-stirring music instead of soul-startling music (though the contention might be that some souls do need a little startling to wake them up). Nevertheless, we want the Lord's music to reach our *hearts* before it reaches our *feet;* and should it move both, all is well. Still, *"Gospel Rock"* somehow seems out of place in the Lord's house. Foot-stomping music may fill the needs of many persons (and admittedly, we like to hear music with some "pep" in it); yet, we can joyfully adore Him without bursting eardrums and shaking the rafters.

Please understand that this editor, a musician of limited knowledge himself, *does not intend to derogate sincere groups who worship and praise their Lord in song and testimony.* Our main purpose in this discussion is to challenge thoughts to whether some of the "music" presented by some groups is really *music* or *noise*. . . .

A rebuttal would be appropriate, of course; and however adamantly we state the fact that God is not *deaf,* the words of one of our minister friends who is known for his deep resonant voice come to mind: *"No, God is not deaf; but that man sitting in the back row may be."* Notwithstanding that fact, let's be careful how we praise our Lord with our music. We want to put *life* in it, sure; but we don't want to *kill its message and effectiveness* by its manner of presentation.

Make *music,* not *noise!*

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# FREMONT CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

(The Fremont Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was selected as the "Church of the Week" in the January 23, 1975, issue of the local paper for the Fremont and Pikeville, North Carolina, area. The article below was adapted from the newspaper's write-up and we are happy to pass it on to our readers of "The Free Will Baptist."

THE story of the Fremont Chapel Free Will Baptist Church ne of progress from the time it had 15 members and possessed only a nt lot.

nce its founding a church building, cation building, and parsonage have n built and many members added to roll.

rom a vacant lot and 15 members just ing started to a church, educational ding, parsonage, and many more nbers, the Fremont Chapel church shown much progress.

s in most cases, just reading the ory of the church reveals the years of , devotion, and loyalty of all the icated members. In 1902 a deed for church was obtained with the aid of F. Flowers, J. D. Davis, and J. B. e.

oon, with the aid of a small gregation of approximately 15 nbers, work was begun on a church ding. Chairs, a wood stove, and an ght piano were the humble session for the successful beginning he Fremont Chapel church. Services e held once a month, the third day of each month, with Willie Moore Sunday school superintendent.

n those formative years, the pastors uded the Rev. J. H. Worley, the Rev. us Johnson (who died during his torate), the Rev. J. A. Evans, and the . Thomas E. Beamon.

Many of the church's most elderly nbers passed away during the late 0's and left only a small number of ng people in the church's gregation; thus, the church doors e closed.

n 1949, Mrs. Aaron Bass succeeded eorganizing a Sunday school with 15 nbers and four teachers.

oon afterward, church services were umed as in earlier years. They were l on the first and third Sundays of n month. The Rev. Wiley Ferrell of Smithfield served as pastor. Interest in the local church strengthened.

Miss Leah Nichols of Nahunta aided in the formation of a church Bible School. Picnics were held at the end of each session. A woman's auxiliary was begun with the aid of Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Bagley Morris of Pinkney.

A building project, aimed at the construction of the church's educational building, was undertaken with the assistance of the Free Will Baptist Finance Association. The project was completed in 1963 and the educational building occupied. At that time, with the aid of the pastor, the Rev. James W. Pittman, full-time services started.

In 1969 and 1970, air-conditioning units were installed in the building. Again the Free Will Baptist Finance Association assisted.

Sunday school superintendents from 1949 until the present include Mrs. Aaron Bass, Walter Bass, George Rogers, Woodrow Sasser, and Aaron Bass.

Pastors during that period include, in addition to the Rev. M. Ferrell, the Revs. J. L. Tyndall, Hubert Burress, W. E. Renfrow, Wilbert Everton, Dan Beaman, Joe Barrow, James Gray, James W. Pittman, Mr. Renfrow (who passed away during his pastorate), Boyd L. Shook, and Lloyd Hargis, present pastor.

In December, 1970, shortly after the death of the Rev. Mr. Renfrow, a baptistry was installed and dedicated and a plaque was placed over the top of it in his memory.

In March, 1971, the church called the Rev. Mr. Shook of Selma. During the two years of his ministry the church acquired new pews and windows as a result of donations from members. New pulpit furniture was bought and installed. In late 1971 carpet was installed in the church as a gift of the ladies auxiliary and the building fund.

In 1972, new doors were placed in the Sunday school rooms located in the back of the sanctuary. In early 1973, the church had new pavement placed along the side of the church and in front.

In June, 1973, the church called the Rev. Mr. Hargis from Clayton to be the new pastor. During his pastorate a layman's league was formed. Through the efforts of this group, new pews were placed in the church choir loft.

In the fall of 1973, plans were made to acquire a parsonage and in January, 1974, that dream became a reality. It had been the dream of many, as far back as the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Pittman, who placed the first money in a parsonage fund. Much work was needed to repair the parsonage.

Work on the parsonage began with dedicated members spending their time, using their talents, and giving money to install carpet and central heat and air-conditioning. The parsonage was ready by the first of June and the pastor and his family moved in almost immediately.

The youth, with the help of one of the businesses in the community, donated the curtains in front of the baptistry during the late summer of 1974.

In addition to the Rev. Mr. Hargis' service to the church, his wife, Sandra, is pianist and sings as a member of a trio known as the "Harmony Trio."

Deacons are J. D. Bass, (chairman), B. K. Proctor, George Thomas, William Wilson, C. F. Howell, Charles Alford Sr., and Leon (Buck) Peel. George Rogers is Sunday school superintendent and Woodrow Sasser is the assistant.

In addition to Sunday morning and evening services, prayer meetings are held weekly on Wednesday nights. There are various youth groups and youth choirs in addition to the adult choir. The layman's league meets on Monday nights, the ladies auxiliary meets once a month, and each Thursday night the

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:20

DOWN MEMORY LANE

I'd like to stroll down memory's lane
Together, you and I,
And sing the songs we used to sing
In happy days gone by.
Our thoughts will bloom like flowers,
And we'll gather every one;
We'll laugh at things we used to do,
The joyous things we've done;
And then, someday, if God permits,
Perhaps beneath the sky—
Hand in hand we'll stroll once more
Together, you and I.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*With Jesus abiding in our hearts, our walk through life will be filled with many happy memories.*

MONDAY, APRIL 14
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:11, 12

DIFFERENT ASSORTMENTS

In most churches, there are the following kinds of Christians: (1) tired Christians, who work if cajoled and coaxed; (2) retired Christians, or has-beens, who usually sit idly by—the victims of do-nothingism; (3) rubber-tired Christians, who go along if the road is smooth; (4) flat-tired Christians, whose ego has been punctured and pride wounded. What kind of a Christian are you?—Vance Havner

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pray that we might be Christians who truly love God and strive to live up to the name Christian which means Christlike.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

COMPLETE ENTITY

Let us beware that we do not forget that the Old Testament and the New Testament alike tell of Jesus. It can be truly said of the Bible: "The glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. The name of Jesus, the supreme personality, the center of the world's hope, is on every page."—Matthew Henry

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have fallen so far short of God's goal for our lives! May we study our Bibles and pray fervently for God's guidance.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 35:10

"THEY SHALL NEVER OVERFLOW!"

Has a sorrow come upon you
That no other soul can share?
Does the burden seem too heavy
For your aching heart to bear?
There is One whose love and comfort,
If you'll trust Him with your load,
There's a Burden-Bearer ready,
If you'll give Him an abode;
Lo! the precious promise reaches
To the depth of human woe
That however deep the waters
They shall never overflow!

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are blessed with the assurance that God will bear our cares and burdens. We have only to ask and allow Him to help us.*

THURDSAY, APRIL 17
Scripture Reading—Psalm 148:3-6

SEALED ORDERS, BUT THE CAPTAIN ABOARD

One of our poets, in speaking of our birth, beautifully says, "Every soul leaves port under sealed orders. We cannot know whither we are going, or what we are to do, until the time comes for breaking the seal." But I can tell you something more beautiful than this. Every regenerated soul sets out on its voyage with an invisible Captain on board, who knows the nature of our sealed orders from the outset, and who will shape our entire voyage accordingly if we will only let Him.—Dr. A. J. Gordon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our vessels may range from rowboats to ocean liners. No m the craft, we can all afford the masterful Captain of all.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:

WHEN TO WORRY

When we see the lilies spinnin
distress,
Taking thought to manufac
loveliness;
When we see the birds all buil
barns for store,
'Twill then be time for us
worry—not before.

—*Sandy Lake Bre*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is no wonder that God allows u become distraught and hypertens He has told us not to worry, to per Him to carry our loads of care, but choose to ignore His words and m nervous wrecks of ourselves.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1
12

EVENTUAL SECURITY

"See, Father," said a small b who was walking with his father the river, "they are knocking props away from under the brid What are they doing that for? Wo the bridge fall?" "They are knock them away," said the father, "t the timbers may rest more firm upon the stone piers which are n finished." God often takes away c earthly props that we may rest mo firmly upon Him.—*Christian Herald*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In times of trouble, we immediate seek a crutch to lean on. How pathe that more of us do not make use God's offer to help before we a completely crushed.*

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Master Book of Ne Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

## BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

**The 1975 Daily Vacation Bible Sch Workshop will be held this year Saturday, May 3, in Ayden. This year theme is "The Light Still Shines. Classes of instructions will be provid for all departments. Make plans now attend. Your attendance is urged!**




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**uestion:** Are there any Bible verses teach God will bring all the Jews ther in Palestine before the end of ?

**nswer:** Yes, I think that is what they h. "For I will take you from among heathen, and gather you out of all ntries, and will bring you unto your land. Then will I sprinkle clean er upon you, and ye shall be clean: all your filthiness, and from all your s, will I cleanse you. A new heart also I give you, and a new spirit will I put in you: and I will take away the stony rt out of your flesh, and I will give you heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit in you, and cause you to walk in my utes, and ye shall keep my gments, and do them. And ye shall ll in the land that I gave to your ers; and ye shall be my people, and I be your God" (Ezekiel 36:24-28); nd it shall come to pass in that day, the Lord shall set his hand again the ond time to recover the remnant of his ple, which shall be left, from Assyria, from Egypt, and from Pathros, and Cush, and from Elam, and from nar, and from Hamath, and from the nds of the sea. And he shall set up an ign for the nations, and shall emble the outcasts of Israel, and her together the dispersed of Judah the four corners of the earth" iah 11:11, 12).

Through the witness of two angels us pledges Himself to return in the e manner as He left Palestine for ven. "And when he had spoken se things, while they beheld, he was en up; and a cloud received him out of r sight. And while they looked dfastly toward heaven as he went up, old, two men stood by them in white arel; Which also said, Ye men of lee, why stand ye gazing up into ven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11); "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south" (Zechariah 14:4); "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn" (Jeremiah 31:8, 9); "Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame" (Zephaniah 3:19); "I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make noise by reason of the multitude of men" (Micah 2:12); "Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; . . . Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships" (Isaiah 43:5, 6, 14); "In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory" (Isaiah 45:25); "Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Romans 9:7); "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:26); compare, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32, 33).

We see from these verses of Scripture that God has yet a design by which Israel shall be dealt with as a people, an enmity that descended physically from Abraham; but, best of all, a people that turned from God and rejected Christ are to repent of their sins and turn to God wholeheartedly. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zechariah 12:10). Compare, "And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they have pierced" (John 19:37).

Jesus interprets Zechariah 12:10 as seen here in John 19:37 as having reference to Him in conjunction with His dealings with Israel as she repents, after the church has been taken from the world, to forever be with Him and serve with Him in His eternal kingdom. May I call your attention to the fact that not only will the church sit with Christ in His kingdom for a thousand years on the earth, but the Bible teaches that in this capacity we shall remain in His holy presence in all eternity. Israel is God's earthly people and they shall not only possess Palestine throughout 1,000 years of His reign on earth, but probably in the new earth that comes down from God out of the new heavens. Israel will have that special place of which both the Old and New Testaments speak when talking in their favor.

Dr. L. T. Talbot has the following to

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**The Singing Miles Family**
**At Elm Grove Church**

The Rev. Gary Bailey, pastor of Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, announces that the Singing Miles Family of Pink Hill will present a program of singing and testimony at the Elm Grove church Sunday evening, April 13, at 7:30. He and the church membership extend a warm welcome to the public to attend, and especially are the area Free Will Baptist churches invited.

**Wintergreen Church Announces**
**Annual Spring Revival**

Revival services are scheduled for the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Cove City, for the week of April 14-19, beginning each evening at 7:30. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro. There will be special singing each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Donald L. Venable, and the congregation cordially invite the public to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of the meeting.

**State Sunday School Convention-**
**Institute, Daniels Chapel**

The Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson (Black Creek), will be host to the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention-Institute Saturday, April 19. The following program has been planned:

**Morning Session**

9:00—Registration
—Call to Order
—Scripture and Theme Song
—Devotions, Diane Riley
—Words of Welcome, Host Pastor and Superintendent
—Response, Representative of Executive Board
10:00—Group Workshops (Two-hour sessions with a 10-minute recess as decided by the workshop leaders.)
12:00—Lunch and Fellowship

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Devotions, Dale Albertson
1:10—Teacher Certification Program, Improvement Commission
1:20—General Business Session (Brief reports from denominational enterprises by the Rev. Jack Mayo, director of denominational enterprises.)
—Installation of New Directors
3:00—Benediction and Adjournment

**Spring Revival Scheduled**
**For Spring Hope Church**

The Rev. David Cauley, pastor of the New Haven Free Will Baptist Church, Cayton, will be the guest evangelist for a series of revival services to be held at the Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern, April 14-19, beginning nightly at 7:30. A prayer room will be held each evening at 7:15. The pastor, the Rev. LaWayne Poston, will be assisting in the services. Special music will be a featured part of each service by the local church and visiting groups.

On Sunday night, April 20, at seven o'clock, the Gary Webber Singers of Vanceboro will be at Spring Hope church for an evening of inspirational singing.

From the pastor and the church congregation come a cordial invitation for the public to be in attendance for these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

**Friendship Church to**
**Observe Homecoming**

The Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville (Greene County), will observe its an homecoming on Sunday, April 20. day's activities will begin with Su school at 10 a.m., followed with worship service at eleven. At the r hour a picnic lunch will be served on church grounds.

In the afternoon a program of sin has been planned featuring singers f the local church and visiting musician

The pastor, the Rev. Walter Reyno along with the church members extends a warm welcome to for pastor, all members, and friends of church to attend and enjoy a day Christian worship and fellowship.

**Intermediate Sword Drill Winner**
**State League Convention**



Tina Hines of the Gray Branch Fr Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, was t winner of the Intermediate Sword D held during the North Carolina St League Convention at the Wintervi Free Will Baptist Church, Saturda March 8. Tina is thirteen years old and in the eighth grade at the Woodingt Junior High School. She was also t winner of the Junior Sword Drill at la year's convention. The church is ve proud of her and her achievements.

**White Oak Grove Revival**
**In Progress This Week**

Revival services are in progress th week at the White Oak Grove Free W Baptist Church, LaGrange, continuir through Saturday night, April 1 Services are beginning each evening 7:45 with the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark the guest minister. The pastor, the Re Robert Fader, is assisting Mr. Rive bark. He and the congregation extend cordial welcome to the public to atte the remainder of these services.

**Daly's Chapel Revival**
**April 14-19**

Revival services are scheduled f

's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church LaGrange for the week of April 14- beginning each evening at eight ock. The visiting minister will be the C. M. Coats of Smithfield, pastor of erton's Grove church. The pastor, Rev. Floyd Smith, and the church nbers cordially invite everyone to be tendance.

**y Grove Church Honors ior on His Birthday**



The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist urch, Route 1, Kenly, honored its stor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox, on his thday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. nk Waddell, Wednesday night, March

Burning tapers, spring flowers, and ster lilies were predominant roughout the house. As Mr. and Mrs. x entered the living room, "Happy thday" was sung to him by the group. Bible was presented to him by his ny friends and an outdoor grill from e adult choir.

Refreshments were served in the ing room. The table was covered with ecru lace cloth, centered with a ndelabra surrounded by flowers. At e end of the table was a Bible birthday ke, and at the other end was a crystal nch bowl from which Mrs. Jackie Pope rved lime punch. Miss Sandra Purvis rved the birthday cake. Assisting in e serving of peanuts, toasted pecans, d pickles were Jennifer Game, Beth ss, and Janet Bass.

After the refreshments, gospel music s enjoyed by all on the stereo.

Many friends and the evangelist, lliam Dale of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, enjoyed the event.

**Wooten's Chapel Announces Spring Revival**

Revival services will be held at Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Garner, beginning Monday evening, April 14, and continuing through Friday evening, April 18. Services will begin at 7:30 with the Rev. Curtis Jones as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Caton, will be assisting in the services which will feature special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**First Church, Durham Hold Dedication Service**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham will hold a dedication service for its new building on Sunday, April 13, at three o'clock. The new church building is located on Chandler Road in Durham. Featured speakers for the occasion will be the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel church near Wilson; and the Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of the First church of Tarboro. The pastor of the Durham church, the Rev. M. E. Cox, will officiate.

The pastor and church members cordially invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend.

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**Thursday, April 10**

On Monday, April 14, the New Bern Bible and Bookstore will observe an anniversary sale. The public is invited to come in and enjoy the savings offered. During this sale, all cards will be reduced 10 percent; selected sheet music will be sold in lots of three for $1; and a selected group of books will be sold at a 60 percent discount. Don't miss this opportunity to cash in on useful items and to review what this branch store has to offer.

**DON'T MISS THE ANNIVERSARY SALE!**




### ATTENTION, NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES!

**The 1975 session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 8, with the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham. Each auxiliary should represent with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of $5.**

**Many auxiliaries mail their fees in advance. This is a good thing to do, as it saves the delegates the trouble of handling the money. Also, in the event something happens at the last minute to prohibit your representing in person, your auxiliary is registered as having been represented.**

**IMPORTANT: Please mail your fee before May 1, if possible, so that I will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention registration committee for use on the morning of May 8. If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fees, as the convention needs your support. Mail fees to the address below.**

**Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser**
**State Treasurer**
**517 Westover Avenue**
**Wilson, N. C. 27893**

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### ALBEMARLE DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference will meet with the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, Thursday, April 17. The convention's theme will be, "Effective Worship." The Scripture is taken from Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

10:00—Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
10:05—Devotions, Mrs. June Banks
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Robana Fowler
—Response, Miss Alice Webster
10:20—Greetings, Mrs. Lula Daw, President
10:25—Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Offering for Home and Foreign Missions
10:45—Missions News, the Rev. Joe Ingram
11:00—Report of Children's Home, Mrs. Sam Weeks
—Offering for Children's Home
—Special Music, Host Auxiliary
11:30—Message, the Rev. Francis Garner
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"
1:05—Devotions, Mrs. Arleese Harris
1:15—Report of Mount Olive College, Mrs. Dianne Riley
1:30—Reports of Other Denominational Enterprises
2:00—Committee Reports
2:15—Treasurer's Report
—Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie"
—Benediction

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### ATTENTION! YOUTH CHAIRMEN

Your district auxiliary convention will be meeting soon (in fact some have already met). Please encourage your women to send in their money for the carpet for the chapel at Mount Olive College, if they haven't already done so.

The State Youth Fellowship Auxiliary will meet Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m., in the Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville. Let's see which district will have the largest group present for the fellowship and which district will bring or send the largest amount of money for our project: to air-condition the Dawson House at the Children's Home at Middlesex. A good program is planned, so don't miss it! We you there!

Also the time is here to sign u camp at Cragmont: Frontier ferences, YFA (ages 13 and up) 30—July 5; AFC (ages 7-13) July 7 Please send your registration to David W. Hansley, State Youth C man, Route 4, Box 163, LaGrange, N Carolina 28551.

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### ALBEMARLE YOUTH CONVENTION SCHEDULED

The Albemarle District YFA Conven will be held at the Shiloh Free Will Ba Church, Pinetown, Saturday, April This youth convention is for youth gro of all ages (AFC and YFA). All youth parents are urged to attend this portant meeting. There will be a spe program presented, so please be attendance. We urge each youth grou bring your completed report blanks you.

We will be looking forward to see you at Shiloh, Saturday morning, A 12, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Betty Sawyer
District Youth Chairm
Columbia, North Caro

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Woman's Auxiliary of the Gen Conference will meet at East Ban West Virginia, on Monday and Tuesd June 23 and 24. Make vacation pl now to attend and bring the whole fam You may rest assured that you will obt physical and spiritual heights!**

**God bless you,**
**Margaret Ard, Presid**

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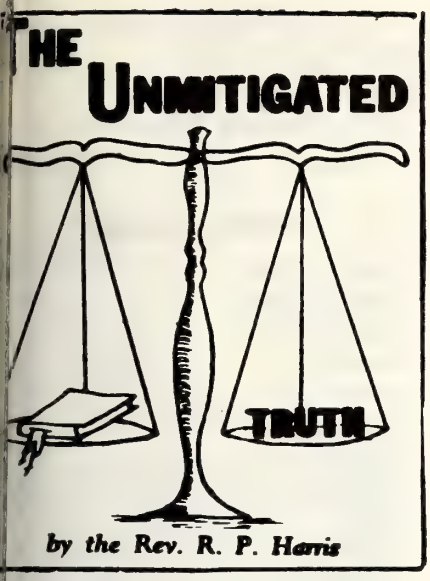
### ATTENTION! MISSIONS CHAIRMEN OF THE ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

It is time again for our district c vention to convene. Remember, we h pledged our support to our missi work, both foreign and at home.

Examine yourselves. Have you giv to missions as God has given to you the past six months? Let's not forget love offering to "Win the Lost at A Cost," when our convention conver with the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Chur at Elizabeth City.

It is most important that you atte this convention in order that you mi receive the blessings God has in store

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criptural basis: "Neither yield ye members as instruments of ghteousness unto sin: but yield rselves unto God, as those that are from the dead, and your members instruments of righteousness unto " (Romans 6:13).

### THE YIELDED LIFE

he Apostle Paul is talking about tal bodies: our physical bodies with their members and their per-nances. The Christian's life must be ded to God so that it will not sin inst God. We are not to yield our ies to obey sinful lusts and passions. physical members are a sacred trust n God and their performance and omplishments must glorify God in all gs. Everything we do must be tained and made complete in **all the of God**. The Christian's performance st be limited by and in obedience to will of God. We have no right to step of God's will for anything in this rld. This naturally limits us to do y those things which please God.

urthermore, the Christian that sists in lustful indulgences or is sistent in doing worldly things cannot fully consecrated to God. A house ded against itself cannot stand; efore, a life that is torn between ving Christ and serving the world not stand. Jesus Christ is Lord of all le is not Lord at all in our lives.

he Christian who is constantly ing valid reasons for not serving God ot doing the will of God. The only son a Christian has for living in this ld is the serving of Christ. Therefore, thing he does that cannot be com-ely in all the will of God is **sin!** For example, there is no valid reason for not being in God's house every Sunday for worship services. Sunday is the Christian's day of worship. Jesus Christ honored it and the disciples gave respect and were instrumental in making the changeover from the Jewish Sabbath to the Lord's Day (Sunday) for worship and praise unto God. God wants us to worship in the holy sanctuary; and since He wants us to be there, He does not make it impossible for us to be there. We are not providentally hindered from the services as some people want to claim. Sin is the cause for Christians being absent from regular scheduled services of the church. God punishes (chastises) all His children. In the opinion of this writer, sickness is caused by disobedience, or lust, or sinful performance by someone. It is not God's good pleasure for any of us to suffer. Therefore, if we suffer, sin in some way is responsible. God has to correct us when we sin, and He may choose to do this in many different ways. Read and study some of the books of the Bible on prophecy and you will see.

The yielded life is that life which finds reason to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, has moved into the circle of God's will, and stands there though heaven falls. This is the person who can control his appetite. If he is convinced that bad habits (smoking, drinking, lusting, and anything) is a sin he can and does find a way to break with it.

The Bible is full of warnings against worldiness. This is a warfare for the Christian. We are to be equipped in battle array. We cannot afford to let down our guard at anytime. Every time we do we are inviting trouble. This world is in an awful mess now because too many so-called Christians have let down the guard. This reminds us of the saying, "It is too late to shut the barn door after the horse has escaped." After a person is killed it is too late to warn him of impending danger. The Bible teaches that we are to speak with authority from God's Word—"thus saith the Lord God!" God does not expect us to save sinners but He does expect us to preach the Word! The world needs to know that there is a man of God around. He has appointed us as such. We are to cry aloud and not cease to proclaim the message of redemption and mercy. Christians **awake!** Sound the battle cry! Strengthen thy gates! Sit in sackcloth and ashes! Shout for joy and proclaim a day of **triumph** and **victory! Amen!**

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Allen Ralph Mercer

Allen Ralph Mercer was born May 15, 1918, and died September 2, 1974. He was the youngest son of the late James Franklin Mercer ano Betty Jane Turner Mercer. In 1946, he was married to the former Julia Houston. The Lord blessed them with four children: Sylvia Mercer Huffman, Allen Craig Mercer, Johnnie Franklin Mercer, and Deborah Starr Mercer all of Route 1, Beulaville. He also left to mourn four grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

Ralph was a charter member of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church of Pink Hill, giving his life to the Lord at a very early age. He served as trustee of the church for twenty-five years and did his job well.

He joined the Beulaville Masonic Lodge in 1965 and remained an active member until his death. He was not satisfied with just being a Master Mason, so he went on to earn his thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonery in 1968, and then became a Shriner on May 24, 1969.

Ralph served his country in the United States Navy for six years after which he received an honorable discharge. He was on duty at Pearl Harbor the day it was bombed, December 7, 1941.

He was employed by the Civil Service at Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville.

Ralph loved his church and family and was always willing to help those in need. We all miss Ralph, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellis T. Callahan
Eunice T. Langston

### EMERGENCY!

**We are badly in need of one or two adult women and four girls (over 14) to work at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, this summer. It is important that we get our staff lined up as soon as possible. We want the adult women to go with us to Cragmont around May 12, and the young girls to go to work as soon as they are out of school. Make application to: The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; telephone 275-2950.**

## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079


### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 1975

#### Albemarle Conference

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|---|---|
| Free Union | $198.02 |
| Hickory Chapel | 175.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 54.26 |
| Plymouth | 15.00 |
| Shiloh | 45.35 |
| Total | $587.63 |

#### Cape Fear Conference

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|---|---|
| Johnston Union | $ 30.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 10.00 |
| Palmer Memorial | 50.75 |
| Saint Mary's Grove | 30.00 |
| Shady Grove | 45.70 |
| Smyrna | 65.00 |
| Yelverton's Grove | 20.00 |
| Total | $251.45 |

#### Central Conference

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| Aspen Grove | $ 158.25 |
| Ayden | 255.00 |
| Bethany | 41.81 |
| Black Jack | 20.00 |
| Community | 1.00 |
| Daniels Chapel | 235.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 25.00 |
| Edgewood | 5.00 |
| Elm Grove | 49.00 |
| Free Union | 1.00 |
| Friendship | 111.72 |
| Greenville, First | 160.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 25.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 15.00 |
| Howell Swamp | 4.50 |
| Hugo | 4.00 |
| Hull Road | 5.85 |
| King's Cross Roads | 20.00 |
| Little Creek | 75.00 |
| Ormondsville | 5.00 |
| Owen's Chapel | 256.40 |
| Reedy Branch | 55.00 |
| Rocky Mount, First | 75.00 |
| Rose Hill | 50.00 |
| Spring Branch | 10.00 |
| Tarboro, First | 100.00 |
| Winterville | 112.53 |
| Total | $1,876.06 |

#### Eastern Conference

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| Antioch | $ 80.00 |
| Bethlehem | 114.20 |
| Beulaville | 310.00 |
| Bridgeton | 93.32 |
| Core Creek | 174.13 |
| Deep Run | 25.00 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 55.02 |
| Faith | 33.42 |
| Friendship | 22.56 |
| Gray Branch | 20.00 |
| Hillsberry | 10.00 |
| Holly Springs | 20.00 |
| Kinston, First | 11.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 10.00 |
| Memorial | 10.00 |
| Moseley's Creek | 30.00 |
| Carteret Union | 25.00 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| Auxiliary District | 10.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 23.69 |
| New Haven | 32.50 |
| Northeast | 24.00 |
| Oak Grove | 80.00 |
| Oriental | 25.04 |
| Piney Grove | 10.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 33.60 |
| Saint's Delight | 50.00 |
| Sandy Plain | 20.00 |
| Sarecta | 39.00 |
| Smith's New Home | 20.00 |
| Sneads Ferry | 45.00 |
| Snow Hill | 15.00 |
| Sound View | 20.00 |
| Spring Hope | 10.00 |
| St. Mary's | 65.00 |
| Warden's Grove | 20.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 52.71 |
| Wintergreen | 11.00 |
| Total | $1,670.19 |

#### Pee Dee Association

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| Beaver Dam | $ 25.00 |
| Oak Grove | 20.00 |
| Total | $ 45.00 |

#### Piedmont Converence

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| Wayside (High Point) | $ 10. |

#### Rockfish Conference

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| Conference | $ 23. |

#### Western Conference

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| Branch Chapel | $ 68. |
| Everett's Chapel | 103. |
| Flood's Chapel | 133. |
| Friendship | 67. |
| Fremont | 80. |
| Kenly | 113. |
| Little Rock | 218. |
| Marsh Swamp | 48. |
| Micro | 46. |
| Milbournie | 94. |
| New Sandy Hill | 91. |
| Oak Grove | 236. |
| People's Chapel | 10. |
| Piney Grove | 20. |
| Pine Level | 78. |
| Pleasant Grove | 28. |
| Pleasant Hill | 65. |
| Pleasant Plain | 109. |
| Rains Cross Road | 3. |
| Rock Springs | 10. |
| Rosebud | 5. |
| Selma | 2. |
| Sherron Acres | 125. |
| Spring Hill | 20. |
| Stancil's Chapel | 20. |
| Stoney Creek | 65. |
| Stony Hill | 53. |
| St. Mary's | 455. |
| Union Chapel | 130. |
| Union Grove | 132. |
| Wilson, First | 12. |
| Total | $2,644. |

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| Auxiliary Convention | $ 98. |

#### Other States

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| Shelby, Ohio | $ 55. |
| Total Religious Contributions | $7,261. |

### MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1975

Memorial gifts for February, 197 totaled $125, and were as follows:

Mr. Dick Davis by Mrs. James H Smith.

Mr. D. W. Cooper by Aurora Hig School and Mrs. R. C. Crawford.

Mr. Hugh Boyette by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fulghum and Miss Eula Godwin.

Doris Newton by Mrs. Sarah Rodgers and Mrs. Lyman Exum.

Mrs. Annie Ruth Kellum by Mrs. Lucille Blander.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Higgins by Phillis J. Higgins.

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**EASTER EGG HUNT**



A group from the Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, visited the Children's Home on Sunday, March 23, and treated the children to an Easter egg hunt. The Rev. Hubert Burress is pastor of Aspen Grove church. Mrs. Burress, along with the rest of the group, also served the children delicious refreshments.

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## Coming Events . . .

April 9—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina

April 17—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P. M.

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 3—Vacation Bible School Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina, with Registration Beginning at 9:30 A. M.

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks, West Virginia

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The pulpit committee of Mount Tarbor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, is seeking a full-time pastor for their church. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact the clerk, Robert C. Phelps, Route 2, Box 158-B, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; telephone after 4:30 p. m., 797-4336.

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief announces that he is in need of work in the field of evangelism. He is available for any church or group desiring his services. If interested he may be contacted by writing him at 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida 32446; telephone (904) 112-482-4659.

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**CHURCH CHUCKLES**
by Mrs. Royce Matthews

As long winded as some ministers are, they should begin their sermon with, "And now, one thought in closing, . . ."

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The little boy looked first at his scowling mother, then at his younger brother who had suddenly changed from boisterous laughter to angelic quietness. "Mama," he said, "don't be mad at Timmy for spilling his milk. He couldn't help it. God just pushed the wrong button."

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**
by Adrian Grubbs
President

The theme for the 1975 North Carolina State Sunday School Convention meeting with Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, on Saturday, April 19, is "Sunday School Improvement." All Sunday school teachers and administrators are urged to attend.

The morning session will be devoted to four workshops: One for superintendents, pastors, and boards of Christian education in the local church; another for primary department teachers (nursery, beginners, and primary); a third for junior department teachers (juniors, intermediates, and seniors); and the fourth for adult department teachers (college and career students, young married couples, and adults). There is a workshop for each teacher and officer in the Sunday school.

The business session will begin at 1 p.m. This year we will be electing the board of directors, which makes up half of the executive committee, and a representative to the Cragmont stockholders. It is important that every Sunday school be represented in making these and other important decisions. The convention will also give special recognition to those teachers who have met the requirements for certification, as prescribed in the **Report on Sunday School Improvement** that was adopted last year.

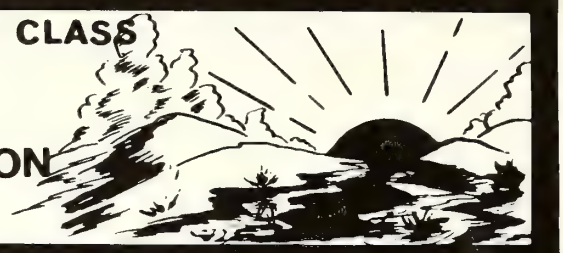
I will be looking for you on April 19!

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**THE BEST IS YET TO BE**

Grow old along with me—the best is yet to be. Vanderbilt at 80 added more than a hundred million to his fortune. Wadsworth earned the Laureateship at 73. Thiers at 73 established the French Republic and became the first president. Verdi wrote "Falstaff" at 80. Gladstone became premier of England for the fourth time at 83. Stradivari made his first violin after 60. And Sir Walter Scott was $600,000 in debt at 55, but through his own efforts paid this amount in full, and built a lasting name for himself.

# ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS
# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



**For April 20**

## GOD AND MAN IN COVENANT

**Printed Text:** Exodus 19:3-6; 20:2-4, 7, 8, 12-17

**Memory Verse:** Exodus 24:7

### I. INTRODUCTION

Almost three months had passed (Exodus 19:1) since the Children of Israel had been delivered from Egyptian bondage, and Moses had brought them to the foot of Mount Sinai where he pitched camp (19:2). Here they were to stay for the rest of that year.

They were a discontented and murmuring people, fresh from slavery, but still very precious to Jehovah. His plan was to make a covenant with Moses and the people, assuring them that He would be their God and they His people. He would make of them a peculiar people and a great nation, as He had promised their father, Abraham, many years before.

The people were slow in learning the lesson of faith. Hardly had the last notes of the song of deliverance at the Red Sea faded away before they began to complain about their deprivations. Even God's goodness in supplying them water at Marah and in the miracles of manna and quails were not appreciated. And at Rephidim, only a few days before, when they needed more water, they still murmured and complained. But even so, in His love for them, God determined to make His covenant with them. He knew He would keep His part of the covenant; He could only hope that they would.

Our lesson opens at this point.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Do not get the idea that God gave man the law for his salvation, and then when the law failed, God gave His Son. This is not true. The Mosaic Law did exactly what God meant for it to do. It was not a failure. It was meant to show man His sinfulness and need for a Saviour. It does that.

B. It has been said that there are three things that God used to make, out of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt, a nation. First, He was their God. Second, He gave them an ideal toward which to work. Third, He gave them some laws to regulate their conduct with one another. These three things are necessary for any nation to survive. Has our nation come to the place where it no longer exalts God as the Lord?

C. Why does man want to create a god like unto himself? There are two reasons: First, he does not want a god that is greater than himself. He is egotistical and wants to feel that he is the greatest thing in the world. Second, he is not capable of creating anything that is beyond himself. This is why all idols and man-made gods do not make the demands that the true and living God does upon man.

D. We are hearing a great deal about pollution these days, and we agree that some of it ought to be cleaned up. But what about the pollution of language? Don't you feel that an effort ought to be made to clean up the language of profanity and vulgarities?

E. The Ten Commandments are given as a whole and one cannot break one part without breaking the whole thing: "He that is guilty of one is guilty of all." This is a matter that should give us some concern when we think of breaking a commandment.

**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Until recent years there was great confusion among many Protestant Christians about the relation of the Old Testament to the New. Many ministers were turning to the law or the psalms to tell inquirers what to do to be saved; what to do to become Christians. Robert Milligan distinguished between the **moral** and the **positive** elements in the law. By positive he meant the ceremonial part, such as circumcision, feast days, Sabbath Day, sacrificies, etc. It is we understand that the ceremo obligations have all been laid as Christ nailed them to the Cr (Colossians 2:14). He did not des them; He fulfilled them. He was permanent Passover Lamb. His bl was shed, once and for all, for remission of sins, and the sacrifices shedding of the blood of sheep bullocks forever ceased. Circumcisio male children is no more. Keeping Sabbath Day (seventh day) is no mo Paul had no objections to **Jew** Christians continuing to observe th ordinances as national customs forbade the Gentile Christians from do the same. Paul's great letter to churches in Galatia, called by many charter of Christian liberty, is ba upon his teaching about the law.

When we come to the moral teachi of the law, however, the situation altogether different. Ordinances ceremonies do change; they h changed with the different disp sations. But, whether we are deal with the individual covenant with Eve, the family covenant with the Hebrews Christ's final and everlasting coven with all the world, the same princip obtain throughout. The principles of fa in one God, of repentance for sin, obedience to God's will, and all otl moral principles that pertain to hum conduct are the same today as they w when Adam and Eve entered the Gard of Eden, and when God wrote with H finger the Ten Commandments on Mo Sinai. These moral principles revealed God, and codified by His servant Mos made the faithful Hebrews who observ them the most righteous people in t world. Neither the noble philosophy ancient Greece nor the more mode maxims of Chairman Mao have ev produced moral characters that equal Nathan, or Isaiah, or Josiah, and t many other Hebrews who followed t ancient "law of the Lord."—**Standa Lesson Commentary**

B. "At Sinai, the Hebrew people we assured forever that God had a plan t their nation and that with th cooperation He would see that pl through to the end. It might be good t modern nations to take a day off a meditate for twenty-four hours on wh God may want them to do in the wor

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# STORIES

## 'or our youth



# POORKI'S PILGRIMAGE

by Amelia O. Stott

POORKI lived in a tiny village in Nepal high up in the hills. is family had been shirtmakers. But n the boy was about four he lost both arents. An old uncle took him in, but e had several grandchildren to keep family was dreadfully poor. Poorki d worse somehow, and never had ugh to eat. He would have liked to go ne little village school when he was enough, but even the few "pice" the lu priest demanded could not be d.

oorki's uncle tried to teach him to e shirts, but the boy would not learn erly, and only spoiled the material, e grew up idle and was really half-ved.

ometimes he would stand near the ol listening to the boys shouting out r lessons. Often he woulds sit near a p of the old village men discussing ther their former pilgrimage to du temples and shrines. As Poorki ned, he thought how much he would to go on a pilgrimage and see the d outside as the old men described.

hen one morning he noticed a rather nge whitish patch on his forearm and ed at it with a fear rising in his mind. boy in the village had once been en away because he had gotten some adful disease which suddenly showed f in his skin. Poorki hoped his uncle aunt would not notice it, but alas for this was a vain hope.

is uncle looked very frightened when saw it; and though he said nothing, Poorki felt that they were afraid to o him.

Now I must go away" he thought. old men talked of shrines where sick rims prayed for healing. "I must try to get there, for I know I cannot go on here, the villagers will drive me away."

So one dark night when all were asleep Poorki crept out and began his pilgrimage. The nearest temple he knew was many miles away and the mountain roads were very rough and steep. He trudged along, getting very little to eat, for he met only travelers, who never stopped to help him.

At last he reached a town so weary and hungry that he felt almost too weak to beg. The people who might throw him a few scraps of food, however, were angry and drove him from their doors, and the pariah dogs would seize the food before he could even get near it.

After some days in which Poorki grew weaker and moved more slowly he slipped and fell in front of a small car driving along. Fortunately the driver, a European doctor, was able to stop in time, but as it was, the front of the car hit Poorki a sharp blow.

The young doctor jumped out and lifted the boy into the car, for he was dazed and only half conscious, so he was taken on to the mission hospital in another town.

There Poorki was put into a little hut in the doctor's garden and an old Nepalese woman looked after him. She was called Mariannia, and was a dear, motherly person who gave the boy much loving care.

He soon improved with all the good food, for never in his life had he enjoyed such kindness. When he was able to walk about, the doctor came one morning and greeted the boy with his usual smile. "Hello Poorki, you are much better so next week I should like you to go to a lovely hospital-home, some distance from here. I feel sure the good doctor there will be able to cure the disease of leprosy which you have, and I cannot treat you here. I had to put you in this hut by yourself, and old Mariannia to look after you. As you may know my other patients in the hospital would not have stayed had I put you there, and you must get proper medicine at once. Do not be afraid, you will be happy at Naini, if you agree to go, and my boy, believe me it is your one and only chance of a cure."

The doctor then left Poorki to think about going to Naini and promised he would be safely taken there. Mariannia urged him to go, for she knew a lot about the hospital and home where children and young people were taught in the schools and learned all sorts of useful trades.

"I had a nephew who once had leprosy like you, Poorki, and he was cured, and loved being there, for they are all so kind to him, and ever since he has been a teacher helping others to know and love our Father God in heaven."

So Poorki was one day made welcome at Naini settlement where his disease soon improved with the medicine and skillful treatment. He showed much interest in his school work and learned to love and trust his Saviour.

"I am still on a pilgrimage," he says, "but now it is a happy one for I am journeying on daily to my heavenly Father's home in heaven."—**The Sunday School Times**

### RECIPE FOR SMILES

A smile will be more than a pleasant grin
If it's worn as the bright badge of love.
Such a smile is born of the soul within,
And is blest by the Father above.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## HENDERSON PORTRAIT UNVEILED



Shown admiring the portrait of the late Dr. C. C. Henderson are (left to right) President W. Burkette Raper; Mrs. Lorelle Martin, chairman of the science department; H. P. Stowe of the Mount Olive Pickle Company; Dan Outlaw, president of Southern Bank and Trust Company; and, Danny Woodcock and John Carrere of the Henderson Science Club.

"Dr. C. C. Henderson was like a founding father to Mount Olive College. While others wailed in the background to see if the College would become a respectable reality, Dr. Henderson came forward with his influence and financial support to assure that the College would succeed."

That is the way Mount Olive College president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, described the late Dr. Henderson, whose portrait was unveiled in the north lobby of the Henderson Building on the new campus.

The portrait of the late Mount Olive physician was given jointly by Southern Bank and Trust Company and the Mount Olive Pickle Company.

Dr. Raper said that during Dr. Henderson's lifetime "he was the most generous contributor the College had, and in his will he made the largest bequest we have yet received. It was most appropriate then, that the first building on the new campus should be a memorial to Dr. Henderson."

The portrait was unveiled by Dan Outlaw, president of Southern Bank and Trust Company; and H. P. Stowe, representing Mount Olive Pickle Company.

Dr. Henderson was an officer, director, and major stockholder in both companies.

Outlaw said, "If I took the time to tell you all the nice things I know about Dr. Henderson, we would be here most of the day. Therefore, let it suffice to say that it is my happy privilege to present this portrait of Dr. Henderson on behalf of Southern Bank and Trust Company and the Mount Olive Pickle Company."

Mrs. Lorelle Martin, chairman of the science department at the College, accepted the portrait on behalf of the College and Henderson Science Club.

She expressed appreciation to Southern Bank and Mount Olive Pickle Company for the portrait. "Dr. H derson continues to walk with us Mount Olive College," she declared.

The Henderson Science Club, named in Dr. Henderson's honor, provide a plaque for the portrait.

Danny Woodcock, vice-presiden the Henderson Science Club, preside the ceremonies. John Carrere, ano science club member, also paid tribu Dr. Henderson.

Phillip Wood gave the invocation Debbie Evans led the singing of "B Be the Tie that Binds" as benediction.

## COLLEGE CHORUS ON TOUR

The Mount Olive College Con Chorus and the Mount Olive Singers tour four Eastern North Carolina coun on April 9-11, 1975, according to M Irene Patten, director of the Coll music department.

The tour includes:

**April 9**—North Pitt High School 9:30 a.m.; Columbia High Sch Columbia, at 1 p.m.; and a commu performance at the high school at 8 p.

**April 10**—J. A. Wilkinson H School, Belhaven, at 10 a.m.; Pant High School at 1:30 p.m.; and a cou wide performance at Pamlico High Sch at 8 p.m.

**April 11**—Chocowinity High Schoo 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Patten said that the chorus the Mount Olive Singers will preser program of religious and contempor music.

All local Free Will Baptists are cordi invited to attend each performance of chorus and singers.

## A MILESTONE

by Fred Baker

As we strive here on earth to live lives for our Lord and Saviour, Je Christ, we encounter a few events t are so significant that our lives changed and enriched by them. Our li would not be the same had we mis those important events.

Mount Olive College is one su milestone in Linda's and my l Attending Mount Olive College is experience that we will cherish forever has meant a continual growth a deepening of our spiritual lives. T classroom study is invaluable in preparation for the foreign mission fiel

t Mount Olive College offers more
just classroom experiences. The
study program has given us the
tunity to put what we learn into use
actual situation. Learning becomes
more enjoyable and meaningful
you can put it into practice.
ugh this wonderful work study
am we have met many new friends
nean so much to us.



Bakers—Linda, Fred, Stevie, and

cooperation with the College and the
Will Baptist Foreign Missions
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the mission program and received
hand information of life and work on
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pray for the College and also
ember us in your prayers.

## STUDY BOOKS ON THE TONGUES' MOVEMENT




**"Biblical Conclusions Concerning Tongues"** by C. Norman Sellers (27 pages) $ .49

**"What the Bible Says About Tongues"** by Robert E. Picirilli (32 pages) $ .50

**"The Strife of Tongues"** by Kurt Koch (48 pages) $ .50

**"Speaking in Tongues"** by Lehman Strauss (20 pages) $ .50

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**"The Gifts of the Spirit"** by Jack W. MacGorman (124 pages, hardback) $3.95

The above books may be purchased from the Ayden Bible and Bookstore, or any of its branch stores at Smithfield, New Bern, or Wilson, North Carolina.

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## Questions & Answers

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say on Page 207 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained:**

"They will be in the new earth. Read carefully Isaiah 66:22, 'For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.'

"National distinction among saved Gentile nations will pass, but Israel will remain the memorial nation."

Some may ask, Does Romans 11:26 mean to teach that all the Jews are to be saved? If so, the answer is no. Dr. Talbot, as quoted above agrees with us. On Page 204 of his same book we read the following:

"No, Paul was referring to the **national restoration** of Israel, when Christ returns in glory to establish His millennial kingdom. In that age, as in every age, every man who is regenerated, whether Jew or Gentile, must be born again by a personal faith in the death of Christ as an atonement for his sin.

"Many Jews will become apostate and accept the claims of the antichrist. These Daniel describes in Daniel 12:2 as those who 'shall awake . . . to shame and everlasting contempt.'"

## Church Auxiliaries

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you. If it is impossible for you to attend, make sure that your love offering gets there and "praise the Lord anyway!"

Mrs. Edwin Roper
District Missions Chairman

## Sunday School Lesson

(Continued from Page 12)

with His help. You might try that as an individual, too!

"We find businessmen who don't have any idea at all that God in heaven has an arrangement (with them). He has a commission. He has a code. He has a plan. We are to work to that plan. It is not a figment of our imagination. It's His plan. We little fellows, without any mock humility, must fit into His plan."—**Tarbell's Teachers' Guide**

## FEATURE

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men participate in an active visitation program.

Mrs. Gela Musgrave, who attends services regularly, is the only charter member still with the church. She has performed many faithful duties during her years with the Fremont Chapel church. She recently was honored for 70 years of service to the church. She once was the pianist.

The pastor encourages and invites everyone to attend the "friendly church on the corner" where the members show their undying love for the lost, the weak, and afflicted.

"Many souls have passed through these doors a sinner, lost without Jesus, and walked out a new creature in Christ Jesus," the Rev. Mr. Hargis commented.

### SON FESTIVAL NEWS RELEASE

On April 18, 19, and 20, approximately five thousand young people and their families, from all over the Eastern United States, will gather in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for the first annual Son Festival. This will be a weekend of music, teaching, preaching, and Christian celebration.

The Son Festival is unique because of its family emphasis. Child Evangelism will be available to work with the children, and there will be concerts and seminars for the young people and adults. Another quality unique to the Son Festival is the spacing and timing of musicians and teachers. This **will not** be a "battle of the Jesus bands" with nonstop music. Each group will have one complete concert, followed immediately by a teaching session.

Musicians at the Son Festival include: Barry McGuire and the Second Chapter of Acts, Erv Lewis, Bridge, The New Directions, Seeds, Children of Jubul, and the Oakland Quartet. The three key speakers will be Tom Skinner, Bill Wilson, and J. L. Williams.

The Son Festival will be held Lakewood Campground, just south Myrtle Beach. Lakewood is one America's finest campgrounds —complete with showers, w sewer, and electric connecti Combine all of the above and you the south's largest Jesus m gathering—the **Son Festival.**

### GOT THE BLAHS?

by
Ruth Langley Newsome

I have poor circulation, and s nights I can't sleep for severe cramp my arms and legs. The night before been one of these. I walked the most of the night. As I sat down the morning for my Bible reading and time, I had a good case of the blahs.

I was reading from Job, and it didn't register. I bowed my head prayer, and my thoughts started ploding in all directions. Asking G forgiveness for being so preoccupied listless—yes, and feeling a guilty—I went to the bedroom started changing bed linens.

Then some of the verses I had t reading started tingling in my e "When he hath tried me, I shall c forth as gold." I smoothed the last sh in place, went and picked up my Bi and turning to Job, I read: "Behold, forward, but he is not there; and ba ward, but I cannot perceive him: On left hand, where he doth work, b cannot behold him; he hideth himsel the right hand, that I cannot see him: he knoweth the way that I take: when hath tried me, I shall come forth as go (Job 23:8-10).

How wonderful those wor Sometimes I may not feel like sing or even praising, but He knows whe am and the way I am going.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for y wonderful care of me, even when I h the blahs! Guide me each day in the w I should go.








**SHOW-OFF EVANGELISM AND BIBLE-TEACHING SEMINARS AND CAMPAIGNS MAY SEEM GODLY, BUT BEWARE—YOU MAY BECOME INVOLVED WITH CULTISM!**


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AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1975

# EDITORIAL...

## ALL MAY SEEM GODLY—BUT!

He attracts you with beautiful promises, newspaper and magazine ads, and brochures that shout out at you in big print and color and expound his merits: his dynamic preaching, his knowledge of and ability to explain the Scriptures in detail, his gift of prophecy. And, if you aren't careful, you'll be sucked into something quite different from what you anticipated and something very difficult from which to shake yourself loose.

He comes on strong. He warns you about Spiritualism, Occultism, Satanism, the Charismatic Movement, and other sundry enticements; and, all the while, he hopes to mesmerize you, maneuver you, and snare you with his own dogma. He's a real showman, displaying intellect, skill of persuasion, and entertainment.

He preaches the kingdom of God and pounds its righteousness into your consciousness by striking the pulpit with his fist, emphatically proclaiming truths that you have long known but of which you perhaps needed to be reminded—and you're impressed to the point that you swallow all he says.

"Oh what a dynamic personality! What a wonderdul man of God! What a good deliverance of the Word!" These are your thoughts, and frequently your utterances as well. But beware! He may very well be using deception to lure you into what you consider real Christianity, but which shall prove in the end to be quite to the contrary.

Campaigns, campaigns, and more campaigns. "Come and hear this wonderful evangelist and teacher. He will reveal prophecy as it has never been revealed before. He will explain why we are living in the last days. He will tell you about the antichrist and how he will deceive the nations." All of this is part of very impressive advertising with big blowups of the man's face, his associates, and eye-catching sermon and discussion topics in bold print. Interest is stirred, and the masses flock to the auditorium, the civic hall, or wherever the meeting or series of meetings is to be held.

At first glance, everything seems on the up-and-up. The minister or Bible scholar (or whoever: Dr. So-and-So, or Rev. So-and-So) seems to be a conservative fundamentalist. *He is careful not to devulge his social, political, or denominational affiliation,* frequently advertising the campaign as interdenominational. Thus, *conservative Christian groups* are drawn into the net with the cults and sects, sit down beside them, and feed with them on what seems to be honest-to-goodness, genuine Bible preaching. This is where the danger lies. A word here and a doubt imbedded there can shake doctrinal beliefs to the point of misunderstanding and, finally, to denial.

Of course, our church—our denomination— is *not* the only Christian one. The heavenly Father never said that *OURS* is *THE* church, nor is that our contention. Nonetheless, there are basic truths to which we adhere. We are *Christians first* (by His grace) and *denominational adherents second*, by personal choice. Interpretation of Scripture is personal also, but false prophets can deter us from a correct understanding—and maybe we need to be reminded again that there *are* false prophets among us. Let us not be taken in by them, no matter how wonderful their promises and appearances seem.

Show-off evangelism may be impressive, but it is also dangerous. So don't be swayed by all that is beautiful, emotionally thrilling, and good sounding. Many of the would-be dynamos of spirituality *are wolves in sheep's clothing* as stated in Proverbs 16:25. Further, we are cautioned not to believe everything that sounds or looks good. There is a way that seems right to man, but the end thereof is—well, read Matthew 7:15 for yourselves.

Advice: Beware: All that seems godly is not! There are many crystals that look like sugar, but some are deadly. Does that say anything?

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# JESUS AND GOD

(Author's Note: This is the first of a series of six articles centering around the person of Jesus Christ.)

**by Calvin Mercer Jr.**

ESUS and God'' is really the wrong title for this article. s more correct to say, ''Jesus is .''

hat this Man, who lived and died in small Roman province of Palestine, and is God simply has to be the most ggering truth man knows.

But men through the ages have not eed on the identity of Jesus. False efs about Christ have even arisen in church itself. Soon after Jesus was ed, certain groups arose, denying that ist was God. The Ebionites were one hose groups. Appearing in the second ntury after Christ, the Ebionites were wish believers who could not reconcile Testament monotheism (belief in one e God) and the deity of Christ. So they mpromised by regarding Him as just a n, who had been furnished with divine wers by God.

Another heretical group, the Arians, of ich there are similar groups today, led Jesus God, but did not mean God he full sense of the term.

Other such groups could be named, t the point has been made that many ough the years have had a hard time cepting the deity of Christ.

Today there are several groups rking under the gospel banner who sunderstand the biblical revelation of sus Christ. The Mormons and the Way nistry are two such groups that some y have encountered in this country.

### Was Jesus God?

And yet, Jesus Christ is the very ndation of the church, His body. cause of this, it is very important that , as Christians, remain firm as to the e nature of Christ.

Since our authority is the Bible, we k here for the truth about Christ. ery Gospel cries out in an unwavering ce that Jesus is God. Since the Gospel John particularly zeroes in on this th, let us consider just a couple of the ny passges in this book where Christ ims to be God.

In John 10:24, the Jews came to Jesus and ask him, ''. . . How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ (the promised Messiah), tell us plainly.''

Jesus makes a beautiful little speech to them and ends up with Verse 30, ''I and my Father are one.'' We must remember that Jesus was speaking to Jews, and in this context, ''Father'' refers to Yahweh, the one true God of the Jews. This is a clear claim by Christ that He is God.

Of course some would say that Christ was talking about His human father, Joseph, or that He was referring to He and God being one in agreement. But the account does not end here. The Jews started to stone Him.

In Verse 32, Jesus ask them, ''. . . Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me?''

The Jews answered him, ''. . . For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God'' (v. 33).

Here it is clear that the Jews plainly understood what Jesus was saying. If one accepts John's account, it is impossible to escape the fact that Jesus said that He was God and that those who heard Him understood He was making this remarkable claim about Himself.

### Philip

Another interesting passage is Jesus' conversation with Philip as recorded in John 14. In Verse 8, Philip says to Jesus, ''. . . Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us (or will satisfy us).''

It is clear from the Gospel accounts that the disciples had a most difficult time understanding many of the truths Jesus taught them. Here Philip ask a question that I'm sure Jesus must had already answered many times before, but again He patiently replies: ''. . . Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?'' (v. 9).

In other words, Jesus told Philip, ''How can you say, 'Show me God?' for you are looking at Him.''

Not only the Gospels, but the New Testament letters, shout that Jesus is God.

One of the great testimonies to the supremency of Christ is the Book of Colossians. Here Paul says about Christ: ''the image of the invisible God''; ''by him were all things created''; ''by him all things consist''; ''in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge''; and finally, ''in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.''

These few verses and many others make it crystal clear that the Bible writers wanted to impress on us the truth that Jesus is God. Men may not believe it, and certain groups may not teach it, but to anyone who takes a honest look at the New Testament, it is clear that those pages resound with the message that this man Jesus, who was born a baby, raised a carpenter's son, and killed on a Roman cross, was and is the God of the universe.

We might ask, ''Why have men been so reluctant to come to grips with the deity of Christ?'' Perhaps it is because they are afraid to face up to the implications of this great truth.

You see, if Jesus is indeed God, then the things He said and the claims He makes on men's lives must be taken more seriously than if He were a mere man. Men simply do not want to face up to Jesus' message, so they strip that message of its authority by calling Jesus just a man.

May God bring our skeptical, twentieth century age, to its knees before the God of this universe, manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. And may we Christians take our mission more seriously in light of who our Saviour is, the Lord of lords and Kings of kings, the only true God—Jesus Christ.




SUNDAY, APRIL 20
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 8:6

CHRIST, THE "HUB"

We like to think of the Lord Jesus as being the "hub" in a great wheel, and of God's children as being the "spokes." The closer we get to Christ, the "Hub," the closer we get to one another! Born-again believers are "one in Christ!" When we feel a growing coldness in our hearts toward our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us "steal away" to the "secret place of the Most High," and there pray: "More love, O Christ, to Thee!"—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The love of Christ shines through us upon all with whom we come in contact. Pray that we may become brighter lights that might lead others to Christ.*

MONDAY, APRIL 21
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12:3

CONSIDER HIM

When the storm is raging high,
When the tempest rends the sky,
When my eyes with tears are dim,
Then, my soul, "consider Him."

When my plans are in the dust,
When my dearest hopes are crushed,
When is passed each foolish whim,
Then, my soul, "consider Him."

When with dearest friends I part,
When deep sorrow fills my heart,
When pain racks each weary limb,
Then, my soul, "consider Him."
—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we consider all that Christ has endured to make our lives better, it is hard to weep and wail over our misfortunes. He has made a bright and promising eternity available to us all.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
Scripture Reading—John 6:37

A BETTER METHOD

There have been many who have criticized the method of Moody in asking men and women after his service to signify publicly their intention to take their stand for Christ.

A minister on one occasion took the evangelist to task for it. Moody listened to his objection, and said: "I agree with you, brother. I don't altogether like the method myself, and I am always looking for a better. What is yours?"

Considerably taken aback, the clergyman confessed he had no method, and did not invite men and women to make a public profession of their faith in the Saviour.—*The Reaper*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*To criticize is a great cover of our own inadequacies. Less censorship and more workmanship would make for a better relationship.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:14

GOD'S SAFETY ZONE

An old preacher, who was preaching on a village green in England, had lived on the American prairies. He had a fascination for my boyish ears as he told of a prairie fire. He described the way the Indians saved their wigwams from the blaze by setting fire to the dry grass adjoining the settlement. "The fire cannot come," he cried, "where the fire has already been." "That is why I call you to the Cross of Christ," he continued. "Judgment has already fallen and can never come again. He who takes his stand at the Cross is safe evermore. He can never come into condemnation. He is in God's safety zone."—*Religious Digest*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*What better place to be than in God's safety zone; safe in God's enfolding arms of love.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8

FAITHFULNESS REQUIRED

I recall a message from a dev young missionary in Cen America. It came in a letter in wh he gave a peep into the depths of own heart as well as into the trial the work. "The work is hard," s he. "I go about on fishing b through the day. At night I slee piles of hides on the decks. The pe do not seem much interested in gospel message I bring. Sometim the adversary tempts me discouragement in the face seeming lack of success. But I t courage and press on anew a remember that God does not hold responsible for success but for fa fulness."—James H. McConkey

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Are we faithful to our God, fellowmen, and ourselves? God a for our loyal allegiance. Is compliance such a task?*

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
Scripture Reading—Psalm 105:15

WORDS LIKE ARROWS

How like an arrow is a word
At random often speeding
To find a target never meant
And set some heart a-bleeding.

Oh, pray that heaven may seal t
lips
Ere unkind words are spoken;
For heaven itself cannot recall,
When once that seal is broken.
—*The Evangelist and Bible Teach*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The tongue really is mightier th the sword and just as cutting. Temp the steel of your tongue and take pi on your victim.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:

PEOPLE WILL TALK

You may go through the world, b
'twill be very slow
If you listen to all that is said as yo
go;
You'll be worried and fretted and kep
in a stew,
For meddlesome tongues must hav
something to do—
For people will talk.
—Selecte

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**estion:** I feel oppressed and guilty a wrongdoing I have prayed veness for and assumed I was ven of. Does this mean that God has orgiven me of this sin?

**swer:** No, not necessarily. It may that you lack the faith you need in oting God's pardon for such a sin. ng done as you say, you learned a biblical knowledge you secured reading and studying what the Bible es on the subject, you need to ot God's Word at face value. "If we ss our sins, he is faithful and just to ve us our sins, and to cleanse us all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9); "And whatsoever we ask, we ve of him, because we keep his nandments, and do those things are pleasing in his sight" (1 John ). When you read the context of this verse you will see that it is evident only a Christian, living in harmony what he knows the Bible teaches, expect forgiveness when he prays orgiveness of a wrong deed he has nitted. Of this any Christian may be red.

ometimes one who is a Christian may for forgivness of a thing that he ally knows he has done, but has not cised godly sorrow in the desire to orgiven, nor is he ready to forsake in. In such a case, he needs to meet equirements, and then God will do He says He will on these con-ns—He forgives the sin and ises the sinner.

d's Word says, "He that covereth sins shall not prosper: but whoso esseth and forsaketh them shall mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). A stian is supposed to be steadfast in elief that God will do what He says in Word He will do when we ask veness for a sin. "But let him ask in nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:6, 7).

Praying for something as the Bible says we should is not just uttering words, without accepting the promise given in the Bible, regarding that thing personally, believing and appropriating the promise. God tells us through James, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). We are not to believe the promises of God as found in the Bible one minute, or any unit of time, and then doubt it the next. We are to accept it, appropriate it, and defy the devil with it as long as we live; then we shall see results in our praying.

George H. Sandison has the following the say in answering a similar question on Page 154 in his book, "1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered":

"By no means. You should rather regard it as an evidence of a lack of faith. You must remember that you are not forgiven because of your consciousness of pardon, but because God, for Christ's sake, has blotted out your sins. God does not break His promises. Those who repent and plead to be forgiven for Christ's sake, at the same time renouncing their sins, are assuredly forgiven, whether they realize the fact or not. If you owed a debt which you could not pay, and your creditor canceled that debt, you would not worry about your own consciousness, but would accept his assurance. Put the gloomy thoughts away from you, and, rejoicing in God's promise, go forward, carefully avoiding a repetition of your sins. Assurance will come in time."

The best advice to one who wishes assurance that all is right between him and his Maker is to keep the slate clean by confessing every sin against anyone to that person the sin was committed against; and since all sin is against God, confess it to God as well as the other person when another is involved, and forsake it, accepting God's Word by faith that tells us; "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive . . ." as quoted above. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). One who would ask such a question as this, would seem to me, to be exercising such diligence.

## Coming Events . . .

April 9—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina

April 17—Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

April 19—North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz Runoffs, First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Beginning at 2:30 P. M.

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 3—Vacation Bible School Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina, with Registration Beginning at 9:30 A. M.

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks, West Virginia

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# MISSIONS

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## REPORT FROM HOME MISSIONS BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION

### Freedom Mission



The new mission at Lumberton, the Freedom Mission, is getting off to a very good start. Pictured above is the congregation for one of the services. The pastor and director of the mission is the Rev. Lewis Sprouse.

### Free Spirit Mission



The Free Spirit Mission of Wilson reports that souls are being saved there to the extent that is almost unbelievable. They had two mobile units filled to capacity at their recent revival. Dale Albertson is serving the mission as pastor and director.

### Henderson Mission Looking Good

The Rev. Stanley Slaughter, pastor and director of the Westwood Hill Mission at Henderson, reports a bright outlook on the work there. He says that the picture is much brighter now and things are beginning to happen. Mr. Slaughter is pictured with the mission's latest convert, Mr. Ayers, who is residing in a nearby rest home. Mr. Ayers has been a regular attendant since the new mission building was completed.

The mission will have the Dixie Melody Boys for services on April 14 and 15, each evening at 7:30. The services will be held in the Henderson Junior Hill School auditorium in downtown Henderson. A great revival is expected as the group preaches and sings each evening.

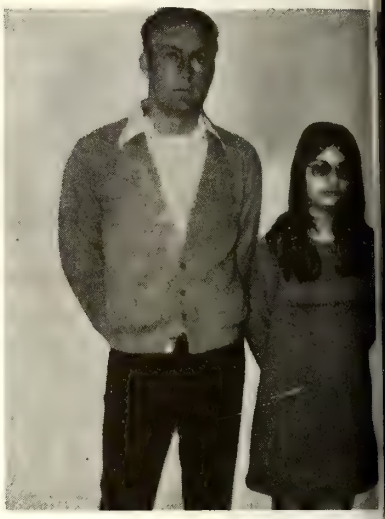


### Victory Mission



The Victory Mission at Hope Mills has already negotiated for land for a new development. Souls are continuing to be saved there under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Al Markuson.

### Eastwood Mission



The Eastwood Mission at Fayet shows above its latest converts: Herby Chabot and Miss Joy Goff Rev. Alton Howard is pastor and di of the mission.

### PEACE

by Ruth Langley Newsome

"Be still, and know that I am . . ." (Psalm 46:10).

When Jesus calmed the stor Galilee, He said, "Peace, be still."

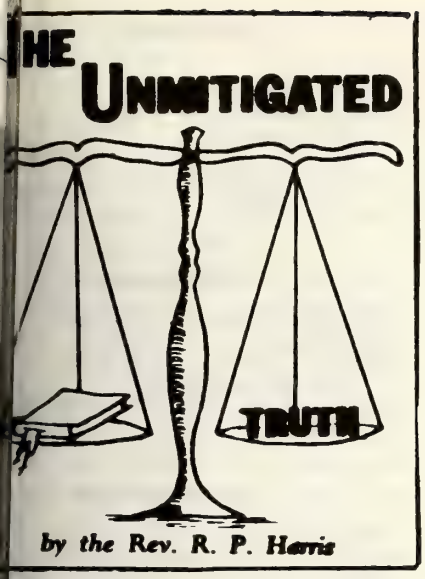
Company was coming. The Sı school class was meeting that nigh the high school son had to have a ironed. The lady of the house working up a good case of nerves.

On the shelf in the kitchen had placed a picture of the "praying han As the lady ironed and kept watch cake baking in the oven, her strayed to that picture. How calm hands seemed! What perfect trust!

God would meet her needs; all be well. She had only to place complete trust in Him and rest o precious promise. To have peace— a soothing word, "Peace." Be sti very quiet, and let God take over.

When we get so distraught, with n on edge, that is the time to rely on for it is in Him we find perfect peac rest for our weary minds. For a while forget all the little worries and God a chance. He will come into our and fill our soul with peace. But firs have to be still, be quiet, and wa Him; then, we will know that He is G

"My Lord and my God, help me still and know that thou art God. Am




riptural basis: "Neither yield ye members as instruments of hteousness unto sin: but yield selves unto God, as those that are from the dead, and your members nstruments of righteousness unto " (Romans 6:13).

## THE YIELDED EYES

e Christian is a person whose life been reclaimed. He was dead in asses and in sin but God has emed him and made him into a new ion. Old things have passed away behold, all things are new. It is not cycling of the old life into the ration of a new life—a life fresh from Therefore, the Christian is a new ion dedicated to live a new life in st. Only the body has the same arance as before; however, the body takes on a different look in many because the new man in the old comes shining through all the is of the old life. If he is really saved as a different love and interest, and experiences burst forth in gladness in song. Let us face it—the will of becomes our life and our most rmined desire. This means that all habits must go. Evil interests and erns must go. The Christian will see ugh dedicated eyes and he will ld wonderful things he has never before. His eyes will be yielded to

elded eyes will study the Holy Bible. t his delight is in the law of the D; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2). If one's delight is in the law of the Lord he will not let his eyes get out of control. Physical control of the natural eyes will diminish and the spiritual dominance will prevail. We need to know and practice this because the devil is sure to put evil things before our eyes. A beautiful woman, money, fleshly cravings, and lust for forbidden things must be taken into consideration. All of these worldly things must be brought under spiritual dominance and control.

Not only will the yielded eyes study the Holy Bible but they will also look to Jesus. It is not enough for us to lay hold of Jesus, we must let Him lay hold of us. For example, a small child tried to hold to his father's hand while walking through dangerous terrain and his hand kept slipping and he kept falling to the ground. After a few bruises and bare escapes from danger, he recognized his terrible plight. He looked up into his father's face and said, "Daddy, I think you'd better hold my hand," which was what his father wanted him to say in the first place. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Finally, the yielded eyes will look for lost people. The Christian will be on the alert and will be looking for people whose lives need changing. All the evil and dangerous things the Christian knows that once dominated his life, he sees happening in the lives of others. He is moved with compassion and a holy desire to warn the unsaved of impending danger. This can produce very difficult situations, but the Christian can, and will, assume a very difficult role if it can help someone (anyone) escape the destruction of his life, spiritually or otherwise. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

Note: 1. Eyes that search the Scriptures;

2. Eyes that look to Jesus in faith believing; and,

3. Eyes that look for lost people to point to Christ.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. H. M. Minchew announces that he is available for pastoral services, part time or full time. He has pastored the following churches: Piney Grove (his home church), New Sandy Hill, Black Jack Grove, and Calvary (which he organized) in the Western Conference; Watery Branch and St. John in the Central Conference; Warsaw and Piney Grove in the Eastern Conference; St. Paul, Smithfield, and Lanwood Chapel in the Cape Fear Conference; Hickory Grove and Mt. Calvary (twice) in the Rockfish Conference; and, Mt. Tabor in the Albemarle Conference. He perfers a church without a parsonage as he owns his own home. Mr. Minchew has also served on the missions board for 18 years and has been president of the Ministers' Conference.

Any church interested in his services as pastor or supply work may contact him by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by telephoning Fremont 242-5625, after 7:15 p.m.

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The Rev. Jimmy Webster states that he is available for pastoral work beginning in July, 1975. He was ordained by the Albemarle Conference and has held both part-time and full-time pastorates. You may contact him by writing Route 1, Box 300, Beulaville, North Carolina 28518; or telephoning 298-4104.

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The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work as of July 1, 1975. He is also open for evangelistic or revival services. Any church or churches interested may contact him at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by calling 524-5186.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

### Spring Revival Scheduled For May's Chapel Church



The spring revival services at May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Dudley, will begin Monday evening, April 21, and continue through Saturday evening, April 26, with the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel church, Wilson, as the guest evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, assisting Mr. Cherry. He and the church membership invite everyone to be in attendance.

### Sandy Plain Church To Observe Homecoming

On Sunday, April 27, the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church of Pink Hill, will observe its annual homecoming. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the morning worship service at eleven. A former pastor, the Rev. Joe Johnson of Kenly, will bring the homecoming message. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

Following the lunch hour, at 1:15 p.m., a memorial service will be held. This will be followed with gospel singing by "The Four in Christ" and "The Miles Family." The usual evening worship service will be omitted.

The entire church cordially invites all former pastors, members, and friends to worship with them on this occasion and enjoy the Christian fellowship together.

### Sneads Ferry Church Announces Revival

The Rev. Ronnie Parker will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church the week of April 21-26, beginning each evening at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

### Revival in Progress At Memorial Church

Revival services are in progress this week at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church near Chocowinity, with the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of Reedy Branch church near Winterville, as the guest minister. Services are beginning each evening at eight o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. Roy Cauley, assisting, and will continue through Friday evening, April 18. Special music is also being rendered at each service.

On Sunday, April 20, there will be a picnic lunch served on the church grounds immediately following the morning worship service. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the remainder of the revival services and the services on April 20.

### Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for March, 1975

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of March, 1975:

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| Balance March 1, 1975 | $11,083.19 |

**Receipts**

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| Churches | $537.73 | |
| Sunday Schools | 71.50 | |
| Total Receipts | | 6 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 11,6 |

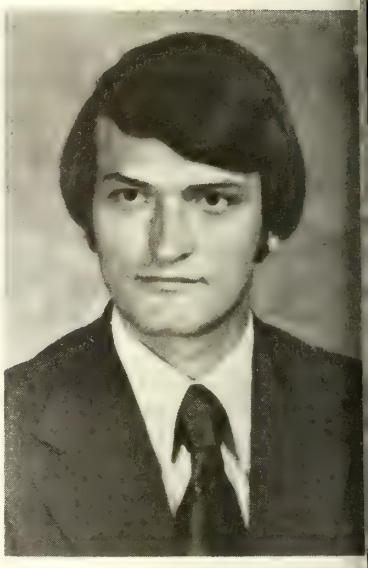
**Disbursements**

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| Operating Expenses | $158.04 | |
| Tractor Mower | 522.90 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 6 |
| Balance April 1, 1975 | | $11,0 |

**Earmarked Funds**

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| Debt Retirement | $ 7 |
| Renovation of Main Building | 3,1 |
| Chapel Fund | 3,2 |
| Curtain Fund | |
| General Fund | 3,8 |
| Total | $11,0 |

### Youth Revival At St. Mary's Church



A youth revival will be held at Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Bern, the week of April 21-25, with services beginning each night at 7. The revivalist for the meeting will be Rev. Marvin R. Waters, pastor of Sh Free Will Baptist Church. He will be sisted by the pastor, the Rev. Rod Jo Along with the preaching servi special music will be rendered e evening. The public is cordially invite be in attendance.

Mr. Waters is a graduate of Mo Olive College, clerk of the Albem Conference, and a senior at Atla Christian College in Wilson.

**aman's League Fellowship**
**Weekend Revival**

Mr. R. J. Boswell, secretary-treasurer of the Layman's League Fellowship of Central Conference, announces a man's weekend revival, beginning Thursday, April 17, continuing through Saturday evening, April 19.

The first service, April 17, will be held at Peace Free Will Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetops; the service for April 18, at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville; and, the service April 19, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro. Each service will begin at 8 p. m. with the laymen of the host church conducting the service. They invite you and your family and friends to attend and enjoy the blessings from good fellowship, singing, and preaching.

**ighland Pines Church**
**nounces Revival**

Revival services are scheduled for the Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, for the week of April 20-. beginning nightly at 7 p. m. The Rev. Eddie Edwards, pastor of Juniper Chapel church near Vanceboro, will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Fred Johnson, will assist in the services which will feature special music each evening. He and the church membership extend to the public a cordial invitation to attend.

**oyd Gore to Conduct**
**way Spring Revival**

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church of Beaufort wishes to announce that they will have their spring revival April 20-26. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Boyd Gore of Morehead City. He will be assisted by the church's pastor, the Rev. Boyd Gore of Morehead City. He will be each night. There will be special singing brightly rendered by local church groups. From the pastor, Mr Farmer, and the church congregation come a cordial invitation for the public to be in attendance for these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW**

**YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**



**DENVER R. MITCHELL ANNOUNCES "LAYMAN OF THE YEAR"**

In order to stimulate, promote, and encourage participation in the Layman's League of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, the church came upon the plan of selecting a "Layman of the Year." This being a "first" with the church.



The criteria for the nomination of this honor were as follows:

**1. Christian Service**
- a. Must be a dedicated Christian;
- b. Church and Sunday school attendance and involvement;
- c. Midweek prayer service attendance;
- d. Participation in the Men's Prayer Breakfast;
- e. Participation in Layman's League sponsored events;
- f. Participation in rest home services; and,
- g. Visitation: (1) soul winning, (2) shut-ins, and (3) hospitals, rest homes, and others.

**2. Community Services**

**3. Denominational Services and Involvement**

**4. A Willingness to Be Used of the Lord to Labor with Others in Whatever Manner May Be Necessary to Serve Him**

As the ballots were turned in, some of the outstanding characteristics of Mr. Denver R. Mitchell were listed as follows:

1. He is president of the New Layman's League of North Carolina.

2. He has helped organize Men's Clubs in several churches in Eastern North Carolina.

3. He is president of the Layman's League of Stoney Creek church.

4. He serves as Scout Master for Troop No. 18.

Stoney Creek church is blessed with several outstanding laymen, but when the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, presented the "Layman of the Year" award to Mr. Mitchell during the Sunday morning worship service, March 16, he presented it to a most deserving member of Stoney Creek church.

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**REGARDING THE REV. WILLET L. MORETZ**

**I have been asked to make a statement regarding the present condition of the Rev. Willet L. Moretz of Swannanoa, North Carolina, for the information of his friends over the state.**

**Over the past few weeks Mr. Moretz's physical and mental condition has deteriorated to the state that it has been necessary for his family to place him in a santorium. He is now in the Appliachian Sanatorium in Asheville. At this time he cannot be communicated with, and cards sent to him would do no good. However, cards or letters of sympathy and encouragement sent to Mrs. Moretz and Ruth, their daughter, would be a source of comfort to them; and, if Mr. Moretz gets into such condition that they can share them with him, they will most certainly do so. They should be addressed to Mrs. W. L. Moretz and Ruth, Route 1, Box 228, Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778.**

**In the meantime, the family desires the prayers of all for Mr. Moretz and the family. Mrs. Moretz and Ruth have been under a very heavy burden during the past several months, and need the strength that only God can give.**

**For the Moretz family,**
**L. E. Ballard**

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**MISSIONARIES WAYNE AND DEBORAH KING**

**Missionaries Wayne and Deborah King are our new missionaries to the Philippines. Their address is P. O. Box 346, Greenhills, Rizal 3113, Philippines. They request your prayers for them in this new work. Your correspondence and encouragement in this new work for the Lord will be greatly appreciated.**

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## HEAD START PROVIDES VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR MOC CO-OP STUDENTS

**by Roberta Davis**
**Co-op Student**

Molly Phillips of Goldsboro, and Susan Cameron of Coats, mean a great deal to a special group of youngsters. Molly and Susan, in their cooperative education assignment, serve as teacher assistants in the Head Start program in Mount Olive. Their work is supervised by Mrs. Ann Gay of Head Start and Mr. Sidney Johnson of Mount Olive College English department. Dr. Jamil Shami, director of cooperative education, directs their Co-op experience.

Miss Phillips is an English and elementary education major. She concentrates on speech therapy, utilizing tapes and booklets to demonstrate proper speech techniques to her students. This is her first semester in the Co-op program, but she received some preliminary training at Head Start last semester.

Miss Cameron, also, is experiencing her first semester with the Co-op and Head Start programs. She is a sophomore with a major in business administration. She is involved with the language program at Head Start, where she reads stories to the children, teaches them songs, and assists in recreation.

Head Start is an educational program concerning the early instruction of children. These youngsters range from three to five years of age and are taught the basic fundamentals of education. The purpose of the Head Start program is to stimulate the young child's involvement in school with special emphasis on reading. The Head Start program in Mount Olive is coordinated by Mrs. Ann Gay.

Miss Cameron has redirected her area of study since joining the Co-op program. Now she wishes to continue her work with children. "I feel Co-op is a very good program. It has changed my direct attention from business administration to future work with children. I really enjoyed working with the children, and I would like to continue this type of experience."

Miss Phillips, too, has a new viewpoint as a result of working in Co-op and Head Start. She has gained valuable insight into the meaning of teaching children. "Head Start has helped me learn that each child is an individual, and must be treated individually. Co-op has given me experience in working with children, and has increased my desire to teach elementary education."

Cooperative education is defined as a process of education which formally integrates the student's academic study with work experience in cooperating employer organizations. The usual plan is for the student to combine perioids of college study with periods of experience in appropriate fields of business, industry, government, social service, and the professions.

The experience periods are considered an integral part of the student's education. Through the interaction of study and work experience, the students enhance their academic knowledge, their personal development, and their professional preparation. The teaching faculty, the coordinators, and the employing supervisors share in the education process of the cooperative student.

The cooperative education program at Mount Olive College is providing this semester a Co-op experience for 34 students. The work assignment of these students includes minister's assistant, feature writing, recreation director, secretarial science, teacher's assistant, and retail and production management.

## MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the m of March,, 1975, totaled $414.45, were as follows:

### In Memory Of

Mrs. Donnie Raper Bell by Mrs. Blalock, Wilson; Mrs. and Mr. Jame Hunt; Little Rock Free Will Ba Church; and Mrs. Esther B. Penning Lucama.

Mr. Hugh Boyette by Mrs. Alda Norman, Smithfield.

Mr. J. W. Boyette by Gary Fer Barefoot, Mount Olive; Mr. and Mrs P. Bissette, Princeton; Mr. B. E. Bry Calypso; the staff of Community Hou Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro; Mr. Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama; Mr. Mrs. A. R. McRacken and Mrs. Jas Radford, Kenly; Rains Cross Roads F Will Baptist Church and the Me Sunday School Class of Rains Cr Roads Free Will Baptist Chur Pikeville; and Mrs. W. R. Williams, F Level.

Mr. Charles Richard Braswell by M Flonnie W. Creech, Princeton.

Mr. Wade H. Davis by Mr. and M Vernon Lamm, Lucama.

Mr. Jeffery Dean Dixon by Mr. a Mrs. Harold L. Stephenson and fam Oriental.

D. Gattis Gower by Ruth Warr Sunday School Class, Johnston Un Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield.

Ms. Lucille Carroll Harris by M Berlene Brandon and family, Mr. a Mrs. Samuel Jackson and Connie, M and Mrs. M. M. Tew, and Ms. A Naylor, Dunn.

Ms. Nancy Harrison Henderson Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

Mr. Claude R. Jernigan by Mr. a Mrs. J. Harold Herring Sr., LaGrange.

Mr. Clifford Jernigan by Mr. a Jimmy Summerlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Evans, a Mrs. Mollie J. Westbrook, Kenansville.

Mrs. Bessie A. McArtan by M Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Mrs. Beulah P. Mobley by Mr. a Mrs. Maehue Bailey, Williamston.

Mrs. Mamie P. Murray by Mr. a Mrs. Claude Moore, Turkey.

Mrs. Bessie Ella Peele by Mr. a Mrs. James B. Hunt and Little Rock Fr Will Baptist Church, Lucama.

Mr. Preston B. Raiford by Dr. a Mrs. I. R. Swords, Mount Olive.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



**For April 27**

## THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD

**Lesson Text:** Isaiah 55:1-9
**Memory Verse:** Psalm 100:5

### I. INTRODUCTION

Henry Ward Beecher, who has been named, "The Barnum of the Pulpit," was reared in a strict Calvinistic home and environment. Though there can be little doubt of the influence exercised on his life by these surroundings and the teachings he received in youth, he nevertheless gave credit to the accomplishments of his life in these words: "One day I discovered that God loved me. From that day my life has been changed and will never be the same again."

One thing is apparent in the teachings of Scripture and from our observation of the workings of providence: God loves all men and has designed all of the workings of nature and grace to help them fulfill that mission for which they were created. Happy and successful is that man who recognizes this love and responds to it in a positive manner. His life will never be without aim or purpose, and the world will be a better place for man to live and labor as a result of his discovery and response.

The background for today's lesson is the evil conditions that existed in Judah in the early part of the Seventh century B. C. These were the conditions which led eventually to the destruction of the kingdom.

The purpose of today's lesson is to make us aware of God's great love for us and to influence us to respond in a positive manner to that love.—**The Teacher's Teacher** (F. W. B.)

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The prophecy of Isaiah has sometimes been called "The Gospel of the Old Testament," because it has such clear prophecies relating to the Christ. Sometime try reading through the Book of Isaiah and see how many prophecies relating to Christ you can find.

B. "The fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah is one of the truly great chapters in the Bible. Nowhere in the Old Testament is the gospel more clearly anticipated than here. In a jubilant, triumphant, majestic manner it presents an unusual invitation. It comes from God. The Creator is portrayed as a merchant in the marketplace where people are buying and selling, pleading with man the creature."—Green

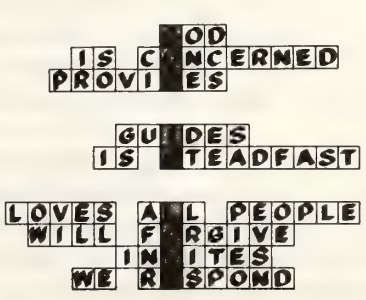
C. Dr. William G. Coltman has outlined the part of Isaiah 55 which we study as follows: The Famishing; The Fountain; and The Finding. It is truly a chapter where one can find forgiveness of sin.

D. As the human body thirsts for water, so it thirsts for God. The difference is that when we are thirsty for water, we know what we want and need; but many are thirsty for God and do not know what they want and need. So they begin to look in the wrong places and to the wrong things for their lack. Of course, they do not find it. So they just keep looking.

E. There is a repentance that is not true repentance. This kind of repentance wants to repent and still hold on to the sinful object. To repent is not only to be sorry that you committed a sin, but to turn from it. You may be sure that if a man does not turn from a sin, he has not truly repented.

—**The Bible Teacher** (F. W. B.)

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS




A. (In studying this lesson please make use of the illustration as adapted from the **Standard Lesson Commentary**.)

The psalmist has written: "As the hart (or deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1). There is a longing in man's heart for **God**. Each soul desires to be loved and cared for.

How good the news, therefore, to learn that God **is concerned**. Israel in Babylon was not beyond His care, and neither are we. The clouds can never get so dark as to separate us from His love.

But not only is God concerned; He **provides**. He does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He provides daily food for man. More than this, He provides that spiritual food and drink that give life to all who will partake of them.

God also, especially through His Word, gives us instruction and direction. He **guides**, so that the way of fullness of life may ever open before us.

And, as our lesson today has especially emphasized, God is **steadfast**. He may be depended upon, for His is an everlasting love.

Not only so, but God **loves all people**, His love is a universal love, including all nations of the world. Therefore, it includes each of us.

At times it may be difficult for us to believe that God can love us. Do we not show ourselves unlovely? Have we not sinned against His love? But that love has found a way to rid us of our sins and to make us fit for His fellowship. He **will forgive**.

To that end God **invites** us to become His children through the redeeming power of His Son Jesus Christ. And He further invites us to live in daily communion and fellowship with Him. This His love does for us.

But there is one thing that God's love will not do; it will not violate our own wills. Indeed, it cannot. For to share in that love, one's response must be from the heart, a choice freely made, because this is covenant love; therefore, **we respond**.

Just as the love of bride and groom calls forth a loving response, each from the other, so God's love, freely offered to us, calls forth our response. We are invited. We are not compelled. No one else can respond for us, nor would we want him to. We know that it is from our

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# STORIES

## for our youth



# Who Murdered the Tulips?

**by Norma Cournow Camp**

THE door slammed behind Brenda as she bounced into the house, dropping her books on the hall chair. "Hello, Mother," she called. "I'm home from school." Like a streak of lightning, she was through the house and out the back door.

"Where are you going in such a hurry?" called Mother.

"I want to check my tulips," answered Brenda. "Yesterday they were almost ready to bloom. It's sunny, and I thought maybe they'd be blooming today."

"You sure are interested in those tulips," laughed Mother.

"Well, they are my Four-H project, and I've put a lot of work and hard-earned baby-sitting money into them," said Brenda as she came back into the house. "I had to work the ground and plant them way back last October. I've waited a long time for them to open, and I want to know how many will bloom. Besides, I'm eager to take some to school. Oh, I wish they'd open. Maybe they'll open tomorrow," said Brenda. "I think I'll water them." She skipped back outside.

Brenda was letting the drops from the hose fall gently on the tulips when the redheaded girl from next door popped her head over the fence. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hello, Dana," called Brenda. "I'm watering my flowers. Don't you just love them? I can hardly wait until they bloom. I've worked so hard on them."

"I hate flowers," said Dana. "The world would be better off without them as far as I'm concerned."

"Why, Dana!" exclaimed Brenda. "That's a terrible thing to say!"

"I can't help it," said Dana. "That's the way I feel. I don't like this new school or this town either. I wish we'd never moved."

"Oh, you'll get used to it after a while," said Brenda. "I think you'd like my church. Why don't you come with me on Sunday? I thought you were going to come last week, but you didn't. I'll stop by for you."

"No, thanks," said Dana. "You want me to go to church with you, but you don't want me to go anywhere else with you."

"What do you mean by that?" asked Brenda.

"You walk to school everyday with Lois Young and never ask me to go along," said Dana. "I'd like to have someone to walk to school with, too."

"Well, Lois and I have been friends since third grade," said Brenda. "We've always walked to school together."

"Well, if you ask me," said Dana, "you don't have a very Christian attitude, and I'm not going to church with you."

"Well, I never," said Brenda as she ran into the house.

"Mother, do you know what that Dana said?" exclaimed Brenda. "She said I don't have a Christian attitude just because I don't walk to school with her."

"You know, she might be right," said Mother. "If you want to win a person to Christ and have him go to church with you, you have to be his friend everyday of the week, not just on Sunday."

"Not just on Sunday!" excla
Brenda. "I guess you've right. But
can I be a friend to Dana when she
hateful all the time?"

"Ask the Lord to show you ho
said Mother.

On the way home from church
Sunday, Brenda said, "I asked the
to show me how to be friends with D
and He has given me some ideas."

"Good," said Mother, just as the
stopped in the driveway.

Brenda hopped out and ran to se
her tulips had bloomed.

"Oh, no!" cried Brenda. "They
been killed, murdered!" Brenda ran
the house sobbing, with her mo
following close behind her.

"Brenda, what in the world is
matter?" she asked.

"Oh, Mother," said Bren
"Someone has cut down all my tu
while we were gone. Even the leaves
gone. That means they'll never come
again. The flower book says you m
not cut the leaves when you pick
tulips, or they won't grow the n
year."

"Who could have done such
thing!" said Mother.

"It must have been Dana," moan
Brenda. "She was in her yard when
left for church. How can I even speak
her again?"

"I don't know," said Mother. "E
remember, God says to love our enemie
and it is very important to love Dana
you want to win her to the Lord."

Brenda cried off and on all Sund
afternoon about the loss of her tulip
She wondered if she would ever be ab
to forget it. She'd never get to see the
bloom now. That night she praye
"Lord, help me know what to do. He
me somehow to be a friend to Dana."

The next morning Brenda got ready f
school quickly. She heard a knock at t
door and knew it was Lois stopping f
her. She ran to the door. "Lois, thin
are going to be different from now on,
Brenda said. "We have to wait here
the porch for Dana from next door. S
wants to walk to school with us." T
two girls waited five minutes before Da
started down her walk.

Brenda called, "Dana, wait for us. W
can all walk to school together."

Dana's mouth dropped open, and sh
stared unbelievingly at Brenda. "Y

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## Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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### NURSERY SCHOOL



Nursery school has been in progress ce November at Free Will Baptist ldren's Home. Five children, ages to five, attend class each week day he education building.

Class begins at nine o'clock each ning and ends at twelve noon. During se three hours, activities vary from demic studies to play period. Each ning we open class with prayer. The dren take turns in praying and are ning the joys of communing with God speaking directly to Him through yer. Their requests for healing of the k and guidance are very touching.

A Bible story is told each day using methods of presentation: picture flannel graph, blackboard, and a dbox. Friday is a day of review and cussion of the story and its bearing on lives today. Our first lesson was ut Mr. Adam and Mrs. Eve. The dren learned of the creation of the th by God and of His great love for us We have also learned about the lives esus, Moses, Samuel, and Elijah. We now beginning on the Easter story.

To help them to understand the anings of the Bible stories many ted songs have been taught. The dents readily sing "Jesus Loves ," "Only a Boy Named David," and a orite of all, "Hallelujah." These gs are carried over into their cottages the playground. As I walk across campus or watch them play I hear strains of many of these songs.

Along with the religious choruses we have learned several secular children's songs. Two favorites are "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "B-I-N-G-O."

Not all of our time is spent learning songs and stories. We use the rest of our time in various activities. We may color pictures, draw, work on the alphabet, or count. So far everyone has mastered one to ten very well.

After the hard work of learning, Ann, Dorothy, Andy, Richard, and William are ready for a snack. The milk and cookies are very refreshing and also give them a time to relax while eating. Table manners are stressed during the snack. On special occasions we have parties commemorating the different holidays.

Quiet time follows snack and is observed by a short rest and story time. The kids enjoy hearing about "The Three Bears" and "The Gingerbread Boy." We have read several library books and learned about foreign lands and dif-

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### FIRST QUARTER COMPARISON

| January | 1974 | 1975 |
|---|---|---|
| Albemarle Conference | $ 749.35 | $ 327.34 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 15.55 | 18.80 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,661.64 | 1,160.40 |
| Central Conference | 2,231.14 | 2,948.30 |
| Eastern Conference | 1,541.59 | 1,178.16 |
| Pee Dee Association | 737.90 | 1,057.50 |
| Piedmont Conference | 71.39 | 48.69 |
| Western Conference | 2,388.15 | 2,623.88 |
| Other States | 143.08 | 20.00 |
| Other Religious Contributions | 50.00 | 75.00 |
| Total | $9,589.79 | $9,458.07 |
| **February** | | |
| Albemarle Conference | $ 565.23 | $ 364.61 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 625.15 | 267.45 |
| Central Conference | 2,492.05 | 2,099.08 |
| Eastern Conference | 2,448.54 | 1,675.19 |
| Pee Dee Association | | 45.00 |
| Piedmont Conference | 20.00 | 10.00 |
| Rockfish Conference | | 23.00 |
| Western Conference | 2,466.32 | 2,644.97 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 135.06 | 98.43 |
| Other States | | 55.00 |
| Other Religious Contributions | 69.20 | 70.00 |
| Total | $8,821.55 | $7,352.73 |
| **March** | | |
| Albemarle Conference | $ 1,013.90 | $ 478.81 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 18.96 | 26.73 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,988.83 | 556.68 |
| Central Conference | 2,742.32 | 2,643.27 |
| Eastern Conference | 2,947.81 | 3,447.56 |
| Pee Dee Association | 450.00 | 675.00 |
| Piedmont Conference | 10.00 | |
| Rockfish Conference | 15.00 | |
| Western Conference | 3,147.05 | 4,082.47 |
| Other Religious Contributions | 39.00 | 30.00 |
| Total | $12,372.87 | $11,940.52 |
| Quarter's Totals | $30,784.21 | $28,751.32 |

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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ferent animals of the world as well as the adventures of other boys and girls.

When weather permits a nature hike is taken. Turkeys, flowers, trees, and other interesting sights are seen and discussed. For a better understanding of how plants grow we are planting seeds in cartons and watching them grow. The preschoolers are anxiously watching for the first shoots to break through.

Playtime is enjoyed by all. It ranges from building with blocks to playing "Mother, May I?" Play-Doh is a great favorite. Many times the table is covered with "monsters," fruit bowls, and birthday cakes. During this time the students are under supervision, but are allowed to be creative and in charge of the activities.

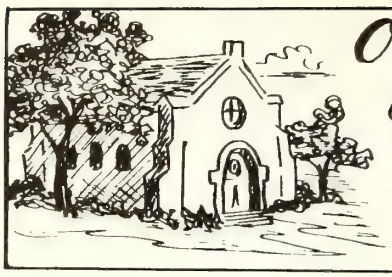
All activities are important to the growth of the children spiritually, intellectually, and physically. After all this work the children are ready to return home for lunch and a nap. They will also be ready for kindergarten next year in the fall.

The five children were asked what their favorite time in nursery school was. Each gave a different reply as follows: Andy Anderson, play period; Anne Worley, snack; Dorothy Johnson, story hour; Richard Bass, counting and abc's; William Bass, coloring.

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### HELP NEEDED

The contributions from our Free Will Baptist churches have dropped considerably over the past quarter. During January there was a slight reduction from January, 1974. February brought about nearly a $1,500 reduction from February, 1974. March saw another reduction in contributions of about $400. The quarterly total for 1974 amounted to $30,784.21, and for 1975 came to $28,751.32. That amounts to reduced contributions for the quarter in the amount of $2,032.89. This decrease in giving, coupled with a sharp rise in costs of food and utilities over the past year, makes our financial situation critical. It's really up to each of us Free Will Baptists as to whether our programs at the Home will continue to improve or go backward. This is the time for each church and its members to increase their giving to the Home, not to decrease it.



## Our Church Auxiliaries

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene in its forty-eighth annual session with the East Rockingham church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention as host, Thursday, May 8. The convention's theme will be "Peace in Time of Confusion," with Scripture taken from Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." The convention's hymn will be "Let Others See Jesus in You." The scheduled program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Advanced Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in You"
—Invocation
—Morning Devotional, Miss L McGlohon
10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Corrine Guinn
—Response, Mrs. R. Stephenson
10:25—Greeting, Mrs. Durwood Hancock, State President
10:30—Recognition of Personalities
10:35—Business Session
10:45—Life Membership Award, M Carl Dudley
10:55—Declamations, Directed by M D. W. Hansley
11:15—Morning Worship:
Hymn, "He Hideth My Soul"
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Special Music, Mrs. Matth Prescott
Convention Message, the Re Robert May, Pastor of Hicko

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## Church Auxiliaries

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Church, Ahoskie
—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

0—Hymn, "What If It Were Today?"
—Essays, Directed by Mrs. D. W. Hansley
0—Memorial Service, Mrs. Frank L. Walston
0—Miscellaneous Business
—Report of Committees
0—Benediction and Adjournment

## e Rev. L. E. Ballard to be Honored



he North Carolina State Sunday ool Convention, in cooperation with Free Will Baptist Historical Society, sponsor a dinner on May 3, 1975, oring the Rev. L. E. Ballard. The time p.m., the place is Mount Olive ege Auditorium, and the cost is $5 person. All friends of Mr. Ballard are ed to attend.

he Executive Committee of the day School Convention has chosen occasion to honor Mr. Ballard in view is announced plans for retirement as secretary of the convention, a post ch he has held for many years.

Mr. Ballard was ordained as a Free Baptist minister in 1917, in the stern part of North Carolina, and has served as pastor of twenty-seven different churches in this state, some of them two or more times. In addition to his work as field secretary, he has also been very active in promoting the program of Free Will Baptist Leagues, having served as the first state-wide secretary for the leagues in North Carolina. He has written much of the literature for adults and young people used in Free Will Baptist Leagues in the past. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard have also promoted interest in Cragmont Assembly, where they have spent many summers as directors of that institution.

The dinner planned for Mr. Ballard is but a small tribute to the labors of this soldier of Christ. Those who plan to attend and have not made reservations should write to the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, Route 1, Sims, North Carolina 27880, and indicate your plans to attend by April 23.—Michael Pelt

## Family Fireside

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PRAYER THOUGHT

*Perhaps people were better off when they lived miles from each other and had to work from dawn till dark. At least, they spread less gossip.*

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## Boy's and Girls

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want to walk to school with me after I—" she started.

Brenda broke in, "Yes, and we'd better hurry, or we won't get to school on time." When Brenda looked at Dana, she thought she saw tears in her eyes. Brenda had a feeling that when she asked Dana to go to Sunday school with her this week, it would be a different story. Brenda was sure, too, that she and Dana and Lois would be doing a lot of things together from now on.—Selected

## Sunday School Lesson

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own heart that the response must come if it is to mean anything.

Truly, **God is love**, and we need never question that His is a steadfast love. All that remains for each of us now is to determine what will be our response to that love. Can we be so hard of heart as to reject it? Can we deliberately live in such a way as to grieve the Spirit of God? Or will we permit the love of God to kindle a responsive love in our heart so that we may experience the joy in life that only God's love can make possible?

B. People have always blamed God for their troubles. Moses did this when he complained that God was dealing harshly with His people. We do this when we know that our troubles are our own and not His. The father in the story of the prodigal son was not to blame for his son's wayward ways. The boy got that way in spite of all the father could do to save him from it. God is still the loving Father and the world is His prodigal.—C. F. Bowen

## MOUNT OLIVE

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Mrs. Frances H. Rublein by Mr. and Mrs. Jack J. Dail, Winterville.

Mr. Danny Earl Smith by Junior High Sunday School Class of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church and Senior High Sunday School Class of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Mr. Harry Sutton by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus J. Hare, Pikeville.

Mr. Leon Tripp by Fidelis Sunday School Class, Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville.

Miss Patricia N. Walker by Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brock, Mount Olive; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glenn, Goldsboro.

Mr. Kernie W. Watson by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama.

Miss Lucy Wells by Mr. and Mrs. Davis Evans, Kenansville.

Mr. Wiley Edmond Woodard by YFA and AFC of Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield.

**In Honor Of**

Mrs. Frances Cannon by Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden.

The Rev. Bill Futch by Ann, Allen, and Kay Radford, Kenly.

Mr. Clifford B. Jernigan by Ladies' Sunday School Class of Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville.

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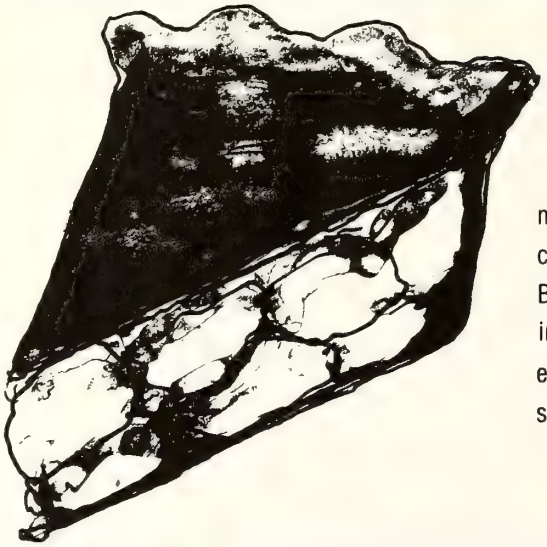
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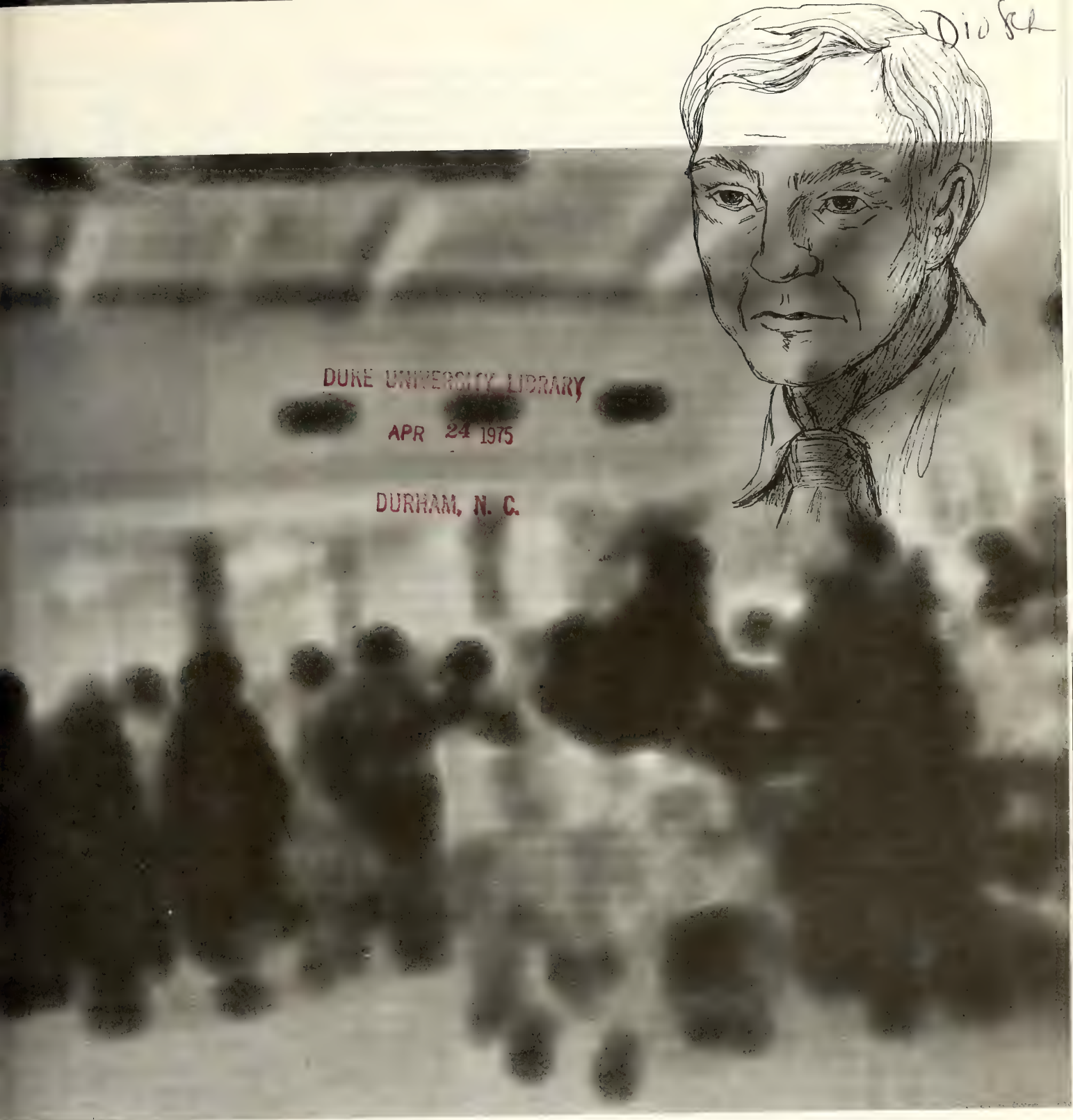
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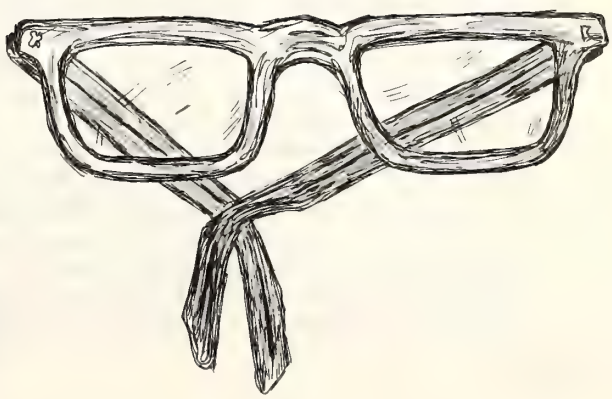
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# HOW IS YOUR "I" SIGHT?

"I can do anything you can do better. I can do anything better than you!" Oh yeah? That may be your opinion, but the very opposite might be true.

Many persons have "I-itis"; that is, they consider themselves indispensable. They consider themselves the big "I" in all situations and God's gift to the world. They think themselves to be really something and make their accomplishments appear to be the greatest. Their achievements surpass those of their peers—they think—and they never miss an opportunity to be up front where it counts. Now, this is okay—to a point—but, after awhile these persons and everything about them become obnoxious.

Self-sufficiency is good until it becomes overbearing. Confidence is a favorable quality until it is transformed (by plight or might) into *conceit. Confidence* is that quality of self-reliance, bold certainty, and assurance of one's capabilities which makes him do what he does directly, without apology, and with a feeling that he can produce well and make a good showing in any undertaking. *Conceit,* on the other hand, is excessive appreciation of oneself, one's worth, virtue, or whatever. This is often manifested in the person's manner (or air), his speech, his attitude, and his overall personality.

High regard for oneself and self-respect are all right. Every person needs a degree of both; but when these *qualities* are overdeveloped, they become *faults;* and as such, they are usually undiscernible by the person who has them. Though we know it well enough, it might be good to remind ourselves here that we usually pick out faults in other people which we have ourselves, in abundance. . . .

Each of us has a self-image. Some of us *project* this image more and make it apparent that the image is an exalted one. A good self-image is healthy until it causes one to *mirror* himself in all situations to the "blocking out" or obscuring of other individuals who deserve to be seen. If "I" is forever blocking the view, then no one else can be appreciated or regarded for his real worth —and it is just possible that if one would get out of his *own* way or line of vision, *life itself* could become more meaningful. Other people, then, would become more appealing, and what they have to contribute would be more desirable.

To "pen a point": If "I" become so big that "You" can't be considered, then an "I" examination is mandatory. "I" sight is good, only when it can see "You" in the same undiscriminating, unprejudiced manner afforded to oneself. "I" sight is best employed when it can help one see *beyond himself.*

Christian people (or those so called) are often the ones who need this "I" examination most. For some reason (and we may blame it on selfishness), those who claim to be His followers separate themselves from the "world" to the extent of even refusing to look and see what they can do to improve the sinful conditions of it or to concentrate on the reordering of circumstances to a favorable end. As long as food is palatable for them and they can feast in abundance, they think little about those who are hungry for "just a bit of bread or a drop of water." And, when it comes to the Lord's blessings—well, they dare not share these! This is contrary to the very basis of Christianity.

"I-itis" has infected so many of us that it has eaten away at our souls much as termites eat away at our homes. Some persons are beautiful *outwardly,* but the enemy *within* is gradually winning the victory. The big "I" conquers the self, and self is consumed so subtly that destruction is nigh before one is aware of it. The preventive measure would be to employ the two great commandments as given by our Lord: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, thy mind, and thy soul; and love thy neighbor as thyself." Then, and only then, does "I" not get in the way.

This writer does not advocate self-hatred, nor does he suggest that one should neglect the nurturing of himself. If one does not *like himself,* he really cannot expect *other people* to like him. Still, one should not love himself to the point of being *oblivious* to the feelings and needs of those with whom he comes in contact. All of us need to concentrate on *self-improvement,* but self-improvement is not *self-elevation,* necessarily. If self-elevation (at the expense of and to the disregard of others) is our aim, then we are worse for having tried to make *more* of ourselves. This is not to say that worthy aims are bad; but if the aim is ill placed, or misdirected, the target may be missed entirely, and serious injury may be done to some innocent soul. Consider that, please!

One's "I" sight should be adjusted—daily. Everyone needs a certain amount of correction and should wear "I" glasses—not to see others more clearly, but to see "self" as "self" really is—and to improve. Can you see clearly now? Be honest. How *is* your "I" sight—good or bad?

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# JESUS AND MAN

by Calvin Mercer Jr.

OU are walking in a field and you see a group of ants on ground. Looking up, you see a or coming directly at the ants. If you all-powerful and can perform icles, how is the best way to warn e ants of their danger? How is the way to communicate your concern to ?

e student I was talking to had no answer. He made several estions, though, such as hollering em in "ant talk" or making them to see the onrushing tractor.

But think about it," I said. uldn't the best way to communicate those ants be to become an ant self in order to talk to them in 'ant and relate to them on their own ?"

uddenly this skeptical student saw light—for this is just what God —He became a man in Jesus Christ.

ast week we said that Jesus is God. stopping here, we would commit a ible blunder. Jesus was and is God, Jesus was also a man. This truth is as necessary as the first.

nd yet, as we saw in last week's cle concerning the deity of Christ, e have been heretical groups, ughout church history, which have ied the humanity of Christ, such as Gnostics and the Eutychians. That us was fully man is not accepted by ny groups today, such as the slems, Unitarians, and Jehovah's nesses.

But the orthodox Christian faith has ays acknowledged the total humanity Christ and at the same time, His total ity.

### Was Jesus a Man?

The Gospel of John, which so plainly rtrays Jesus as God, begins by ferring to Jesus as "the Word." John 1 says, "In the beginning was the ord, and the Word was with God, and e Word was God." But in Verse 14, it esents the humanity of Christ: ". . . e Word was made flesh, and dwelt nong us, . . ."

Paul, in Philippians 2:6, 7, says about Christ, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

These are not isolated passages, for one thrust of the whole New Testament is that God did it—He became a man in Jesus Christ.

We see this in that Jesus had a human, as well as a divine birth. He had a natural human development; He had physical emotions; He was weary, hungry, thirsty, sleepy; and, He was tempted.

But why did God become a man?

There are several reasons why God chose to become a man, but for now we will look at only two.

First, God became a man to reveal God to men. It has been well said that if you want to know what God looks like, if you want to know anything about God, take a long, long look at Jesus.

Philosophers have often rightly said that man, because he is finite, is incapable of knowing or understanding an infinite God, who is so much above man. But they fail to realize that God, because He is God and is all-powerful, can and did bridge the gap between Himself and man. So instead of man reaching up to God, which is basically what all religions of the world say, God reached down to man through Jesus Christ. This is an important difference and is the reason why Christians should be quick to point out that their faith is radically and basically different from all other religions.

### Wait, I Was Too!

Second, by becoming a man, God identifies with men. A high school student might say, "It's so hard to be a teen-ager today, there are so many problems and temptations." But wait, God says, "I know, I was a teen-ager too."

Working from eight to five day after day, one may be tempted to look up to God and say, "I've got bills to pay and a family to provide for. What do you know about my troubles in this dog-eat-dog world?"

But wait, God says, "I know, I was a carpenter's son."

Because of the humanity of Christ, we cannot turn to God and cry, "You don't know what I'm going through." Yes, He knows. He's God, but He was also a man.

This is what the writer of Hebrews means when he says in 4:15, ". . . we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

We must accept Christ for what He is—total God and total man. This is a central truth of our faith and the church must ever stand firm on it.

For a concise study on the "God-ness" and the "man-ness" of Jesus Christ, read Section V of our **Statement of Faith and Discipline** and look up the biblical references it gives.




SUNDAY, APRIL 27
Scripture Reading—Romans 5:2

ONE TOUCH

May every soul that touches mine,
Be it the slightest contact—
Get there from some good;
Some little grace; one kindly thought;
One aspiration yet unfelt;
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies
Beyond the gathering mists.

—George Eliot

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Life is full of woes and it behooves us to make use of every spiritual grace.*

MONDAY, APRIL 28
Scripture Reading—Acts 20:35

HE MAKES IT PLAIN

Do not forget the importance of walking according to the light you have, while seeking for more. If you feel you are called to the work, do not fear as to the way, and the time. He will make all plain. The eye of faith looks to Jesus and walks, in spite of wind and waves, on the water.—Hudson Taylor

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus is not apt to call a person to His work without supplying the wherewithal to permit accomplishment.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:32

"ALWAYS KEEP ME KIND AND SWEET"

Father in heaven, make me wise,
So that my gaze may never meet
A question in my children's eyes;
God keep me always kind and sweet.

And patient, too, before their need;
Let each vexation know its place,
Let gentleness be all my creed,
Let laughter live upon my face!

A mother's day is very long,
There are so many things to do!
But never let me lose my song
Before the hardest day is through.

—Margaret E. Sangster

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A mother's day is long, that's true; but when spent in kindness and love it is not half so long as one spent in guilty retrospect.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:8

FAITH AND MERCY

A man, crossing a dreary moor, came upon a cottage which he visited. "Are you not afraid to live in this lonely place?" asked the visitor of the occupant. "Oh, no," said he, "for faith closes the door at night, and mercy opens it in the morning!"—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We need never fear for God is our everpresent companion and whatever befalls us He will see us through.*

THURSDAY, MAY 1
Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:17

HER SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

It is not to the honor of our gracious Master that we should sit under juniper trees, hang our harps upon willows, and walk about the world in the shadow of death and despair. "I won't be unhappy," said a fine old saint; "it is all I have to give to God and I will praise Him and glorify Him by a happy face and a radiant life."—*Alliance Weekly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We depress others with our long, sad faces; and God is surely as sensitive to gloomy countenances as mortal man.*

FRIDAY, MAY 2
Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:7

NOBILITY

That day is best wherein we give
A thought to others' sorrows;
Forgetting self, we learn to live,
And blessings born of kindly dee
Make golden our tomorrows.
Howe'er it seems to me
'Tis only noble to be good;
Kind hearts are more than coron
And simple faith than No
blood.

—Sir Alfred Ten

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our selfish desires make us and unpleasant and not a miserable. Those who think on self may find themselves upon a*

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Scripture Reading—Psalm 31:

DON'T WAIT A MINUTE

If you have hard work to do,
Do it now.
To-day the skies are clear and blu
To-morrow clouds may come in v
Yesterday is not for you—
Do it now.

If you have a smile to show,
Show it now.
Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know,
The love you have before they go-
Show it now.

—*Gospel Ba*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Better to remember your*
*nesses than to kindle fires of rem*

(Devotions used by permis
*Knight's Master Book of Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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**YOU WILL NOT BE TOO BUSY**

My friend, there will come one d
you a Messenger, whom you cannot
with contempt. He will say, "Come
me"; and all your pleas of busi
cares and earthly loves will be
avail. When His cold hand tou
yours, the key of the counting-roo
drop forever, and He will lead you
from all your investments,
speculations, your banknotes and
estate, and with Him you will pass
eternity up to the bar of God. You wil
be too busy to die.—A. E. Kittredge




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**uestion:** Please explain, "And Abel, also brought of the firstlings of his k and of the fat thereof. And the D had respect unto Abel and to his ring: But unto Cain and to his offering had not respect. And Cain was very th, and his countenance fell" nesis 4:4, 5), so I can show it to a nd who has been in a false religion ed Unity and Theosophy. How could n know the kind of offering God nted him to offer?

**Answer:** God seems to have made this ar enough to Cain and Abel so that el knew what was required of him by d for he offered that kind. Cain, being elder, surely would have had an ual opportunity to receive such in-uctions and would have had access to ch knowledge longer than Abel since was born first. "By faith Abel offered o God a more excellent sacrifice than n, by which he obtained witness that was righteous, God testifying of his ts; and by it he being dead yet eaketh" (Hebrew 11:4).

We exercise faith when we act ac-ding to the instructions given in the le. When those who lived before the le was made available to them acted accord with God's Word, they did that faith; that is, they believed what God d on the subject and that He would do at He claimed He would do, both ssing and rewards, as well as that He uld do what He threatened in gment to those who disobeyed. So ntiously, Abel entered into his act of rship just exactly as God had said, rying out every detail in the way His tructions indicated that he should; ereas, Cain on the other hand, ored this instruction and worshiped cording to the dictates of his own will. was a self-willed person, as is the case of so many self-willed professed Christians in this our day. The results will be similar in the final outcome of it. Jesus says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

So as this biblical teaching fitted Cain in his disobedience and disregard for God's instructions, it fits you and me and every other Christian. When, like Abel, we follow God's instructions, we are blessed with His acclaim, but when we follow our own wills that emerge from our fallen nature, we suffer the consequence in God's judgment; for unless one who disobeys the following the inclination of the flesh, unless he repents, returns to God, and obeys His instructions, judgment is certain to follow.

Cain and Abel evidently knew from Adam and Eve that God brought judgment upon our first parents, as we are taught in Genesis 3:16-19, because of their first disobedience. This included their disregarding God's instructions regarding the eating of the forbidden fruit and accepted the sepent's. They evidently had been taught what God did for them as found in the reading of Genesis 3:21. (Read and compare Revelation 19:4-6.) The coats of skin God provided included the slaying of innocent animals; so when taken in its entirety, Christ, the coming Redeemer, is typified. He is the robe of righteousness which we who obey the gospel, the Word of God, shall wear throughout all eternity. When we reject our own righteousness; that is, self-righteousness, and accept God's righteousness that has been provided in the death of Christ in our place and stead; then our righteousness shall be accepted by God.

The following is the answer given to a similar question in Dr. Louis T. Talbot's book, **Bible Questions Explained,** Pages 68, 69:

"God did tell him. Abel, his brother, knew the kind of offering to bring, and he brought it. Cain also knew but he refused to bring it. 'By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain' (Hebrews 11:4); and faith is taking God at His Word.

"Cain is the type of the natural man, who refuses to believe in vicarious suffering. But you may ask, 'How did he know what offering to bring?' Why, from his parents, Adam and Eve. They would surely relate to their sons the story of the fall, and how God made clear that sin carried with it a penalty to be atoned for only by the shedding of blood. They would tell their children that the only approach to God was by faith in the promised Redeemer (Genesis 3:15).

"But God also told Cain to bring the animal sacrifice. Read Genesis 4:5-7: 'But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.' In the Hebrew the same word is used for 'sin' and 'sin-offering.' Thus Cain's sin is here identified with the sin-offering—the animal sacrifice—that crouched at his 'tent door.'

"In spite of God's explicit exhortation, to say nothing of what Adam and Eve without doubt had taught Cain, even then Cain deliberately went out and killed his brother because of envy and jealousy. This shows that his heart was untouched by God's exhortation. The hardest, meanest man in the world is the self-righteous man, of whom Cain is a type."

Let us, you and me, obey Romans 12:1, 2; Isaiah 1:18; and 1 John 1:7-9 and fulfill the law of Christ that He may fill us and keep on filling us with His Holy Spirit. This is the only way to be sure of the right destiny.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



**MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079**

### ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED

Memorial Chapel of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home recently made a thousand dollars contribution to the Children's Home Endowment Program. On Sunday evening, April 6, Mrs. Weeks, the treasurer of Memorial Chapel, presented the contribution to the Rev. David Thick, director of Fund Development for the Home.



Immediately after the check was presented to Mr. Thick, he in turn presented a Lighthouse Ministry Membership Certificate to the church's pastor, the Rev. Vernon Thwaites.



Shown in the following picture are some of the staff and children who made contributions, through donations and work efforts and helped to reach this one thousand dollars goal.



Everyone of the participants worked hard at washing blue jeans at $1.90 per dozen until we reached our goal. We all agreed that it was extremely hard work but that we all received a real sense of personal satisfaction in helping to become a member of the Children's Home Lighthouse Ministry.

During the following week another endowment was established by a dear friend of the Children's Home. This friend was Mrs. Effie Webb of Route 3, Elm City, a member of Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The endowment is named the "Atlas Webb Family Endowment" and was established by Mrs. Webb and her daughter, Mrs. Daisy Owens. It is in memory of Atlas Webb and in honor of Mrs. Effie Webb. Friends of the Webb family may contribute to this endowment at any time.



Both of these endowments were deposited with our Church Finance Association. Recently, Mr. Sam We made the presentation of the check the Rev. Hubert Burress, secreta treasurer of the Church Fina Association.

### CORRECTION PLEASE

In the April 9 issue of **The Free Baptist** a mistake appeared on Page which was an error in the Childre Home report—not an error of the Pres

The $198.02 contribution listed from the Free Union church of Albemarle Conference should have be listed as the Free Union church of Central Conference, making their to contribution for the month of Febru come to **$199.02**. To all persons co cerned, we offer our sincere apology.

### RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS MARCH, 1975

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| **Albemarle Conference** | |
| Malachi's Chapel | $ 50. |
| Mt. Tabor | 92. |
| Sunday School Conv. | 84. |
| Shiloh | 20. |
| Sidney | 50. |
| Union Chapel | 182. |
| Total | $ 478. |
| **Blue Ridge Association** | |
| Cedar Hill | $ 26. |
| **Cape Fear Conference** | |
| Goldsboro, First | $ 75. |
| Hopewell | 164. |
| Saint Mary's Grove | 5. |
| Smithfield, First | 250. |
| West Clinton | 62. |
| Total | $ 556. |
| **CENTRAL CONFERENCE** | |
| Aspen Grove | $ 256. |
| Ayden | 105. |
| Bethany | 44. |
| Black Jack | 285. |
| Community | 3. |
| Edgewood | 5. |
| Elm Grove | 125. |
| Free Union | 204. |
| Friendship | 44. |
| Greenville, First | 10. |
| Grimsley | 50. |
| Hull Road | 250. |
| Little Creek | 55. |
| Ormondsville | 105. |
| Otter's Creek | 92. |
| Peace | 10. |
| Piney Grove | 85. |
| Reedy Branch | 181. |
| Tarboro | 275. |

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| terville | 250.07 |
| otal | $2,643.27 |

**Eastern Conference**

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| e Creek | $ 585.70 |
| in | 100.00 |
| stian Chapel | 25.00 |
| o Point | 15.00 |
| atan | 100.00 |
| 's Chapel | 60.00 |
| p Run | 160.00 |
| lin Grove | 44.82 |
| vards Chapel | 45.00 |
| h | 5.00 |
| hsemane | 120.00 |
| kstone | 75.00 |
| sberry | 10.00 |
| ly Spring | 250.00 |
| ston, First | 65.00 |
| ier's Chapel | 10.00 |
| morial | 80.00 |
| Zion (Onslow) | 31.06 |
| Zion (Pamlico) | 100.00 |
| a Jones | 5.00 |
| w Bethlehem | 22.06 |
| rtheast | 51.17 |
| k Grove | 105.00 |
| ental | 42.34 |
| arsall's Chapel | 94.73 |
| grim's Home | 200.00 |
| grim's Rest | 5.00 |
| ck of Zion | 30.00 |
| ndy Plain | 233.38 |
| recta | 152.30 |
| ow Hill | 20.00 |
| ring Hope | 25.00 |
| Mary's | 5.00 |
| haley's Chapel | 75.00 |
| ntergreen | 500.00 |
| Total | $3,447.56 |

**Pee Dee Association**

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| aver Dam | $ 500.00 |
| Olive | 25.00 |
| k Grove | 150 .00 |
| Total | $ 675.00 |

**Western Conference**

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| anch Chapel | $ 72.77 |
| lvary | 300.00 |
| erett's Chapel | 75.86 |
| endship | 55.00 |
| lly Springs | 20.00 |
| nly | 10.00 |
| tle Rock | 155.00 |
| rsh Swamp | 30.00 |
| lbournie | 83.00 |
| Zion (Nash) | 85.88 |
| uth Fellowship | 50.00 |
| w Sandy Hill | 50.00 |
| ople's Chapel | 50.00 |
| ey Grove | 15.00 |
| e Level | 935.00 |
| asant Grove | 10.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 48.43 |
| Rock Springs | 25.00 |
| Rosebud | 5.00 |
| Selma | 75.00 |
| Sherron Acres | 125.00 |
| Spring Hill | 150.00 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 44.33 |
| Stony Hill | 25.00 |
| St. Mary's | 225.00 |
| Union Chapel | 32.50 |
| Union Grove | 20.00 |
| West Hillsborough | 10.00 |
| Wilson, First | 1,300.00 |
| Total | $4,082.47 |

Total Religious Contributions $11,910.52

**Memorial Contributions**

Memorial contributions for March, 1975, totaled $60 and were as follows:

Doris Newton by Bruce Shinn

D. W. Alexander by Mrs. Janie Adams.

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**AYDEN SEMINARY-EUREKA COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Ayden Seminary—Eureka College Alumni Association will be held in the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 13, 1975, beginning at 10 a.m. We are making plans for an interesting program.

I have some special requests to make in the interest of this meeting. We would like to hear from all those who attended either of these institutions as early as possible. Some perhaps are too feeble to write, or may not read this notice. We earnestly ask that the children, grandchildren, or other relatives of persons who attended the Seminary or Eureka College send us the names and present addresses of alumni members. We are particularly anxious to learn about any who will not be able to attend the meeting because of age or afflictions. We have devised a plan to involve these in the meeting, even though they will not be able to attend; however, in order to carry out this plan one of our volunteer helpers will have to visit these shut-ins prior to the meeting. Please, anyone who is in position to give us information write at 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; or call 752-2950. **Please do it now!**

Descendants of departed or living alumni are invited to attend our meeting in honor of their loved ones. Naturally our actual membership grows smaller each year, and we would like to have relatives increase the attendance. It will be a fine way to gladden the hearts of the dear men and women who attended these historic Free Will Baptist schools who are still left with us.

L. E. Ballard, **President**

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## Coming Events . . .

April 26—North Carolina State Youth Convention, Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, North Carolina

May 3—Vacation Bible School Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina, with Registration Beginning at 9:30 A. M.

May 3—9A. M.—6 P. M., Christian Music Festival, Eagles Nest Conference Center, Mount Olive College

May 7—4 P. M., Commencement Worship Service, Rodgers Chapel; 7 P. M., Graduation Exercise, Moye Library Lawn, Mount Olive College

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks, West Virginia

June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

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**TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE**

A Jewish lawyer attended a church service. He listened incredulously to the testimonies by some known to him for their shady deals and failure to meet their honest obligations.

"How did you like the testimonies?" a man asked him at the close of the service. He replied, "To a lawyer there is a vast difference between testimonies and evidence."

What we are speaks louder than what we say.




### GREETINGS FROM YOUR STATE FIELD SECRETARY

by Hattie A. Bright

It's only a short time until our State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, on Thursday, May 8, 1975. Our reports will show what we did in the past year. That will be in the past; we can only hope to do greater things this year.

Thanks to all our women for the wonderful way you have worked in the past. I hope we have all met our quotas for the state project and have filled at least one Anna Phillips Loan Poster and plan to fill two this year.

I wonder how many of our auxiliaries will receive "A-1" rating. If you haven't made yours "A-1" this year, please start to make it one now! You may order your Standard of Achievement Charts from the Ayden Bible and Bookstore or any of its branch stores. It is not hard to do just a "reasonable service" (see Romans 12:1).

I am sure most of our women have a "Woman's Auxiliary Manual" and have read it; however, I want to "stir up your minds" as stated in 2 Peter 3:1. I especially like our emblem: "Missions, Devotions, and Service." The "Go ye" includes everyone, beginning at home and then to the fields that are white to harvest. Truly we must be dedicated to Christ and filled with the Spirit to be of any service to Him. Since we are an organization of women and young people, it is our duty to assist our churches in their missions and evangelistic programs, realizing our responsibilities, and give our best.

To be an "A-1" auxiliary we must have twelve meetings per year, with one half of the members present, have a ten percent increase in membership, send an offering to the Christian Service Fund each month, ten percent of the members must be tithers, send in convention dues, have "The Free Will Baptist" in each home, observe the three weeks of prayer, have at least three study courses per year, have a lot of benevolent activities, and have youth organizations sponsored by the youth chairman. I'm sure you will agree that this is just a "reasonable service" that we owe to our church and to our Lord.

If I can be of any service to you in any way as field secretary, I will be glad to do just that.

Hope to see you at the East Rockingham church on May 8. Until then, let me say with Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

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### JOHNSTON UNION AUXILIARY HOLDS INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Woman's Auxiliary of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton, held an installation service for its new officers on Sunday night, March 23, during the evening worship service.

Mrs. Carl (Dola) Dudley of Garner, state missions chairman, gave the charge to the new officers. Special music was rendered by Mrs. William Dale of Goldsboro, state study course chairman. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, state chairman of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

Officers installed were as follows: Mrs. Larry Austin, president; Mrs. Dan Warrick, vice-president; Mrs. Dollie Wood, secretary; Mrs. Johnny Stott, assistant secretary; Mrs. J. B. Phillips, treasurer; Mrs. Gene Britt and Mrs. Danny Lewis; youth cochairmen; Mrs. Ivery Daughtry, study course chairman; Mrs. Almond Warrick, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, missions chairman; Mrs. Nolan Clark, benevolence chairman; and Mrs. Jesse Underwood and Mrs. Hugh Lee, food cochairmen.

The preliminary service was conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Gene Britt.

### REPORT OF THE EASTERN DISTRIC WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTIO

The Eastern District Woma Auxiliary Convention met with the F Free Will Baptist Church of Kinst March 20, 1975. The convention w called to order by the president, Mrs. M. Register. The convention's the was "Love, the Greatest Gift," w Scripture taken from John 15:12, 13.

After the opening hymn and morning devotions by Mrs. John Taylor, a very warm welcome was tended to everyone present by M Stanley Jenkins. The response was Mrs. Pearl Sutton.

The president recognized t ministers present, the state and distr officers, delegates, and visitors. S followed with her remarks based Romans 12:1, using as her subje "Give God Ourselves."

The district chairmen gave their yea reports and the various denominatio enterprises were recognized.

Mrs. Deborah King, missiona candidate to the Philippines, w presented. After bringing a few bri remarks she sang, "Now I Belong Jesus."

Randy Faircloth, our adopted son the Children's Home, was presented b Sam Weeks. He expressed his ap preciation for all the convention had don for him throughout the years.

An offering of $147 was received to b equally divided between the Children Home and Mount Olive College. Mrs. L E. Ballard offered the offertory prayer.

Following announcements, grace, an the benediction by the Rev. Bill Futch we adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with th congregation singing "Christ for th World."

Mrs. W. E. Baldree presented Mrs Daphne P. Lucas, the district winner o our "Woman of the Year" award.

Mrs. Nerry Wall presented th declamation winner, Miss Pamela Bet Mann. She gave her speech on "Wha Jesus Means to Me." Miss Teres Mann, the district essay winner, rea her essay.

Motions were passed by the con vention as follows:

1. That the district youth chairma appoint a cochairman in the Third, Fifth and Carteret County Unions of th Eastern Conference to assist her wit

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FOREIGN

# MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS

## NTRIBUTIONS TO HOME MISSIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 1975, THROUGH MARCH 31, 1975

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|---|---|
| an's Auxiliary, North Carolina | $ 65.63 |
| narle Union Meeting | 7.00 |
| er Dam Sunday School | 100.00 |
| aville Auxiliary | 35.00 |
| eton Church | 43.00 |
| any Church | 31.30 |
| k Jack Church | 1,118.28 |
| ess Insurance Agency | 10.00 |
| n Church | 40.40 |
| ary Church | 75.00 |
| eret County Union Meeting | 25.00 |
| stian Chapel Church | 20.00 |
| Creek Church | 35.00 |
| Point Church | 55.29 |
| els Chapel Church | 105.00 |
| s Church | 50.00 |
| Run Auxiliary | 65.00 |
| 's Grove Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| and Mrs. S. P. Easley | 15.00 |
| wood Church | 400.00 |
| wood Mission | 50.00 |
| ewood Church | 40.72 |
| and Mrs. Billy R. Elks | 87.50 |
| ett's Chapel Church | 54.00 |
| and Mrs. Ronald Evans | 87.50 |
| Church | 200.00 |
| Union Meeting Eastern Conference | 5.00 |
| Eastern Sunday School Convention | 10.00 |
| Union Church (Nash Co.) | 60.00 |
| Union Church (Walstonburg) | 60.00 |
| dship League | 44.65 |
| dship Auxiliary (Greene Co.) | 27.09 |
| Union Meeting, Western Conference | 100.00 |
| sboro Church | 55.00 |
| sley Church | 81.26 |
| Hart Garris Auxiliary | 75.00 |
| ell's Chapel Church | 150.00 |
| d P. Harris | 100.00 |
| ory Grove Church | 118.20 |
| ory Chapel Church | 110.68 |
| land Pines Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| R. N. Hinnant | 10.00 |
| ell Swamp Auxiliary | 3.00 |
| Springs Church | 200.00 |
| Church | 50.00 |
| Road Auxiliary | 3.90 |
| an Springs Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| Mary Lou Jackson | 10.00 |
| son Heights Church | 60.26 |
| ston Union Church | 100.00 |
| Jones | 25.00 |
| Harry A. Jones | 25.00 |
| Juniper Chapel Church | $ 80.00 |
| Kenly Church | 26.05 |
| Kinston Church | 10.00 |
| LaGrange Auxiliary | 21.00 |
| Little Rock Church | 202.00 |
| Macedonia Church Auxiliary | 7.50 |
| Marsh Swamp Church | 52.00 |
| Mt. Zion Church (Nash Co.) | 65.00 |
| Mount Olive Auxiliary | 15.00 |
| Mt. Zion Auxilairy (Bayboro) | 2.50 |
| Mt. Zion Church, Albemarle Conference | 50.00 |
| Milbournie Auxiliary | 7.60 |
| Northeast Auxiliary | 46.00 |
| Oak Grove Church (Elm City) | 118.25 |
| Ormondsville Church | 50.00 |
| Otters Creek Sunday School | 30.91 |
| Palmer Memorial Church | 112.39 |
| Peace Auxiliary | 15.50 |
| Pearsall's Chapel Auxiliary | 15.00 |
| Pine Level Church | 60.00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest Church | 42.53 |
| People's Chapel Church | 138.27 |
| Pleasant Grove Auxiliary (Pikeville) | 3.00 |
| Pleasant Hill Church | 150.00 |
| Pleasant Plain Church | 15.07 |
| Rains Cross Roads Church | 92.00 |
| Rose Hill Church | 15.00 |
| Rock of Zion Auxiliary | 2.40 |
| Rooty Branch Church | 50.00 |
| Sandy Plain Church | 26.04 |
| Shady Grove Church | 150.00 |
| Shady Grove Auxiliary (Sampson Co.) | 11.88 |
| Sherron Acres Church | 174.00 |
| Shiloh Church | 70.11 |
| Stony Hill Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| Selma Church | 76.80 |
| Spring Hill Church | 150.00 |
| Smithfield Church | 125.00 |
| Stoney Creek Church | 75.00 |
| St. Mary's Church (New Bern) | 20.00 |
| St. Mary's Auxiliary (Wilson) | 15.50 |
| St. Mary's Church (Wilson) | 225.00 |
| Sound View Church | 170.93 |
| Tee's Chapel Church | 175.00 |
| Tarboro Church | 125.00 |
| Union Grove Auxiliary | 1.50 |
| Victory Mission | 32.89 |
| Western District Youth Conference | 25.00 |
| West Hillsborough Church | 50.00 |
| Westwood Hills Mission | 125.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel Church | 25.00 |
| White Oak Church | 85.00 |
| Wilson Church | 150.00 |
| Wintergreen Church | 188.46 |
| Wootens Chapel Church | 18.70 |
| Total Contributions | $8,206.44 |

Balance on hand March 31, 1975 $2,150.59

Respectfully Submitted,
Taylor Hill, **Director-Treasurer**

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### A COURSE ON FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE

In response to a request from Pamlico County, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, has agreed to offer a special study course on "The Faith of Free Will Baptists," as taught in the **Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.**

The course will be held at the Arapahoe church and will be taught each Tuesday night beginning May 6, at 7:30 p. m., and will continue for five weeks. The course will be of special value to Sunday school teachers and church officers, but is open to any interested person. No stated fee will be charged but each participant will be invited to make a contribution to cover travel expenses.

A certificate will be presented to those who attend at least four of the five sessions.

The outline of the course will include:

1. Why a "Statement of Faith and Discipline"?
2. The Place of the Bible in the Life of the Church
3. God: "Being and Attributes of God"; "Divine Government and Providence"; "Creation"
4. Man: His "Creation"; His "Free Choice"; His "Fall"; His "Call"
5. Christ
6. The Holy Spirit
7. The Trinity
8. Salvation: "Atonement and Meditation of Christ"; "Repentance"; "Faith"; "Regeneration"; "Justification and Sanctification"; "Perseverance of the Saints"
9. The Gospel and the Church: "The Church"; "The Sabbath"; "Tithing"; "The Gospel Ministry"; "Ordinances of the Gospel"
10. Eschatology ("Last Things"): "Death"; "Second Coming of Christ"; "The Resurrection"; "The Judgment"
11. The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant"

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE PLANS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Mount Olive College will sponsor a weekend youth conference, June 20-22, for high school students. The conference will begin Friday, June 20, with the evening meal at 6 p.m., in the College cafeteria, and will end Sunday, June 22, with the noon meal.

The program will involve worship, teaching, group discussions, sing-spirations, and recreation. The purpose of the conference is to deepen a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and seek ways to fulfill that commitment in the world today.

The cost of the conference will be $15 for the weekend, which will include a nonrefundable $5 registration fee. Commuters may pay the registration fee and buy their meals in the cafeteria.

For application forms, please contact Mr. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

## MISSIONS

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### YOUTH EVANGELISM TEAM JOINS HOME MISSIONS



On Saturday, April 5, the Home Missions Board of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, accepted the offer from a group of young people to do some youth evangelism work during the su months. They are as pictured a Deborah Faye Pittman of the Piney church and a student of Mount College; Mary Alane Vester, minis music and Christian education a First church of Wilson; and the Howard Scott of the Kenly church student at North Carolina University, Raleigh.

The fine group has been well pro youth evangelism and will be ava during the months of June, July August. They have an excellent pr that is designed for Friday night th Saturday. The main purpose in program is evangelism for the youth the involvement of every young pers

They are prepared to start acce invitations immediately. Since th strictly voluntary, the churches w expected to take them into their h on Friday nights.

It is hoped that the Free Will B churches will start making reserva immediately to have this group them. You may contact the Rev. Ho Scott, Route 3, Kenly, North Ca 27542, telephone 284-3475; or the Taylor Hill, Home Missions Dire 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, Carolina 28305, telephone 485-398

### WONDERFUL SPRING
**by Hazel Casey**

It is the season for new life to spring
From the trees and flowers as they to shout.
They have on their beautiful co clothes,
And it seems they are attired from to toes.

The dogwood trees are in beautiful w
They shine out their beauty in the nig
But the lilac stands a sight to behold
For the color is purple, like a king, told.

The tulips seem to dance before my
In every color under the skies
But the pansies seem to wave at me
As they sit there under the pecan tre

I feel this is a wonderful time indeed
For winter is past, and it is time to some seed.
Gardens will soon be filled vegetables to eat;
Thus, high prices at the grocery stor will beat.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Clinton Revival**
**ogress**

vival services are in progress at the Clinton, North Carolina, Free Will st Church, closing with the service riday night, April 25. The services beginning nightly at 7:30 with the Billy Nowell as the visiting gelist. You are cordially invited to d the remainder of these services.

**y Grove Church, Albertson**
**bserve Homecoming**

ne Piney Grove Free Will Baptist rch of Albertson, will observe its ual homecoming on Sunday, April The day's activities will begin with day school at 10 a.m., followed with morning worship service at eleven. pastor, the Rev. Gurney Chase, will g the homecoming message. At the n hour a picnic lunch will be served ne church. At 1:15 p.m. there will be ogram of special singing.

ne pastor and the church membership cordially invite the neighboring rches, friends, former members, and er pastors to attend and to be in er that God will grant His blessings n the day's activities.

**rside Church to Host**
**e Fear Youth Rally**

ne Riverside Free Will Baptist Church mithfield will be host to the Cape Fear th Rally, Saturday evening, May 3. rally will begin at 7:30 and the youth ne district, as well as visitors, are d to be present.

**or Conducting**
**te Oak Church Revival**

ne Rev. Melvin T. Moore, pastor of te Oak Free Will Baptist Church, enboro, is doing the preaching for val services at the church which an Sunday, April 20, and will inue through Saturday evening, April Mr. Moore and the church members extend to everyone a warm welcome to attend the remainder of these services.

**First Church of Warsaw**
**Announces Spring Revival**



The First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw announces its spring revival for the week of April 28—May 3. The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, will be the guest speaker. He will be assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. John Raeford Lee. Special music is planned for each night. The public is cordially invited to be in attendance.

**Revival-Homecoming**
**At Plymouth Church**

Revival will begin on Monday, April 28, and continue through Saturday evening, May 3, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth. Services will begin nightly at 7:30, with special music planned for each night. The Rev. Floyd Burkey, pastor of the church, will be the speaker.

On Sunday, May 4, following the revival, the Plymouth church will observe its annual homecoming day. Following dinner served on the church grounds, an afternoon of special singing has been planned. A cordial invitation is issued to all to attend.

**Stancil's Chapel Youth Honors**
**Pastor and His Wife**

Sunday night, March 30, the YFA of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Godwin. The occasion was a surprise Pastor and Wife Appreciation Service.

The youth group had charge of the first part of the service with Wanda Pelle, president, giving a wonderful tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Godwin. The group then sang several songs, the favorites of Mr. and Mrs. Godwin.

Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Eleanor Pittman, president of the woman's auxiliary, speaking for the auxiliary; Avery Batten, a church deacon, speaking for the board of deacons; Bobby Hawley, son-in-law of the Godwins, speaking for the family; and, Russell Peele, Sunday school superintendent, speaking for the Sunday school. Other singing groups and solos were present during the service which rendered selections that the Godwins liked, and some that just went along with their lives.

The YFA group presented to Mrs. Godwin an orchid corsage and to Mr. Godwin a cornation boutonniere. A plaque was presented to them by Russell Peele from the church as a token of appreciation for nearly five years of faithful service to God and the church.

After the service, the youth group served refreshments to those attending. Mrs. Marie O'Brian, youth leader, states: ''We just had a good time of fellowship in the Lord. We thank God for sending this couple our way. Mr. Godwin preaches the Word in its fullness and really tries to live a Christian life before his fellowman.''

**Mount Zion Church**
**Announces Spring Revival**

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Cash Corner announces its spring revival for the week of April 28—May 3, beginning nightly at eight o'clock. The visiting minister will be the Rev. C. H. Overman, pastor of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. In each service there will be Bible preaching,

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**ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS**

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

**For May 4**



## GOD'S PRESENCE WITH MAN

**Lesson Text:** Psalm 139:1-12, 23, 24
**Memory Verse:** Psalm 139:3

### I. INTRODUCTION

The fact that God's presence is with us in every undertaking, when done in His name and for His glory, is one of the blessed assurances of the Christian's life. When the missionary goes to the foreign field God says, "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world." When the child of God starts out into some strange, unfamiliar endeavor God says, "Be of good courage, for I am with you." When the Christian lies upon the painful bed of affliction God says, "My rod and my staff, they will comfort you." When death comes to a loved one we hear Him say, "I am the resurrection and the life," and "Because I live, ye shall live also."

His presence may bring either comfort or conviction of sin. When we are in His will and are living the dedicated life we know His comfort. When we sin He searches our hearts, and points out to us those things which grieve Him and bring reproach to His name. In either instance we are blessed when we respond according to His good pleasure.

The lesson we have today is a good one for it takes us back to one of the most beautiful and assuring psalms of David. As we probe its verses may we seek the truth that will result in our better understanding His presence with us day by day.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. At a time of peace and prosperity, David sat down and began to meditate on how good and great God had been to him. This is always a wonderful exercise for the mind. It is always bad when a person never stops to think about God.

B. The fact that God is omniscient means that He knows everything. This includes all of the things about me that I would not like for the public and even my friends to know. This is a warning to those who would do wrong, but a blessing to those who feel misunderstood. God always understands us.

C. The fact that God is omnipresent means that God is everywhere. This is true, but it is also true that He is with His children in a very strange and different way. Whether we feel like it or not, He is with us. When we are troubled, He is with us. We can never get away from His presence. Glorious thought!

D. When we say that men must fear God, we do not mean that men must fear God as being something horrible, but that they should fear Him in the sense of standing in awe of Him. Our lesson this week gives us some of the outstanding reasons why men should stand in awe of God.

E. Why is it that some people seem to be much more conscious of the presence of God in their lives than do others? The answer seems to be in their minds. What do we think about? Those who think about God and His greatness and goodness will naturally be more conscious of His presence than do those who do not think about Him at all.—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Do you realize that God knows you better than you know yourself? Do you feel that because you are merely one of about three billion people on earth that God is not interested in you? Do you think He is concerned only with kings and queens, presidents and dictators?

Dr. Kyle M. Yates, a Baptist preacher, wrote: "Would it help or frighten you to know that His eye is upon you morning, noon, and night? Suppose you could see His eye peering through the ceiling at you and could feel His hand literally upon your hand. What would such knowledge do to you? How long could fears continue to hinder your life? What hope could the tempter have that he might control your life to his own devilish ends?"—From **Preaching from the Psalms**

Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote:

"Speak to Him thou for He hears, an
Spirit with Spirit can meet—
Closer is He than breathing, and nea
than hands and feet."

Let us turn to one of the most bea
psalms in the Bible to learn how
timately God is involved with us.—
**Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

B. Sometimes on parting we
"God be with you." From our lesso
know that God **is** everywhere present
is with every one of us. Our need
recognize His presence. To this end
parting sometimes uttered in Spa
has significance. It is **Vaya con Dios**
it means "Go with God." It is cer
that God is with us, but will we walk
Him?

And where shall we go with G
Since He is everywhere present, doe
not follow that we should go with Hi
whatever situation we find ourselv
Let us notice some of the specific ar
of our daily lives where we can
should walk with God.

**Prayer room.** It would seem obvi
that the place to begin one's nearnes
God is in the place of private prayer a
devotion. Indeed, if we do not spend ti
in His presence here, it is doubtful if
recognize His presence with
anywhere.

**Home.** God, who knows
"downsitting" and our "uprising,"
not unmindful of even little things in
lives. The activities about the home ta
on new significance when we inclu
God in the family circle. Loving a
sharing seem to be the natural things
do with Christ by our side. How grea
do we need to know the presence of G
with us in our homes!

**Church.** In the church, as in t
prayer room, we expect God to
present (whether we are there or not
Yet, do we go anticipating fellowsh
with our Lord? And having drawn near
Him in worship and communion, do
feel that we have left Him at the chur
when we have returned to our homes?
this is our experience, then our less
today should serve to open our eyes
what we have been missing by not livi
in God's presence all week.

**Community.** We may find it mo
difficult to experience the presence
God in the community. But here is whe
it is especially needed. And did not Jes
say, "Lo, I am with you alway"? W
know that every person is of value in t

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# STORIES

## for our youth



### THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING HEN

by
Norma Cournow Camp

HERE, chicky, chicky,'' called Robin. ''Here, chicky.'' Her , red hair blew in the wind as she ran ss the farmyard with the pail of feed. ound of clucking arose from the ken yard. ''Hello, friends,'' she ed to her prize hens and stately ter. ''How are things today, ilda? Any complaints, Henrietta? Oh, wish I'd fill the water pan because empty. Well, I'd be glad to.''

obin ran water into the pan and ped into the henhouse to collect the s. ''Good work, girls,'' Robin sed as she came out with some eggs er basket. ''That gives me enough s to use at the house and a dozen to I'll sell them this afternoon, and I can give my nickel offering at day school tomorrow.''

he next day, Sunday school opening cises were about over in the junior artment at Valley Springs Church n Pastor Bowling stood up to make announcement. ''There's something like to share with you,'' he said ly. ''John Hunter is ready to go to mission field of Africa, but he doesn't quite enough money to pay his boat ticket to get there. He ds help now. Perhaps next Sunday e of you would like to give a special ring to help him.''

he superintendent said, ''Pastor ling, I'm sorry to hear this. Boys and , let's pray for Mr. Hunter, and next day let's give a special offering. If yone in the department could earn a ar this week for the offering, it would a part of the boat ticket.''

obin wondered how she could ever raise a dollar in one week's time. She earned only fifty cents a week from her eggs, and she did give her offering of a nickel from it, but now she needed a whole dollar at once. She really did want to help, but how could she?

On the way home from Sunday school, Robin was very quiet. Finally Mother said, ''Robin, are you sick? You're never this quiet.''

''No, I'm not sick, but I've got a problem,'' said Robin thoughtfully. ''Mr. Hunter needs money to get to Africa. He can't pay for a boat ticket. They asked each of us in Sunday school to raise a dollar, a whole dollar, to give next Sunday so we could pay for part of the ticket. How can I get a dollar in one week?''

''I have an idea,'' said Mother. ''Why don't you sell one of your hens? You'd make over a dollar on that.''

''Sell one of my hens!'' said Robin. ''I can't do that. All of them together now only lay enough eggs for us and one dozen for me to sell.''

All Sunday afternoon Robin tried to do one thing and then another. Nothing seemed fun. She just had to get a dollar, and there seemed only one way. She walked slowly out to the henhouse and stood looking through the wire at her chickens. They were like friends. Which one could she possibly sell? Matilda, Henrietta, or whom?

That night she dreamed of chickens pointing their wings at her accusingly and clucking loudly. When she woke up, she knew there was only one answer. She'd have to sell Henrietta.

On Monday Robin walked very slowly home from school. As she came dragging sadly into the house, Mother called to her. ''Robin, I think we'd better have a talk. Which is more important to you, your hens or God's work?''

Robin's green eyes saddened. ''I hadn't thought of it that way, I guess. I know God's work is more important to me.'' She looked at her mother. ''Will you ask Daddy to take Henrietta to the market tomorrow when he goes?''

Tuesday and Wednesday went by slowly, and Robin hated to go to the henhouse. Henrietta was gone, and Matilda's eyes seemed to look at Robin accusingly. Then on Thursday a strange thing happened. When Robin went to feed the chickens, she couldn't find Matilda anywhere.

''Oh, Mother,'' said Robin on Saturday morning. ''I don't want to feed my chickens that are left. I think they all hate me.''

''Are you sorry you sold Henrietta, Robin?'' asked Mother.

''No, I know it's right, and I'm glad I have the money to give to the Lord's work,'' said Robin.

Sunday morning Robin felt a special happiness as she dropped the crisp dollar into the offering plate. The junior department raised a good part of what Mr. Hunter needed, and Robin was glad she had done her part. It's surely nice to give to God's work and to be a Christian, she thought.

In the afternoon when Robin started toward the henhouse, she heard a strange, squeaky sound.

Robin ran across the yard. Yes, it **was** coming from the henhouse, but it was coming from **under**, not in, the house. Robin peered under the henhouse, and there was Matilda. ''Matilda, you didn't run away after all,'' said Robin. Then Robin squealed in surprise.

Mother heard Robin squeal and came running from the house. ''What's the matter, Robin? Are you hurt?'' called Mother.

''It's wonderful, Mother,'' called Robin. ''God is so wonderful. Just look what He has given me.''

Mother got to the henhouse just in time to see Matilda squeeze out from under it, and six wobbly baby chicks trying to follow her.

''Oh, Mother,'' said Robin. ''I gave God one of my hens, and He has given me six new chicks in her place.''

''What a surprise!'' said Mother. ''Matilda must have been secretly sitting on those eggs for weeks.

''She's terrific,'' Robin said. ''What do you think I should name the chicks?'' Then Robin and Mother laughed together.—Selected

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. H. M. Minchew announces that he is available for pastoral services, part time or full time. He has pastored the following churches: Piney Grove (his home church), New Sandy Hill, Black Jack Grove, and Calvary (which he organized) in the Western Conference; Watery Branch and St. John in the Central Conference; Warsaw and Piney Grove in the Eastern Conference; St. Paul, Smithfield, and Lanwood Chapel in the Cape Fear Conference; Hickory Grove and Mt. Calvary (twice) in the Rockfish Conference; and, Mt. Tabor in the Albermarle Conference. He prefers a church without a parsonage as he owns his own home. Mr. Minchew has also served on the missions board for 18 years and has been president of the Ministers' Conference.

Any church interested in his services as pastor or supply work may contact him by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by telephoning Fremont 242-5625, after 7:15 p.m.

The Rev. Jimmy Webster states that he is available for pastoral work beginning in July, 1975. He was ordained by the Albemarle Conference and has held both part-time and full-time pastorates. You may contact him by writing Route 1, Box 300, Beulaville, North Carolina 28518; or telephoning 298-4104.

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work as of July 1, 1975. He is also open for evangelistic or revival services. Any church or churches interested may contact him at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by calling 524-5186.

The Rev. J. Albert Harris announces that he is available for the pastorate of churches. He is able to make arrangements immediately. He will also

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# "THE LIGHT STILL SHINES"

# 1975 DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SERIES WORKSHOP

## Saturday, May 3

### Ayden, North Carolina

### Registration, 9:30 A. M.—Classes Begin, 10 A. M.

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appy to substitute or work with izing and training choirs, should services be desired. He may be cted by writing 19 White Oak t, Jacksonville, North Carolina 0; or telephoning working hours, lay through Friday, (919) 451- evenings and weekends, (919) 1612.

e Rev. J. R. Matthis announces that seeking a full-time or part-time rate. Any church interested in his ces may contact him at 600 Cutchin t, Clinton, North Carolina 28328; hone 592-5436.

## unday School Lesson

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of God, but does every person m we meet know this? Perhaps not. if he knows that from us he can ive loving consideration, his eyes be opened also to the love of God. ly, if we ''go with God'' to school, to , and to the marketplace, God's ence will make us aware of and itive to people and conditions around

**—Standard Lesson Commentary**

## NEWS NOTES

el singing, and spiritual fellowship. pastor, the Rev. Elbert E. Edwards, the congregation cordially invite the lic to attend and be much in prayer hese services.

**t Church, Goldsboro, edules Spring Revival**



The First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro will hold its spring revival the week of April 28—May 2, with the Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg, as the guest minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the pastor, the Rev. Earl H. Glenn, assisting. Special music will be rendered each evening by visiting singers. A nursery will also be provided for the benefit of mothers with small children.

Mr. Patrick is widely known as a pastor-evangelist throughout North Carolina. He is a past president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and the recipient of the ''Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year'' award.

## Church Auxiliaries

obligations and duties of the district youth work, if she so desires.

2. The convention send $25 to help defray the expenses of the Youth Convention on April 26.

3. In lieu of the executive committee's expense, a contribution of $25 be sent to the Retirement Homes Inc. fund.

4. That we give $5 to each of the runner-ups in the declamation and essay contest.

5. To discontinue the ''Woman of the Year'' presentation on the district level.

6. To give to Randy Faircloth, our adopted son, a graduation gift from high school of $150 for the purchase of a suit of clothes and other expenses.

By recommendation of the finance committee and a vote of the convention, $75 will be sent to each of the following: Home Missions, Children's Home, Camp Vandemere, Mount Olive College, and Cragmont Assembly.

Officers for the ensuing year of 1975-1976 were installed as follows by Mrs. Carol Hansley: President, Mrs. John W. Taylor; vice-president, Mrs. Rena Kirk; secretary, Mrs. Nelson Simpson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Matthew Prescott; treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard; field secretary, Mrs. Rivers Winstead; missions chairman, Mrs. G. E. Gray; youth chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Kennedy; assistant youth chairman, Mrs. Judith Kennedy; study course chairman, Mrs. Richard Bryan; program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Cynthia Smith; benevolence chairman, Mrs. Esther Sumner. The dedicatory prayer for this service was offered by the Rev. Ralph Sumner.

The next convention will convene with the Arapahoe church.

Approximately 200 were in attendance at the convention.

The financial statement showed that money received for the day (including the balance in the treasury) amounted to $1,090.24. After the disbursements there was left a balance in the treasury of $108.34.

The convention gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church for its very warm and sincere hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson, **Secretary**

### MRS. PTTTMAN RECEIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



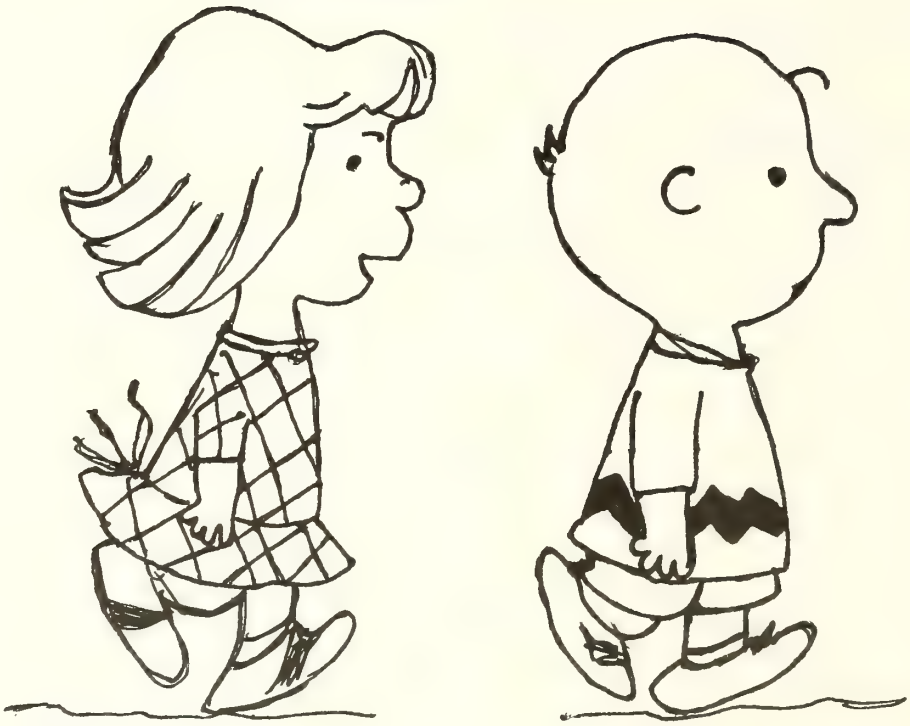
The Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, met at the church on March 17 to begin its Pre-Easter Week of Prayer. The service was directed by Mrs. Clyde Cox.

Immediately following the program the group visited the home of Mrs. Mittie Pittman, a faithful member who has been a shut-in for sometime. The auxiliary presented to Mrs. Pittman a Life Membership Award and a Membership Certificate, along with a woman's auxiliary pin. The presentation was made by the president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Mina Watson, assisted by Mrs. Pittman's daughter, Mrs. Alma Gray. Mrs. Watson also offered a prayer of dedication for each one present.

After an enjoyable visit, good-byes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Pittman and the members of the family.

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"Where you going?"



"State Youth Fellowship Convention. Hurry so we can see the rest of the gang!"

# STATE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION

## Kenan Auditorium, Kenansville, N. C.

## Saturday, April 26, 1975, 10 o'clock

**Registration 9:45 A. M.**

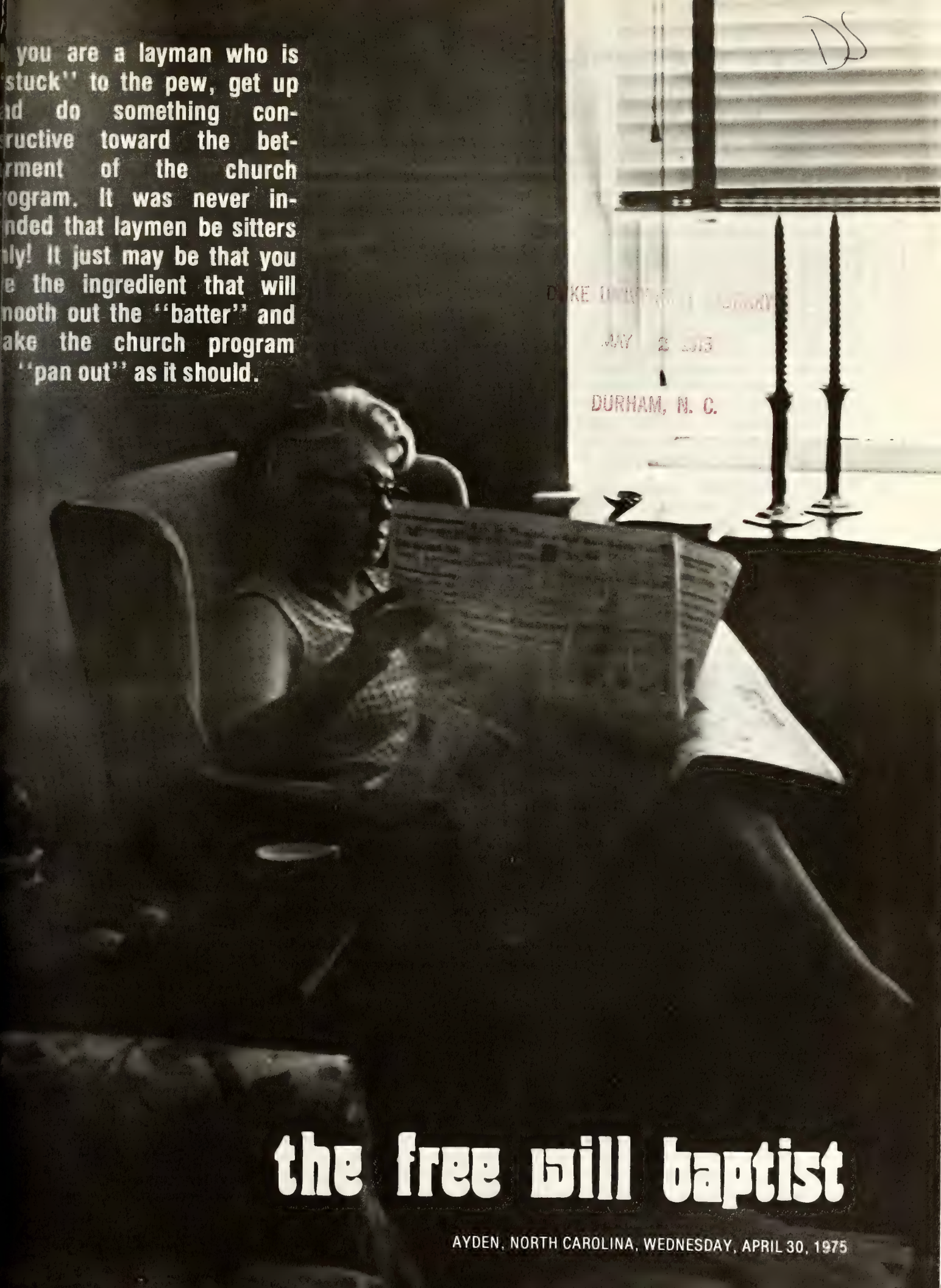
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*Declamations* *Essays*

*Lunch Catered by Wilbur's*

*See you there!*



you are a layman who is stuck'' to the pew, get up d do something con- ructive toward the bet- rment of the church ogram. It was never in- nded that laymen be sitters ly! It just may be that you e the ingredient that will nooth out the ''batter'' and ake the church program ''pan out'' as it should.

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# the free will baptist

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1975

# EDITORIAL...

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## LAYMEN WEREN'T INTENDED TO SIT ONLY!

To get off on the right foot, we might as well give a definition of a layman. In religious connotations, a layman is a member of the church as distinguishied from the clergy; that is, a person (man or woman) who holds membership in some religious order, organization, or church body, and who is not a minister—neither licensed nor ordained. So, in familiar terms, a layman is sometimes called a *parishioner* or a *church member*.

If laymen did all that they are supposed to do, churches would be packed every time the doors were open. If these people did what they are supposed to do, new wings would have to be built onto church buildings to accommodate all the various programs that increased interest would promote. If laymen did all that they are supposed to do, names would be added to the church roll each Sunday and, more importantly, be included in the Lamb's Book of Life—the heavenly roll. If laymen did all that they are supposed to do, the minister could do a more effective job (with less effort) and would find his work so fulfilling and rewarding that it would be a joy rather than labor. If laymen did all that they are supposed to do, there would be no bickering in the church, no hurt feelings to soothe, no derogation of other persons, no financial trouble within the church—in short, no problem at all!

But! Laymen *do not* do all that they're supposed to do. Isn't that surprising? They never have, and they never will do all that they're supposed to do. They'll do enough to get by—sort of like trying to get to heaven on a shoestring; and, a meager effort on their part will be considered by them as their supreme sacrifice for the Lord's kingdom. With such an attitude, they can accomplish about as much as a horse who tries to grow feathers! The only flying horse this writer has ever encountered was Pegasus in Greek mythology, and no intelligent person we know believes that he ever existed.

Laymen have their excuses, certainly. Their making a livelihood or providing a comfortable home for themselves and their families acts as a deterrent to their diligent participation in church activity—so they say; but, here we go again! Until we're out of breath, we must reiterate that one can *always* find time for his *pleasure* and should, therefore, find (or make) some *time for his Lord*! Laymen should not knock themselves out by doing what properly falls in the category of "Preacher's Work"; nevertheless, laymen should *not* designate as "Preacher's Work" such things that in actuality are their (the laymen's) duties. Why, we've known some ministers who open the church, turn on the lights, turn on the air conditioning (or heat, as needed), straighten the hymnals in their racks, sweep the steps, pick up scrap paper, trim the hedges, mow the lawn—and, well, we could go on for a mile of print and still have further to go! Is our point clear? If not, pity on you laymen who are so oblivious to reality that you can't see the *"church for the pew."*

Laymen have an important place in the Lord's work. They are a necessary part of His kingdom. They can make or break the church program and can be an effective asset or liability (as the case may be) to the evangelizing of souls and bringing persons to a saving knowledge of their Lord and/or to a closer walk with Him.

Idle Christians are like broken machinery—*useless*! Are you, as a lay member, doing your share of the work? Are you carrying your load, or are you burdening somebody else with your responsibilities and then criticizing that person for the way he is carrying them?

Laymen were intended to be *workers*. When they became church members, this was one of their promises—to advance the kingdom of God. Laymen should be standers, runners, carriers of the good news—benefits to the kingdom's cause. Contrary to what the norm may be, and contrary to what may be thought to be acceptable: Laymen *were not* and *are not* intended to be sitters only! If, then, you are a layman and you find yourself sitting too much, *get up* and *get busy*!



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# JESUS AND THE SINNER

by Calvin Mercer Jr.

WHETHER it be a country farmer or a city businessmen, a grader or a college grad, I think the dest thing for any human to do is to it that he is a dirty sinner, doomed a hell he fully deserves.

is simply against our human nature dmit that we are totally depraved tures without any hope of salvation ur own. Yet the whole Bible, from the book to the last, cries out that we just that.

once heard a man say, while talking group of college students about the ability of the Bible, that the Bible is book man would not have written, n if he could have. The reason he e was that the Bible paints such a k picture of a man. If man had written Bible, he would have played up the dness of men. Yet God's Word is ar, ". . . There is none righteous, no, one" (Romans 3:10).

Even a casual aquaintance with the ts and "isms" that are sweeping ny campuses today will reveal that h talk of solutions for man. The utions range from realizing that we are ine, to soul travel, to the ever-popular ood works." And yet, I firmly believe t we cannot and should not talk of a ution until we really come to grips with problem.

### The Problem

And the problem, as shouted out and lled out by God's Word, is that we are ners. Not him, not her, but you and Personal sin—personal guilt. We not be saved until we understand and it that we personally are lost.

Furthermore, we cannot fully unstand Jesus until we recognize our fulness, for Paul declared in 1 othy 1:15: "This is a faithful saying, d worthy of all acception, that Christ sus came into the world to save ners; . . ."

t is an interesting thought that we not be saved unless we are a sinner, cause Christ ". . . came not to call the hteous, but sinners to repentance" ke 5:32). Christ came to die for you d me.

But if anyone would venture to claim t he does not need a Saviour, he uld realize that God's Word says that . . all have sinned, and come short of glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

The Bible talks much about sin. For this reason, many view the Christian faith as a negative religion. But what a sad misunderstanding! When the Bible talks about sin, it is not being negative but positive, for it everywhere talks about the perfect solution for that sin.

The Bible does not talk about sin to make us feel badly. It talks about sin to make us feel good because it reveals the absolute answer for man's sin.

It is when we, by the Word of God, look up at the glorious Father and recognize His perfect holiness, His total righteousness, and His absolute standard, that we see just how small and unworthy we are. When we see God as the Bible reveals Him, we will recognize that we must have a salvation that cleanses us from all sin. Only then can we appropriate the solution God has provided for that sin.

### The Solution

That solution is Jesus and His death on the Cross. ". . . without shedding of blood there is no remission (of sins)" (Hebrews 9:22). And the blood of bulls and goats will never take away the sins of the world. So the blood of Christ is the only thing that can save us. Jesus said, ". . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

So salvation results from man turning to God, which consist of two things—repentance and faith in Jesus. Biblical repentance means that we recognize our personal sin and guilt, desire to be pardoned, and change our mind with regard to sin.

Repentance is not and must never be considered a work to perform. The Roman Catholic Church has made a terrible blunder in this area. Repentance is not something we do over a period of time, but a condition of the heart that is necessary before we can place our faith in Jesus.

But once we truly recognize our sin problem and desire to be rid of it, we must then turn to the only One who can take that sin away. Recognizing that Jesus died for my sin, I believe on Him. To "believe," in the true scriptural sense of the word, involves an acceptance.

Salvation is a free gift from God. You don't have to work for a gift, but you do have to accept it. So we are saved when we accept Jesus as our personal Saviour. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, . . ." (John 1:14). It is important to realize that this act of salvation takes place instantly. Being saved is something a person does only once in his life. A person is lost one second and when he, with a repentant heart, accepts God's gift of salvation by receiving Christ into his heart, he is saved the next second.

### Two Kinds of People

The Bible makes it clear that there are two kinds of people in the world: saved and lost. There is no such thing as being half saved or almost saved.

A key passage that every Christian should be familiar with is 1 John 5:11-13. Verse 11 makes it clear that God offers salvation to men only through Jesus Christ. Verse 12 points out that a person is either saved or lost, depending on whether or not he has Jesus in his heart. Verse 13 confidently proclaims that Christians (those who believe) can know (not think or hope), but know they are saved on the basis of the first two verses.

It is only when we really understand sin, and what Jesus did on the Cross, that we can have a clear understanding of how we can be saved. So many of the false doctrines today, many of which use the Bible, teach a salvation by "works." This perhaps is the most common error in doctrine by our churches today. Any emphasis on salvation by works is unscriptural, makes Christ's death on the Cross meaningless, and leads to many practical problems in the Christian's daily walk.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4
Scripture Reading—Romans 11:5

GOING FORWARD

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of growth in grace. To healthy life, growth is absolutely necessary. Indeed, it may be questioned whether there is real, true life at all where there is no growth. It is true in other spheres than the spiritual, whether it be in plant life or animal life, or any other kind of life you choose to mention, that, unless there be growth and development, there is decay and destruction.—Rev. Hector Mackinnon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is impossible to remain at a standstill in this busy world. Will we surge forward, or regress?*

MONDAY, MAY 5
Scripture Reading—Matthew 15: 7, 8

YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD

You can fool the hapless public,
  You can be a subtle fraud,
You can hide your little meanness,
  But you can't fool God!

You can advertise your virtues,
  You can self-achievement laud,
You can load yourself with riches,
  But you can't fool God!

You can criticize the Bible,
  You can be a selfish clod,
You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble
  But you can't fool God!

—Granville Kleiser

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In spite of all our pompous brilliance, God realizes that all that glitters is not gold; occasionally our veneer is so thin even ordinary people can see through it.*

TUESDAY, MAY 6
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:32

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
  It's the thing you leave undone—
That gives you a bit of a heartache
  At the setting of the sun,
The tender word forgotten;
  The letter you did not write;
The flowers you did not send, dear,
  Are your haunting ghosts at night.

For life is all too short, dear,
  And sorrow is all too great
To suffer our slow compassion
  That tarries until too late;
And it isn't the thing you do, dear,
  It's the thing you leave undone
That gives you a bit of a heartache,
  At the setting of the sun.

—Homer A. Rodeheaver

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Some of the most pathetic words in our vocabulary are what might have been. Let us live so that these words will not cause us pangs of regret.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 14:14

MODERN LIFE'S THREE WORDS

Someone has said that modern life can be spelled in three words, "Hurry, worry, bury." One thinks of a senator who was asked, as he rushed breathlessly along, "What do you think of the world crisis?" He replied, "Don't bother me; I'm in a hurry to make a radio speech. A crisis like this is no time to think!" The Bible has as much to say about resting as about working. Our Lord would have us come apart and rest awhile, for if we don't we will come apart!—Vance Havner

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is quite true that haste makes waste, and when we fail to take time away from our hurry and worry we will probably have to make time for bury.*

THURSDAY, MAY 8
Scripture Reading—Psalm 30:5

"I LEARN"

"I learn as the years roll onward,
  And leave the past behind,
That much I have counted sorrow
  But proves that my Lord was kind;
That many a flower I longed for
  Had a hidden thorn of pain;
And many a rocky bypath
Led to fields of golden grain."
—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God works in mysterious ways a until we see the final results we oft suspect that He has lost track of and is confused. Do not fret, our G is in full command.*

FRIDAY, MAY 9
Scripture Reading—Titus 2:4

"THE HAND THAT ROCKS"

"They say that man is mighty,
  He governs land and sea;
He wields a mighty scepter
  On lower powers than he.
"But mightier power and stronger
  Man from his throne has hurled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
  Is the hand that rules the world."
—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A mother's influence is mighty. Sh has the opportunity to mold and sha a young body and mind. We have great need of Christian mothers.*

SATURDAY, MAY 10
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

*"SHE DOES NOT LOVE US LESS, BUT MORE!"*

"To think of mother is to recall he unselfish devotion, her limitless unfaltering love through good and ev report, never wavering, but growin stronger and stronger with the years and to remember that she ask nothing in return for herself; she ask of us and for us that we be good me and women. If we fail, she does no love us less, but more. Wonderful constant, miraculous mother' try to get love!"—John Burke

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we consider God's perfec love—a mother's love is more un derstandable. Mothers and father have a kinship with God i manifesting creation which produce a unique love.*

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**TROUBLE**

We should never attempt to bear mor than one kind of trouble at a time. Som people try to bear three kinds—all the have had, all they have now, and all the expect to have.—Edward Everett Hale




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Please explain, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter" (2 Corinthians 12:2-4). How could he have had this experience in a literal way and live?

**Answer:** This experience Paul describes here as having was one of many miracles that God used to help those who had them and those who needed to know of God's miraculous dealings with men and women He chose for this in the transition period. During this period the Jews were being rejected and God was preparing the church, each member of it, in which to deposit His truth as given in the gospel of Christ.

The Jews had been God's media through which to make His plan of salvation known to every individual soul throughout the whole lost world. It is written of the generation of Israel that came out of Egypt, ". . . the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play" (Exodus 32:6). It was also true of those in John the Baptist's and Christ's days on earth. The Jewish nation was materialistic, with a few beautiful exceptions as seen in Simeon, Anna, and others. These regarded the temporary things with a more devoted regard than heavenly things. They were like Esau who would rather go hunting and marry two Canaanite women than to stay with and enjoy the special inheritance God bequeathed to Abraham and then to Issac and Jacob.

God has provided a .wonderful salvation in Christ; but we, who profess to be saints as a whole, have grown complacent and most of the time show little concern for the lost. Telling us of such things as God has told us in this passage of Scripture through Paul should have a sobering effect on every Christian who reads it; even though we have been admonished to not sleep on such matters as the world does, but to be vigilant and awake to the conditions around us that testify of His soon coming.

The Scriptures make it crystal clear that He is coming on schedule, on God the Father's plan, for none else know when this time is to be. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. . . . Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matthew 24:36, 42). So He is going to catch the relaxed, complacent Christian unaware. But that will be the fault of those only that have not taken pains to read the Bible and meditate on its message. Those who become indifferent enough not to be winning souls for Christ are among those to be judged at the judgment seat of Christ.

Dr. L. T. Talbot has said on Pages 169, 170 in his book **Bible Questions Explained:**

"Paradise and heaven are now one and the same place. Paul said, in the passage you quote that he was 'caught up to the third heaven.' Then he added that he was 'caught up into paradise,' evidently referring to the same event.

"There are three heavens mentioned in the Bible: First, where the birds and clouds are; hence 'the birds of the heaven.' Second, there is the realm of the sun, moon, and stars; hence 'the stars of the heaven.' And third, heaven is God's dwelling place. This is the meaning of 1 Kings 8:27: 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; . . .' This is where Paul was 'caught up.' It is now identical with paradise. However, before the resurrection and ascension of Christ, paradise was a waiting place for the spirits of the redeemed, a part of Sheol or Hades."

There is one thing sure and that is that Christ is to return at a given time and place. We need to lay aside each notion we have of being a permanent resident of earth's planet and prepare for the exodus God's Word offers. "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. . . . And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes" (Luke 12:40, 47); "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

## Coming Events . . .

May 3— Vacation Bible School Workshop, Ayden, North Carolina, with Registration Beginning at 9:30 A. M.

May 3—9 A. M.—6 P. M., Christian Music Festival, Eagles Nest Conference Center, Mount Olive College

May 7—4 P. M., Commencement Worship Service, Rodgers Chapel; 7 P. M., Graduation Exercise, Moye Library Lawn, Mount Olive College

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia




**ATTENTION, WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES!**

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**SMITH'S NEW HOME AUXILIARY WOMAN OF THE YEAR**



The Woman's Auxiliary of Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, recently honored Mrs. Sadie Hill as its ''Woman of the Year.''

Mrs. Hill, affectionately known as ''Mrs. Sadie,'' was born October 2, 1902, in Lenoir County and was reared by her grandparents, Henry and Frances Hill. As a young child, ''Mrs. Sadie'' was taught to love Jesus, always to live a Christian life, and when problems did arise, to take them to the Lord.

After her grandmother died, when she was only a girl of eleven, ''Mrs. Sadie'' was to take over the household duties: the washing, ironing, cooking, and gardening—in addition to going to school. A typical day would find her getting up before day to cook breakfast and dinner for her ''pa'' and then walking to school. After school she would come home to do the household chores.

During the summer months her time was spent in the fields: hoeing, chopping, and plowing.

She graduated from the seventh grade which was as high as the grading system went at that time. After her schooling was over, she became a full-time housekeeper for her grandfather, until she met and married Herman Hill.

Over the years ''Mrs. Sadie'' has attended, taught, and started Sunday school classes wherever she worshiped. She has served as secretary and treasurer of her Sunday school.

When there were no prayer meetings, ''Mrs. Sadie'' and ''Mr. Herman'' held cottage prayer meetings in their home. Together, they have witnessed for the Lord for almost fifty years.

After uniting with the Smith's New Home church at the age of 13, she later became a charter member of the Smith's New Home Woman's Auxiliary. She has served the auxiliary as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, program chairman, and study course chairman. She has represented her church at conventions, conferences, and union meetings.

''Mrs. Sadie'' has always attended her church regularly, and anytime there are revivals held in nearby churches, she has always made an effort to get there. Anytime anyone is sick, she is right there to lend a helping hand.

Together, ''Mrs. Sadie'' and ''Mr. Herman'' have reared six children, trying to instill in them the importance of living a good Christian life. They also have twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

To live a good Christian life and to be living witness to others have been th bases of ''Mrs. Sadie's'' life.

Respectfully submitte
Mrs. Clarence L. Smi
Mrs. W. C. Smith
Mrs. J. B. Blizzard

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**ALYNE ELMORE CIRCLE INSTALLS OFFICERS**

The newly formed Alyne Elmore Circ of the Woman's Auxiliary of Lee's Chap Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn he its installation services for its officers Tuesday night, April 8.

The Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor the church, was in charge of a mo impressive candlelight service in whi not only officers but charter membe participated.

The newly installed officers were follows: Phillis Thornton, chairma Peggy Branch, cochairman; Pat Godwin, secretary; Gaile McLam treasurer. Other charter members of t circle included Bonnie Wilkes, Beve Jackson, Patsy Eason, Delores Norr and Sheila Jackson. Phillis Thornton, t newly elected chairman, led the circle a short business session; after whi she shared the happiness she has fou in being a Christian. Her words we based on the subject, ''Happiness Witnessing.''

The meeting closed with prayer a refreshments served in the fellowsh hall of the church. Approximately twent five members and guests were in a tendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Pattie W. Godwin, Secreta

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**PRACTICING CHRISTIANS**

Some years ago I was asked recommend to a rental agent the splend Christian ladies who compose t Southside Witness to Israel in Chicago wrote, ''What's a practicing Christian?

I replied, ''A practicing Christian is debt-paying, neighbor-loving, la abiding, Christ-glorifying person— person who practices what preaches.''

Are you a practicing Christian?

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## HOPPER BROTHERS AND CONNIE

Talented, exciting, versatile, refreshing, and uplifting—these are all terms that have been applied to the Hopper Brothers and Connie, and rightfully so, for they are all of these and more. This group of dedicated Christians has sung their way into hearts of thousands all across the United States via television, radio, and concerts. Billed by some as "The Most Unique Gospel Group in America," the Hopper Brothers and Connie present a program that will leave the audience wanting more and more of the enthusiasm and vitality that they are noted for.



The Hopper Brothers and Connie consists of brothers Claude and Will Hopper; Claude's wife, Connie; bass singer, Lee Chilton; pianist, Roger Talley; bass guitarist, Barry McGee; and drummer, Dean Hopper, who is Claude and Connie's son. Connie has written many of the songs the group sings and she was also nominated as a finalist for Queen of Gospel Music, 1973.

The Hopper Brothers and Connie is one of twelve groups that will be participating in the Christian Music Festival to be held at Eagles Nest Conference Center on Saturday, May 3. Other groups that will be appearing on the program are: The Boys of Bethlehem from Jacksonville, The Foundations from Pikeville, The Messengers from New Bern, The Miles Family from Pink Hill, The New Creations from Mount Olive College, The Prescott Family from Grantsboro, The Revelators from Fayetteville, The Sing Samaritans from Wallace, The Wise Family from Selma, The Young and United from Wade, and The Young World Singers from Vanceboro.

The program will begin at 9 a.m., and will continue until approximately 6 p.m. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. Lunch will be catered by Wilber's of Goldsboro at a cost of $2 per plate. Make your plans now to join these groups for this occasion and "Just Praise the Lord."

### READERS' SAY-SO

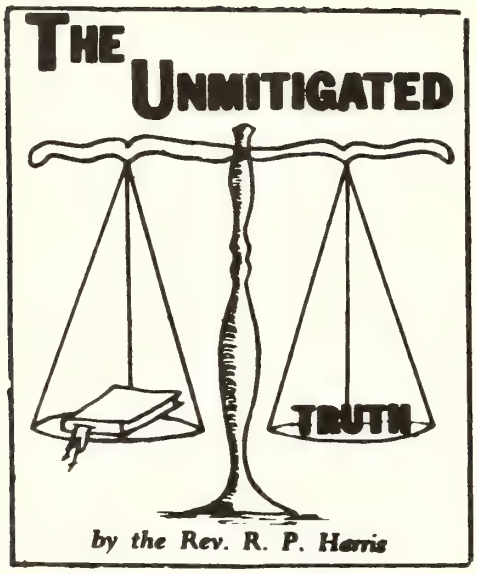
Dear Editor and Staff:

As I renew my subscription to your fine paper, I would like to say a few words of thanks to you for the wonderful job that you do from week to week in covering all of our Free Will Baptist news. I can hardly wait until Wednesday, when I receive my paper each week, and must go all through it before I stop.

I realize that it takes lots of work—and burning the midnight oil to turn out such an excellent paper—and I just want you to know that I do appreciate every minute that you spend in preparing this paper each week.

May God continue to bless you in this inspiring work, and keep the "Baptist" coming my way—please!

Sincerely yours,
Hazel Casey
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Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530




Scriptural basis: ''Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God'' (Romans 6:13).

### THE YIELDED EARS

We are concentrating on the **Yielded life.** Our previous episode dealt with the **Yielded Eyes.** Now, let us look into the use and the nonuse of our ears. The Christian has the presence of the Holy Spirit whose business it is to help him determine what is right for his ears to hear and what is wrong for his ears to hear. Surely we believe in the use of our wills, but the Holy Spirit helps us choose the right and to reject the wrong. I will mention three ways our ears may be yielded to God.

First, yielded ears are deaf to gossip. ''. . . refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness'' (1 Timothy 4:7). One of the devil's most prized tools is **gossip**. This is the first evil man (or woman) ever encountered. It took place in the Garden of Eden when Satan (the devil) used Eve to spread a little gossip to Adam. There are many so-called Christians that can do more damage with a lush piece of gossip than any other evil. It takes much of a **sincere** Christian's time heading off and disengaging the powerful thrusts of the evil of gossip. Clergymen and organized religious groups are forever clashing with the onslaughts and evil devastations of gossip.

Christians are urged to ''. . . keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called'' (1 Timothy 6:20). The person whose ears are yielded to God can honor the Lord and his fellow beings by holding sacred a trust committed unto Him. All of God's people, as well as the ungodly, suffer untold agony because of the evil of spreading cultivated and or aggravated gossip.

Second, yielded ears are open to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We need to acquire the habits, as it were, of sitting at the feet of Jesus (see Luke 10:39) and learning from Him. This is done by reading the Holy Bible, meditating upon it, and putting to use the knowledge imparted to us. Jesus always speaks to the humble, to the obedient, and to those seeking Him. Time is precious and we need to use it with the uttermost care and commitment. The best use of time is when we listen to Jesus as He speaks to our hearts.

In the third place, our ears are yielded to be obedient to God's message. I have been a regular Free Will Baptist pastor since January, 1936, and the greatest problem I have had in all these years is to convince people that they should hear and obey the message God is revealing unto them from His Holy Word. Their ears hear but they will not practice t obedience to the messages God revea unto them. When an angel of the Lo spoke to Philip (Acts 8:26), sayin ''. . . Arise, and go toward the south un the way that goeth down from Jer salem unto Gaza, which is desert Philip obeyed immediately. Many pe ple want to question God's me sage and they complain if they have to go to any trouble or if they have suffer any discomforts or disadvantage This is not only true with regards to t laity, but it is true with the clergy. Ma of our ministers question a pasto committee whose church membership seeking the services of a pastor. Th want to know about the ''frin benefits'' or if the parsonage is a conditioned! Yielded ears will obedient unto God's commands and w not doubt God's Word. In obedience his work, the man of God is obliged proclaim the gospel whether the peop hear it or if they do not hear!

### ACCOMPLISHMENT

Nearly two thirds of all the greates deeds ever performed by huma beings—the victories in battle, th greatest books, the greatest pictures an statues—have been accomplished afte the age of sixty.—Albert Edwar Wiggam

## SPECIAL BULLETIN

There will be a Home Missions banquet on Saturday, May 17, at 12 noon.

### Where?

In the banquet room of the Bar-B-Que Lodge in Fayetteville. It is located on the right as you enter Fayetteville, going south on Highway 95.

### Who Is Invited?

Everybody who is associated with Home Missions is invited. This includes all board members and their families, all home missionaries and their families, volunteer workers, and all mission members who wish to come. We are making big plans and we want as many as will come. This will be an excellent opportunity for everybody to get acquainted and we would like for every missionary to be present.

### What About the Cost?

No travel expenses will be reimbursed by this department. The family style meal will consist of barbecued pork, fried chicken, and Brunswick stew, at a cost of $3.33 per plate.

Please clip the following and return to the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

How many people will you bring? _____

Sign here _____

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Springs Revival**
**gress**

ival services are in progress this at the Holly Springs Free Will t Church located on the Nine Mile Newport. Services will continue h Friday evening, May 2, with the obert May of Ahoskie as the guest er. A prayer room is being ed at 7 p. m., with revival services ing at 7:30. Also a nursery is ed for the young children. Each is featuring good gospel ing and special music. The , the Rev. J. B. Starnes, and the gation extend to everyone a invitation to attend the remainder e services.

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**Creek Church to**
**ve Homecoming**

Core Creek Free Will Baptist h of Cove City will observe its l homecoming on Sunday, May 4. day's activities will begin with y school at 9:45 a.m., followed he morning worship at eleven. A lunch will be served at the noon

pastor, the Rev. C. B. Hansley, with the church membership, s a warm welcome to former s, all members, and friends of the to attend and enjoy a day of an worship and fellowship.

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**ie Bullman to Conduct**
**t Creek Revival**

Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of irst Free Will Baptist Church of , will be the guest speaker for services at the Walnut Creek Free hurch, LaGrange, the week of May . The Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor church, will be assisting Mr. an in the services which will begin at 7:30. Along with good ing each night, special music will e rendered. The public is cordially l to attend.

**Stancil's Chapel Youth Honors Pastor and His Wife**



(Through error this article was printed in the last issue of the ''Baptist'' without the picture. We apologize for this and are reprinting the article.)

Sunday night, March 30, the YFA of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. J. B Godwin. The occasion was a surprise Pastor and Wife Appreciation Service.

The youth group had charge of the first part of the service with Wanda Peele, president, giving a wonderful tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Godwin. The group then sang several songs, the favorites of Mr. and Mrs. Godwin.

Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Eleanor Pittman, president of the woman's auxiliary, speaking for the auxiliary; Avery Batten, a church deacon, speaking for the board of deacons; Bobby Hawley, son-in-law of the Godwins, speaking for the family; and, Russell Peele, Sunday school superintendent, speaking for the Sunday school. Other singing groups and solos were present during the service which rendered selections that the Godwins liked, and some that went along with their lives.

The YFA group presented to Mrs. Godwin an orchid corsage and to Mr. Godwin a carnation boutonniere. A plaque was presented to them by Russell Peele from the church as a token of appreciation for nearly five years of faithful service to God and the church.

After the service, the youth group served refreshments to those attending. Mrs. Marie O'Brian, youth leader, states: ''We just had a good time of fellowship in the Lord. We thank God for sending this couple our way. Mr. Godwin preaches the Word in its fullness and really tries to live a Christian life before his fellowman.''

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**Little Creek Church Announces Revival, May 5-9**



The Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, announces its spring revival for the week of May 5-9. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of the Reedy Branch church, as the visiting minister. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. David C. Hansley. Throughout the week special music will be rendered by the local church and visiting singers.

Mr. Wilson is one of the outstanding ministers of the denomination. Besides his ministry, he is an outstanding after-dinner speaker. He is no stranger to the Little Creek church, having held several revivals there in the past.

The pastor and the church membership extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend these services.

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

### NEW CHILDREN

Jeffrey and Mary Ann Lamm are the newest children at the Children's Home. They came to us from the Wilson area.




Mary Ann is 8 years old and in the third grade at school. She is now living in Smith Cottage.

Jeffery is 7 years old and in the second grade at school. He is living in State Cottage.

We are very happy to have these two fine children here at the Children's Home with us and they seem to be very happy to be here.

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### CHILDREN'S HOME FUNDS

There are several funds at the Children's Home available to contributors. It's very difficult for one to set a priority on a certain fund because all are vitally important to the continued existence of the Home and to the present and future care of our children. The four primary funds are as follows: (1) general operating fund, (2) college education aid fund, (3) capital fund, and (4) endowment fund.

The general operating fund is naturally an important one, for this money is used to pay for our operating costs on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. The college education aid fund is certainly one that is needed to help our children during their time in college. The capital fund is highly important if we're going to continue to improve our existing buildings, build new buildings, or purchase new equipment. The last fund to be discussed is not to be considered the least of those funds and that is our endowment fund. It is these funds that help to guarantee our continued existence through hard times and times of troubles. In times past, it has been the adequately endowed institutions, agencies, and organizations who have continued to exist, develop, and grow throughout difficult times.

Our Children's Home has been providing a home for homeless children for fifty-five years and that certainly attests to our denomination's devotion to the Home. However, if one looks back into our historical records, one could see there have been periods of time in which things were difficult. These difficult times could have been somewhat better with adequate endowment funds. At the close of our fifty-third year there were only two endowment funds held by the Home. At the time of this writing there are a total of ten funds and all are on deposit with our Church Finance Association.

Below is a listing of endowment funds and they are listed in sequence, beginning with the first one established:

**Burress Endowment**
**Winfield Endowment**
**Boyd-Jackson Memorial Endowment**
**General Endowment**
**Trustee Endowment**
**Aspen Grove Church Endowment**
**Hickory Grove Church Endowment**
**Memorial Chapel Church Memorial Endowment**
**Core Creek Church Memorial Endowment**
**Atlas Webb Family Endowment**

The last three endowments were recently established as members of Children's Home Lighthouse M... The interest earned from the... dowments are deposited into our ... operating fund at the close of each ...

Any person, group, or chur... terested in obtaining addition... formation about the Home's endo... funds or any of the other three... should write to the Superintenden... Will Baptist Children's Home, ... Drawer E, Middlesex, North C... 27557.

## Churches and Minis... Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, ... needed, for any church that is see... pastor and for any minister who is s... a church to serve and would like t... such notice. Please send the necess... formation to the editor of "The Fre... Baptist." Each notice will run for t... sues only.)

The Rev. J. Albert Harris anno... that he is available for the pastor... churches. He is able to ... arrangements immediately. He wi... be happy to substitute or work... organizing and training choirs, s... his services be desired. He m... contacted by writing 19 White... Street, Jacksonville, North Ca... 28540; or telephoning working h... Monday through Friday, (919) ... 2651, evenings and weekends, ... 347-1612.

The Rev. J. R. Matthis announce... he is seeking a full-time or part... pastorate. Any church interested i... services may contact him at 600 Cu... Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28... telephone 592-5436.

The Rev. Robert Rollins annou... that he is available for full-time or ... time pastoral services. Any ch... interested in his services may co... him by writing Route 2, Box 407, Wi... North Carolina 27893; telephone ... 4094.

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### LIFE IS AN ALTAR

Too many believe life is a crib ... which they are privileged to feed. O... it they demand clothing and food ... money and power. That isn't living a... Life is an altar, and the things that g... altars are sacrifices. — Preston Bradl...

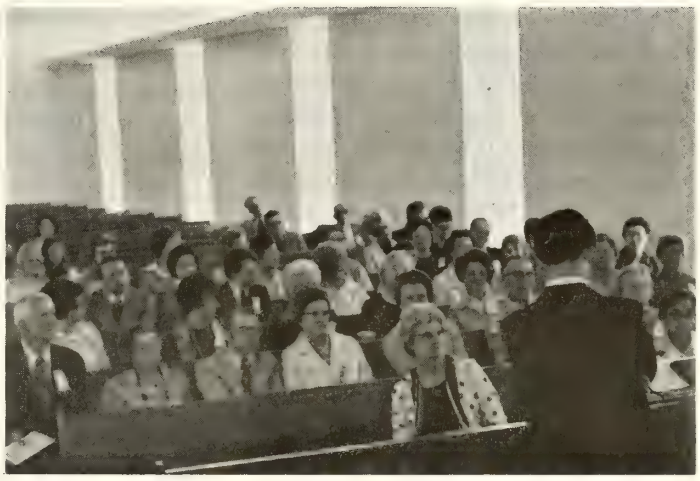
# SCENES AT STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

## Daniels Chapel Church
## Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

### Saturday, April 19, 1975



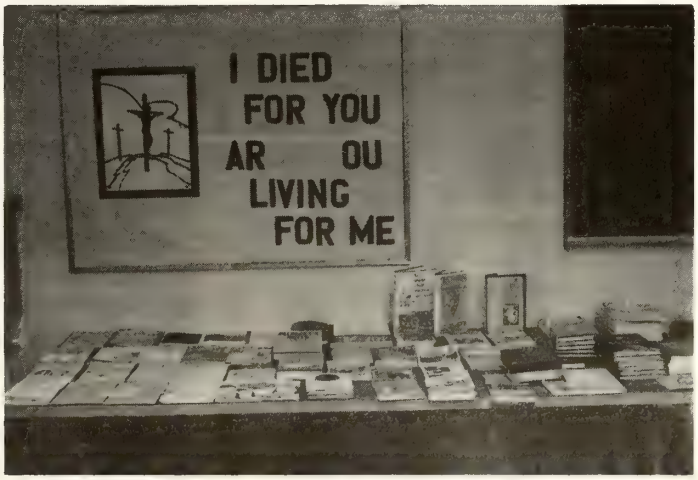
*own here is an outside view of the Convention meeting e.*



*The Rev. Harry Grubbs heads a workshop and leads in discussion for adult officers and teachers.*




*Press display of new Record Books for church clerks treasurers attracts attention.*




*Another Press display of books and study helps is backed by an interesting bulletin board with a thought-provoking message. Note that the "E" and "Y" are missing (perhaps unintentionally); however, it is a significant reminder that much of one's spiritual life is "missing."*




## MORAL IMPERATIVES

**Lesson Text:** Leviticus 19:2, 9-18, 35-37

**Memory Verse:** Leviticus 19:18

### I. INTRODUCTION

Though the gospel dispensation is not one of law and commandment, this does not mean that it had alienated itself from morality. On the other hand, it embraces a higher morality. The scribes and the Pharisees were careful of the letter of the law but were negligent of its spirit. Jesus, however, in His interpretation of the law always made it much broader in scope than the letter which it embraced.

Christian morality aspires to the holiness of God, not through commandment as those who labored under the old dispensation of law, but through a change in nature and a continual growth in the grace and knowledge of its Lord.

Any careful student of Early Church history (especially as it is recorded in the New Testament), must take note of the fact that morality and right living were stressed to a great degree by the church fathers. The very fact that they were called ''Christians'' by those who observed their manner of life is proof enough that they sought to pattern their daily walk after the example of Him who was and is perfect in holiness.

The background for today's lesson is the desert of Sinai at about 1400 B. C., at the time when Moses was receiving instructions from God relative to Israel and was passing them on to the people.

The purpose of today's lesson is not only to inform us that God demands holiness of His followers, but also to help us to develop the desire to attain and maintain this state of holiness.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It has been said that the key verse of the Book of Leviticus is 19:2 which is a call to God's people to be holy. The word **holiness** occurs in the book 131 times. The theme of the book seems to be how to obtain holiness and live in fellowship with God.

B. In the Christian dispensation, God not only gives His nature to those who have been born again and become His children, but He also enables us to live as He would have us live. No Christian need fail to live the Christian life for lack of ability. God cleanses our past and gives us the ability to do what He wants us to do.

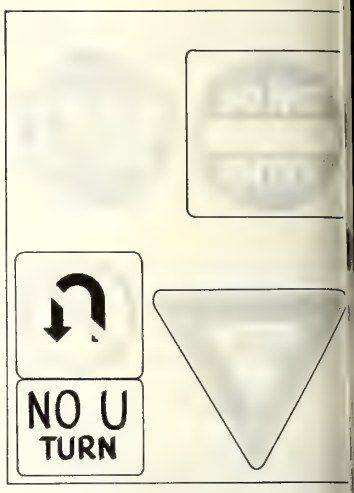
C. Sometimes we hear people say that the Bible is not relevant to our times because it does not tell us whether certain things are right or wrong. However, the Bible lays down certain great principles that one may apply to any act. Here are two questions that we may ask ourselves about anything: (1) Does the doing of this thing hinder my love for and service to God? (2) Does the doing of this thing cause harm to anyone else?

D. God cannot look with grace toward us when there is known sin in our lives because of His holiness. He has provided a way for us to be cleansed of our sins through the blood of Christ. If we refuse that method which is offered by His grace, how can we expect any further mercy?

E. Dr. J. C. Massey once had a teenage daughter who came in and asked him this question: ''Daddy, what is worldliness?'' He thought for a moment and replied, ''Worldliness is anything that will cool your ardor for the Lord Jesus Christ and His service.''—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**.

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Let's take a look at the foll road signs:




Would you say that these signs imperative? Why is it imperative to p ''Stop'' sign? a ''Do Not Enter'' sig ''No U Turn'' sign? and a ''Yield'' s (Discuss these and other road s briefly.)

Few people would deny the nece for such signs as those above. Truly are a matter of life and death, becau ignore them certainly may bring de God's moral imperatives are also a m of life and death. To heed them br fullness of life here and now as we eternal life. To ignore them wrecks o life and brings spiritual death. No on us can ignore these imperat without grave danger to his soul. ''B holy,'' God says to us. And to be hol to live righteously. For an earn Christian, this becomes the aim pattern for his life.—Adapted f **Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. A radical preacher advise struggling pastor to burn his old chu down and use the insurance, along other money, to build a new church. said, ''The ends justify the means; all right to do this.'' The pastor repli ''The ends may justify the means if means are justified. For you it may b right, but what means will I have to f my God in the end?'' We build spiritual house called life with material called moral imperatives.—C Bowen

# STORIES

## or our youth



## /AIT-A-MINUTE WILLY

by
Matilda Nordtvedt

WILLY, come here,'' Mother called down the basement way.

Okay, Mom, in just a minute,'' vered Willy as he continued working s model car.

'll just finish putting these wheels nd then I'll go,'' he muttered to elf. His mother called again.

Coming, Mom,'' he called back, ''in a minute.''

illy was so absorbed in his work he 't notice that all had become quiet e him.

'd better go see what Mom wants,'' umbled as he hastily put down his el.

o one was in the kitchen, nor in the g room either. ''Mom,'' he called as andered through the empty house. Where is everybody anyway?'' he d himself crossly. Then he saw the pinned to his bed.

ar Willy,

e had a nice surprise for you. Uncle called from Riceville asking us to e up to meet him at the airport and lunch with him before he has to h his plane for home. I called twice, you didn't come, so we've gone out you. You may go to Grandma by's for lunch.

Love,
Mother''

Willy snatched the note angrily from bed, and crumpled it in his hand. ot tears stung his eyelids. ''So 've gone and left me!'' he cried rily. ''They've gone to the airport to the big planes come in and to have dinner with Uncle Jim and left me home!''

Willy stamped out of his room and slammed the door.

Dejectedly Willy wandered out to the kitchen. The way his stomach felt he knew it must be lunch time. The prospect of having lunch at Grandma Crosby's didn't appeal to him when he thought of his family eating with Uncle Jim at the airport restaurant.

Grandma Crosby called a cheery ''Come in'' when Willy knocked at the back door.

''I've been expecting you, Willy,'' she crackled with a twinkle in her eye. ''Your mother stopped and said you would be coming. Everything's ready.''

Willy sat down glumly in the little old-fashioned, sunny kitchen. It wasn't that he minded eating at Grandma Crosby's, but he couldn't forget what he was missing.

''You know, who your mother said was coming for lunch?'' she paused. ''Your mother said 'wait-a-minute Willy' would come to eat with me today.''

Willy lowered his eyes to his plate. He hadn't wanted to admit it, but he really knew deep down inside that his missing the trip to Riceville had been his own fault and nobody else's.

''I know you feel badly about missing the good time with your family,'' the elderly lady went on as if she could read his thoughts, ''but when I heard about it, I said to myself, 'Maybe this will teach Willy a lesson.' ''

Willy kept looking down, toying with his potatoes.

''If you get in the habit of saying 'Wait a minute' when your mother calls you, maybe you'll say the same thing when Jesus calls. And if we don't pay any attention to Jesus' call, the consequences are much worse than missing a trip to the airport.

''It would be a whole lot worse to be left behind when Jesus comes again to take His people to heaven.''

Willy looked up at Grandma, startled. ''What do you mean?''

''Jesus promised to come back to earth again someday to take His own to heaven. We call it the second coming of Christ. It's going to be a wonderful time, but only those who have answered Jesus' call and received Him as their Saviour and Lord will get to go. It would be worse to be left behind on that day!''

When the dishes were neatly stacked Willy sat on the back porch in the November sunshine stroking Grandma Crosby's dog, Tags. He thought about what she had said.

Yes, Jesus had called him several times, knocked on his heart's door like they sang in Sunday school, but he hadn't let Him in. He'd said, ''Wait awhile,'' to Jesus, too.

If he kept telling Jesus to wait, maybe someday his chance to be saved and go to heaven would be gone.

Willy closed his eyes, and bowed his head. ''Dear Jesus,'' he prayed, ''I'm sorry I've kept you waiting so long. Please forgive my sins. And help me never to say 'wait a minute' to you or to my mother again.''

Willy jumped up and began to play in the fallen leaves with Tags. He felt much happier now. It really wasn't so bad being left behind today now that he knew for sure he wouldn't be left behind when Jesus comes.—Selected



# WHO ARE THE 'HOLINESS PEOPLE'?

by Floyd B. Cherry

THERE seems to be widespread misunderstanding as to who the "holiness people" are. Some feel that the mark of the "holiness people" is excessive emotionalism. Though most of them do manifest much emotionalism, it still cannot be called a distinguishing characteristic because there are many individual churches in almost all denominations, in scattered areas of the country, who manifest excessive emotionalism. It is also true that an examination of their doctrinal statement reveals no more about emotionalism than that of other denominations. So we are forced to conclude that emotionalism cannot rightly be called a distinguishing characteristic of the "holiness people."

In theological circles, it has come to be accepted that the distinguishing mark of the "holiness people" is their belief in what is called a second definite work of grace. Although it is not stated in the same manner by each group, the doctrine says that there is an experience in grace subsequent to and in addition to regeneration or the new birth. Some refer to this as full sanctification, while others refer to it as the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and still others refer to both of these. There are many of the "holiness groups" who do not practice or believe in the doctrine of the "unknown tongue."

Some of the larger and better known of the "holiness groups" are the Free Methodist, the Wesleyan Methodist, the Nazarenes, the Assembly of God Church, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Church of God, and the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Of course, it is recognized that many individuals in almost all of the denominations have this distinguishing belief; but these groups and some others have it written into their creedal statement.

As we have shown, there are many "holiness groups" who do not believe in and practice the "unknown tongue." However, in the minds of many of our people the doctrine of "tongues" is synonymous with the "holiness people." This is an error and is unfair to many fine Christian people. Since we know that we will be unable to remove this idea from the minds of many people, we would like to give a few statements about the history of the "tongues" movement.

Anthony A. Hoekema, in his book, **What About Tongue Speaking?** gives us the following short statement on the history of tongues: "As we survey this history of the Christian church, what strikes us is the relative infrequency of glossolalia. What also strikes us is that the groups among whom tongue-speaking occurred were minority groups, often under persecution. . . ."

Some Pentecostal writers refer to Montanism as a second century movement that believed in and practiced speaking in tongues. Irenaeus, Tertullian, and Esubius are all quoted by these Pentecostal writers to show that the movement was alive in the second century. It should be pointed out that the teachings of Montanus and some of the others who are quoted were declared to be heretical by the church.

Coming down to the Middle Ages, a number of individuals are said to have spoken with tongues, particularly in foreign languages which they never learned. Some of those cited are St. Vincent Ferrier, St. Louis Bertrand, and St. Francis Xavier. However, at the
of the Reformation, not one of
reformers spoke with tongues or beli
that the gift of tongues belonged t
normal gifts of God.

To come down to more recent da
former Methodist minister opened a
college in Topeka, Kansas, in 1
Charles F. Parham, the head of
school, was a firm believer in a se
definite work of grace, but apparentl
not believe in the doctrine of tongue
his students studied their Bibles to
grounds for the second work of g
some of them began to speak
tongues. Soon it had spread through
forty students in the school. As
returned to their homes they carried
doctrine with them. Thus the mo
tongues movement came into being.

Before I close this last of three
ticles, I would like to make my pur
in writing clear. I have no intentio
speaking disparagingly of any indivi
or group who happens to disagree
me. I have some very close friends
are members of the "holiness grou
and we have blessed fellows
However, I do feel that it is grossly u
for anyone to practice and teach
doctrine of tongues in a church that
not believe it and who in the past has
considerable trouble from its teach
This cannot promote the fellowship o
group or the cause of Christ in any wa

The answer to this heretical teac
is not to say ugly things about others
intimate that they have no right to bel
as they do. This only shows our own
and feeling of insecurity. The ultir
answer lies in the positive teaching o
Word of God in our churches so that
people may become grounded in
truth.

## NEWS NOTES

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**coming Services at**
**r Memorial, May 4**

e Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist
:h of Raleigh will observe its
coming on Sunday, May 4. Sunday
l will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed
the pastor, the Rev. Curtis Jones,
ing the homecoming message at
n o'clock. Lunch will be served at
oon hour and a program of music is
duled for the afternoon service.
former pastors and members, as
s friends and visitors, are invited to
d what promises to be an enjoyable
ion.

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## FEATURE

(Continued from Page 2)

e Bible is plain as to the only way a
er can be saved. And our pulpits
ld see to it that our people are not
east bit confused on this important
of biblical doctrine. Phrases should
carefully chosen and sentences
ully worded so to not mislead people
hinking that their salvation is based
nything except repentance and faith
sus Christ.

**Free Will Baptist Doctrine**

apters IX (**Repentance**), X (**Faith**),
**Regeneration**), and XII (**Justification**
**Sanctification**) of our **Statement of**
**and Discipline** is clear that salvation
repentance of sin and faith in Jesus
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e Bible speaks much of righ-
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He looks at the sinner who has
covered with the blood of Christ.

ul writes in Philippians 3:9 that he
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which is through the faith of Christ,
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much preaching today, and so
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Christians is that we must work
way to heaven and that a Christian
sins will go to hell. This is
erous, for it is a heresy which
es at the very center of the truth
aled in God's Word. Only when we stand on that Word and the salvation through Christ that it proclaims can we clear up our own minds and make this importance clear to the world.

There is a magazine which deals much with the doctrine of justification by faith. The subscription is free and you can get on the mailing list if you will simply write and ask. Write to: **Present Truth,** Post Office Box 1311, Fallbrook, California 92028.

As well as boldly proclaiming the doctrine of justification by faith, the magazine also deals much with the tongues movement. The reading is often difficult, but the magazine has a very vital message for today's church.

Next week we will see that ''good works'' are extremely important.

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### IN MEMORY OF MRS. FANNIE NICHOLS

Sister Fannie Nichols' life as a wife, mother, grandmother, and as a Christian will always hold treasured memories to those whom her life touched. She was an active member of the woman's auxiliary and served as president of her Sunday school class of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield.

The following poem, ''My Tribute to Mother—Fannie Nichols,'' was written by her daughter, Sylvia N. Whitley, which exemplifies her life so well:

How long does it take to love a rose or a clear blue sky?
In only a second and in a second you could always
See the loving smile on Mother's face.
Her smile she wore, a part of her dress, so neat, so nice,
Her hair never a mess.
Always willing, always able, never complaining—
I guess we've taken so much for granted.
Ever worrying over so trifle things,
But never fearing the days ahead.
Keeping us ever reminded to visit the sick,
And this she'd do as just part of her duty.
Living each day to its fullest,
Letting tomorrow take care of itself.
Giving so much, asking so little,
Never too tired to take care of our children.
Always willing to work for her living,
Never a burden, just paying her part.
Please tell me why the good have to suffer?
Our bodies one day a picture of health,
The next a helpless mass.
Bodies so frail, they soon have to fail.
We're all so helpless but still in God's hands.
He has His reasons, He never fails.
Thank you God for giving us our dear mother.
For all her love we can never repay,
But then, I guess she'd want it that way.
Her days of suffering and pain are all past,
And now she has gone home at last.

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### RESOLUTION OF RESPECT VERNA V. DICKERSON

We, the members of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, wish to pay our last respect to Sister Verna V. Dickerson.

Our beloved sister passed away to a greater home on April 4, 1975, at the age of 81. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 6, at Wilkerson's Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Jerry Rowe of Newport, and the Rev. N. F. Hanchey of Dunn.

Sister Dickerson was born and spent all her life in Pitt County and for the past 20 years she had made her home in the Red Oak Community. She was a Gold Star Mother. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church for many years.

She was the widow of T. E. Dickerson who died in 1965. From this marriage there were seven children: three sons —C. G., Sellers, and K. B. Dickerson; four daughters—Mrs. J. W. Evans, Mrs. Fountain Evans, Mrs. Charles Lewis, and Mrs. N. F. Hanchey. There were 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Therefore, be it resolved: first, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy; second, that we express our deepest appreciation for her devotion to our church; and, third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to **The Free Will Baptist** for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gloria S. Boswell
Mrs. Janice T. Holloway

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### CORRECTION, PLEASE!

**The article in last week's issue of the ''Baptist'' regarding the Ayden Seminary-Eureka College Alumni meeting carried the date of Wednesday, May 13. The correct date is Wednesday, May 14. Please take note of this date!**

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# "THE LIGHT STILL SHINES" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

## Saturday, May 3

### Ayden, North Carolina

**Registration: 9:30 A. M.** **Classes Begin: 10 A. M.**

The theme for our Daily Vacation Bible School series this year is "The Light Still Shines." The theme Scripture is taken from 1 John 1:5, "This then is the message we have heard . . . and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." The theme song is "The Light of the World Is Jesus."

The purpose of the school is to show that God's light has shone from the beginning of time, that it shone for men of old, and that it still shines for mankind today. God sent His Light, His Son Jesus, into the world as that Light so that all people may have eternal life through Him.

Day One deals with Noah as he saw the Light and preached and tried to bring the people of his day to the Light. Day Two tells us that Daniel saw the Light and lived a life so as to be an example of godly men of his day. Day Three pictures John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Light who introduced the Messiah to the world. Day Four presents Christ, the Light. It tells of His baptism, His resisting the temptations of Satan, and His preparation for His ministry. Day Five shows that the Light is for us. If we are "stepping" in the Light, then we become Lights, and of a surety, "The Light Still Shines."

The classes are listed below with their instructors and meeting places.

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Minnie H. Chandler

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Elizabeth Hill

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**CRAFTS AND VISUAL AIDS SCHEDULE**

Primary Teachers ..... 10:00-10:30 A. M.
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Junior Teachers ..... 11:00-11:30 A. M.
Intermediate Teachers ..... 11:30-12:00 Noon

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Primary Teachers ..... 10:30-11:00 A. M.
Intermediate Teachers ..... 11:00-11:30 A. M.
Junior Teachers ..... 11:30 -12:00 Noon

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**LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NOON FOR $2 PER PLATE**

After lunch is served, the public is invited to visit the bookstore to see the complete assortment of VBS materials and supplies. Don't fail to attend this important workshop.





We should thank our Lord for Christian mothers who rocked the cradle and used the switch with and because of the same love. . . .

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## MOTHER HAS HER DAY. WHEN?

Reflecting upon the day set aside when mothers are honored, the editor could not help but think how frequently mothers are ignored. Too often they are used until they are worn out. They are esteemed while they are attractive and young and physically able to perform motherly chores, but alas! When age claims them, insensitive children disregard them and make so apparent to the mothers (if not to the general public) that Mother was wonderful only while she was a convenience. . . . How sad, but how true in too many cases!

When mothers are cast aside and little thought of until death takes them away, all the vain, futile utterances of love and all the aching longings of the heart seek passage to an unresponsive *shell*. Tears cried then are to no avail. With these thoughts, we shall attempt to emphasize through this discussion a prompting of minds to view mothers as God intended—not worshipfully, but certainly favorably—with due honor and respect, and without a doubt, *love*.

Though it may not be safe to say by human standards that no mother is loved with the capacity and in the same manner in which she loves, it is almost certain that few are loved as they *should be loved*. This is no implication on our part that mothers are not given careful consideration at times, for they do indeed receive attention—when they are needed for solace, when they can be of some assistance; and yes, when their shoulder can be used as a "crying post." Yet, when all is well, their importance is obviously unappreciated. Thankful we are that *all mothers do not receive this kind of treatment*!

Most mothers require little, if anything, from their children. The things which they do for their offspring, acts of kindness and selflessness, are all part of their God-given natures. We must, however, touch on this lest we be accused of being unrealistic: *We are well aware of the so-called "unfit" mothers*, categorized by judgmental people who sit in "faultless" seats and affix such an adjective to the name. Logically speaking, there *are* such mothers; but, we must, in accord with our own shortcomings, consider what designates an unfit person. Could it be immorality, child abuse, absolute and total neglect of the little ones? These conditional terms determine, at least in legal circles, the worthiness or unworthiness of a mother, but God and God alone *really* knows.

We are not naive enough to believe that such conditions as set forth above do not exist; still, our heart dictates that only a mother who is *mentally disturbed*, *mentally incompetent*, or *spiritually bereft* could neglect or abuse her own child. Enough about that, except to state that the worst of mothers must possess at least a small amount of love for her own; and should she be found lacking, the toll shall certainly be paid in tears, the abundance of which can never wash her soul and conscience clean! This thought, if it were the only one available to us, should prompt us to thank our Lord for Christian mothers who rocked the cradle and used the switch with and because of the same love. . . .

It is almost impossible to write or speak about mothers without correlating them with children, for children make mothers and mothers make children. One cannot exist without the other, because nature preordained that a mother is a "female parent, one who bears children." Some females of the species are not so fortunate as to be able to give birth to and nurture a child, and those who desire the role so badly do society a favor (and provide fulfillment for themselves) through adoption—a noble act and benevolent service. Giving a motherless child needed love and security is something that cannot be measured by human reasoning. Only inside a child's heart can the importance of such be weighed; and, in the same light, only in the heart of a mother can a mother's love be really felt.

So, Mother has her day—or does she? There are certain days that are hers, and hers alone—the days when she gives birth to children and those tender days of remembering how it was to hold them close to her breast when she provided security which was (and is) uniquely offered by her. How her heart must ache at the remembrance of a child lost in death or one gone astray! How sad she must be during the times when she is alone, when her children remember her perhaps once a year. Though mothers seldom demand, their hearts desire attention; and though they willingly pour out their seemingly neverceasing love, they crave some in return. This is only natural; but because mothers are mothers, they take the dole—the smallest remains or left-overs. . . .

A mother will love when everyone else hates. Regardless of what a child does or does not do, his mother will yearn for his well-being and pray for him

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# MOTHER'S DAY

by
Florence Shillingsburg
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A few years ago a missionary in Ecuador working among the Jivaros was building a crude building. An Indian approached and said, "Why are you building another house? You are always making houses. You have one for yourself, one for the schoolteacher, one for meetings, one for the chickens, one for wood, one for the schoolboys. Why are you making this one?"

The missionary answered, "We do not have enough. This one is for girls. Girls ought to learn to read and write. We want girls to come to school."

"No! No! No! That is not good. Why should girls learn? They do not have a soul. They are like dogs. Girls have to marry and work and provide food. If they come to school they will get lazy. No! No! That is not good."

Needless to say, there is no "Mother's Day" in Jivaroland. Nor in many, many other parts of the globe.

The heathen world is not a friend to womanhood. Alice Guevara was a beautiful Latin-American girl. She became a famous dancer and singer on the stage. Some years ago her photo was carried on the front page of a daily paper in Cali, Colombia. Headlines shouted the tragedy—"**The World Played a Trick on Alice.**"

Merely a trick? She had been choked to death during the night by criminal hands and in the photo there she lay, crumpled on the floor of her apartment.

The world indeed plays hideous tricks on its women. In many lands baby girls are despised; little girls are household slaves and child brides; young women are objects of the cruel diversion of devilish men. Motherhood is a walk with death.

But when God chose to send His beloved Son to earth, He sent Him through a woman. This for all time gave womanhood honor and dignity. The Bible tells us how God has used dedicated women throughout history to carry out His purposes.

God uses brave women. Remember Queen Esther who saved the Israelitish nation? There was Deborah who took command when there was no man brave enough to lead the army. Women have had their hand in war, in government, in projects, and have worked with devotion and dedication in the field of science and of medicine.



And what would the history of Christian missions be without the lady missionaries? A high percentage of mission stations in the world are **manned** by women.

But speaking of difficult tasks and brave hearts to tackle the most difficult of all, consider the responsibility of being a mother as presented in the following poem:

"Mothers must draw a subtle line—
Finer than any thread is fine.
Must firmly hold, but never clutch.
Must freely give, but not too much.
Must stand apart, but never far.
Must heal the wound, and bless the scar.
And wisely speaking, truly tell;
Guarding, never guard too well.
And hearing, fail to overhear.
Fearing all things, have no fear.
Loving, love each child the best—
Yet love no child better than the rest."

What a paradox! What a role! Truly a complicated assignment that demands more than mere human wisdom and courage.

Today, more than ever, godly mothers are needed—praying mothers—mothers who will lift up a standard against the wicked world that plays tricks on the children. These are the mothers that deserve the homage paid them on Mother's Day.




SUNDAY, MAY 4
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 29:15

"MY MOTHER BELIEVED IN ME!"

"When I was a little mischievous lad,
The neighbors would all agree
That I must be going straight to the bad,
But Mother believed in me!

"And just because she believed in me,
I couldn't be mean, you see;
For it helps a boy to do right when he
Can say, 'My mother believes in me.'

"To me, as a man, how often there came
Temptations from which I'd flee!
The reason, you know, was always the same—
That Mother believed in me.

"And so, because she believed in me,
I wouldn't do wrong, you see;
For to disappoint her—ah, that would be
Too bad, when Mother believed in me!

"It is not the least of blessings I've had
While passing thro' life, that she,
Though once I was such a mischievous lad,
Could always, believe in me.

"My dear old mother has gone from me
To dwell by the Crystal Sea;
If ever I go to her side, 'twill be
Because my mother believed in me!"
—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT
*Having someone believe in us and trust us is very important, more so than we care to admit. Even God desires mortal man's belief and trust.*

MONDAY, MAY 12
Scripture Reading—Matthew 11:28

"THY STILL DEWS OF QUIETNESS!"

"Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress;
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace."
—John G. Whittier

PRAYER THOUGHT
*God's hand at work through nature does give us cause for tranquil peace.*

TUESDAY, MAY 13
Scripture Reading—3 John 11

WHY THE MOTHER WAS CONVERTED

"Mother, are you a Christian?" a little girl asked her mother. "No, Fannie, I am not," replied the mother as she turned and walked away. As the little girl ran off to play, she said, "Well, if Mamma isn't a Christian, I don't want to be one!" The child's indicting words went straight to the mother's heart, and she gave herself, in faith, to Christ.—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT
*We hear about our being living examples so often that it doesn't hold real meaning for us until we see the results of someone having followed our examples.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
Scripture Reading—John 8:31

NEEDED FOR THE VOYAGE

A minister was once asked unexpected to conduct a service in a country home. He called for a Bible, but none could be found. At last, however, they found one in an old sea chest in the attic. Strange to say, on the outside of the chest were the words, "Not wanted on the voyage." Be sure you make your voyage through life with God's Word as your guide always.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT
*God's Word will guide us in Christian living. Christian living will lead to living eternally with Christ.*

THURSDAY, MAY 15
Scripture Reading—Romans 6:23

THE "HERE" SHAPES THE "AFTER"

"I'm tired of all this preaching about the hereafter," said one. "I'm living now, and I mean to have a good time. The hereafter isn't here yet." Her companion said: "No, only the first part of it. But I shouldn't wonder if the 'here' had a good deal to do with shaping the 'after.'"—*Forward*

PRAYER THOUGHT
*Here and now always play a p the future. Let us plan a pleasan enjoyable here and after with Go*

FRIDAY, MAY 16
Scripture Reading—2 Peter 3:1

A TRAGIC DEATH-BED

A young woman, dying, said t father, "Father, why did you no me there was such a place?" " place?" "A hell!" He said, "Je there is no such place. God is ciful. There will be no future fering!" She said, "I know better feet are slipping into it at moment. I am lost. Why did you tell me there was such place?"—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT
*Parents owe their children truth. Tell it like it is. It may not pretty story, but better to listen than have to live it.*

SATURDAY, MAY 17
Scripture Reading—1 Corinth 8:1

THE SWEETEST MUSIC

Have you ever thought of it, only the smaller birds sing? never heard a note from the eagl all your life, nor from the turkey, from the ostrich. But you have he from the canary, the wren, and lark. The sweetest music comes f those Christians who are smal their own estimation and before Lord.—*Watchman-Examiner*

PRAYER THOUGHT
***Are we proud as peacocks? It been said that pride goeth befor fall.***

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Master Book of I Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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"Children are what the mothers a No father's fondest care can fashion the infant heart."—Walter Sav Landor

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**THE NOBLEST CALLING**

A Johannesburg businessman, being informed by Mrs. Agnes Fra that her husband, Dr. Donald Fras was a missionary, said in manif astonishment, "A missionary! Do y mean to tell me that a man of his cali could not get a better job than that?"




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**estion:** What difference is there een the soul and spirit?

**swer:** Soul as found in the Bible s life, and in some passages only atural life. A good example is found . . my soul desired the firstripe ' (Micah 7:1).

ccept the trichotomous theory which ds man as a being that consists of distinct elements: body, soul, and . The body is the material part of s constitution; the soul is the iple animal life; and the spirit is the iple of his rational life and immortal At death the body returns to the from whence it came; the natural eases; but, the spirit returns to God gave it (see Genesis 2:7).

is does not mean that certain tures do not use the terms soul and interchangeably, for they do; ver, such passages as Hebrews and 1 Thessalonians 5:23 seem to such a distinct differentiation een these elements I hestitate to e it in the forming of my fixed belief rning such a vital subject. ''It is a natural body; it is raised a ual body. There is a natural body, there is a spiritual body'' (1 thians 15:44).

ofield says in his original **Scofield Notes**, Page 1270:

. . In Scripture use, the distinction een spirit and soul may be traced. y, that distinction is that the spirit is part of man which **'knows'** (1 Cor. , his mind; the soul is the seat of **ffections, desires,** and so of the **ons**, and of the active **will**, the self. soul is exceeding sorrowful' (Mt. 3; see also Mt. 11.29; and John 7). The word translated 'soul' in the (**nephesh**) is the exact equivalent of . T. word for soul (Gr. **psuche**), and se of 'soul' in the O. T. is identical the use of that word in the N. T. (see, e. g. Deut. 6.5; 14.26; 1 Sam. 18. 1; 20. 4, 17; Job 7. 11, 15; 14.22; Psa. 42.6; 84. 2). The N. T. word for spirit (**pneuma**), like the O. T. **ruach**, is trans. 'air,' 'breath,' 'wind,' but predominantly 'spirit,' whether of God (e. g. Gen. 1. 2; Mt. 3.16) or of man (Gen. 41.8; 1 Cor. 5.5). Because man is 'spirit' he is capable of God-consciousness, and of communication with God (Job 32.8; Psa. 18.28; Prov. 20.27); because he is 'soul' he has self-consciousness (Psa. 13.2; 42.5, 6, 11); because he is 'body' he has, through his senses, world-consciousness. . . .''

In Ecclesiates we read, ''Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?'' (3:21); which taken alone would seem to teach that the lower creatures have a spirit. However, a comparison of the passages throughout the Bible that give light on the soul and the spirit would rather seem to teach that man only of earth-bound creatures possesses spirit when it is distinguished from the soul.

Dr. L. T. Talbot in his book, **Bible Questions Explained**, on Pages 248, 249 says the following:

''Gen. 2:7 reads as follows: 'And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (that was his **body**), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (his **spirit**); and man became a living soul.'

''The Rev. William L. Pettingill, D. D., has aptly explained the difference between body, soul, and spirit in these words:

''1. 'Man has a body. In this he is like all of the creation of God throughout the animal and vegetable world. The brutes have living bodies, and so do the trees and plants.'

''2. 'Man has a soul. In this he is unlike the trees and plants, but he is like the lower animals. The soul is the seat of the emotions, the passions, the feelings, the desires, the likes, the affections, and the will. All these things we have in common with the beasts.'

''3. 'Man has a spirit. In this he is unique among God's creatures. ''The spirit of man is the candle of Jehovah'' (Prov. 20:27), and it is this that is set aglow when man is born again; and then God's Spirit testifies with man's spirit that he is a child of God. God cannot be known by the body; nor by the soul, but only by the spirit. And even the human spirit is incapable of finding out anything about God or of knowing God except by revelation of the Spirit of God.'

''Two verses from the New Testament state clearly that there is a difference between soul and spirit:

''Paul wrote, saying to the Thessalonians, 'I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ'' (1 Thess. 3:23).

'' '. . . the word of God is quick (or living), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of **soul** and **spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart' (Heb. 4:12).

''Let me quote from our studies on **God's Plan of the Ages**, Pages 23, 24, 'With the possession of a spirit, man became God-conscious, which fact determines an impassable gulf between the most sinful, the most degraded man and the highest form of animal life.

'' 'Some time ago a noted professor took a chimpanzee into his home, that it might be a close companion with his own boy. As we might suppose, he did this in order to study the animal carefully. Later he declared that the chimpanzee acted in many ways as intelligently as his boy: for among other things he learned certain customs of table etiquette. He could use a knife, a fork, a spoon, even a table napkin. The professor thus endeavored to show how closely related the animal kingdom is to man. Now all that he said about the formation of certain habits may be true; but there is one thing the boy could do that the ape could never do, no matter what his training or development might be. The ape could never reverently look up into the face of God and say, ''My Father.'' It requires **God-likeness** to do that. It requires the

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# THE RIVENBARKS AT HOME

by Carol F. Johnson

On Sunday, April 13, some 150 friends and neighbors welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Fred A. Rivenbark ''home'' in the Sherron Acres section of Durham with an open house. They also joined them in dedicating their new home at 904 Midway Avenue to the Lord.





The dedication service was led by the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace, pastor of the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church. He read a passage of Scripture and delivered a short message. Donald Register sang ''Bless This House,'' and Bill Roberts read a poem he had written for the occasion.

Prior to the semiretirement of the Rivenbarks in March, 1975, they served several churches in North Carolina and Virginia over a period of 40 years, including 19 years as pastor of the Sherron Acres church.

We thank God for these wonderful children of His and are very thankful that they chose to ''come home'' to our community to serve during their golden years.

Following is the poem written by Bill Roberts as a tribute to the Rivenbarks:

We thank you Lord for a beautiful day;
For friends who gathered here to say
A few things of some folks so dear,
Whom we love and welcome here.

They have given of their time and love
To serve you, Father, up there above.
And may we, as friends, give them a hand
When perhaps there's something they don't understand.

Dear Lord, as we dedicate this home to thee,
Help us, O God, that we might see
The need to dedicate our lives as well;
For without you, Jesus, we'd surely fail.

Though we will leave this home today,
We ask that your Spirit will always stay.
We long for that feeling within our hearts
When one day Christians will never part.

## Coming Events . . .

May 7—4 P. M., Commencement Worship Service, Rodgers Chapel; 7 P. M., Graduation Exercise, Moye Library Lawn, Mount Olive College

May 8—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as Host

May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

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You will find as you look upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.—Henry Drummond

''I wish thee all thy moth graces.''—Bishop Richard Corbet

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''A mother is not a person to lea but a person to make leaning necessary.''—Dorothy Canfield Fish

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''Time is the only comforter fo loss of a mother.''—Jane Welsch Ca

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It is good to know that, even th we may sin against God, He will fo us and cleanse us if we confess our s

## SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

**Mary Dow Brine**

woman was old and ragged and
ray,
bent with the chill of the winter's
ay.
treet was wet with a recent snow
he woman's feet were aged and
low.

stood at the crossing and waited
ng,
, uncared for, amid the throng
man beings who passed her by,
needed the glance of her anxious
ye.

the street, with laughter and shout,
in the freedom of "school let out,"
the boys like a flock of sheep
g the snow piled white and deep.

the woman so old and gray
ened the children on their way
ffered a helping hand to her—
eek, so timid, afraid to stir,
the carriage wheels or the horses'
eet
ld crowd her down in the slippery
street

st came one of the merry troop,
gayest laddie of all the group;
paused beside her and whispered
ow,
help you across if you wish to go."

ged hand on his strong young arm
placed, and so, without hurt or
arm,
uided the trembling feet along,
d that his own were firm and strong.

back again to his friends he went,
oung heart happy and well content.
e's somebody's mother, boys, you
know,
ll she's aged and poor and slow.

d I hope some fellow will lend a hand
elp my mother, you understand,
er she's poor and old and gray,
n her own dear boy is far away."

"somebody's mother" bowed low
her head
er home that night, and the prayer
she said
Was, "God be kind to the noble boy,
Who is somebody's son, and pride and
joy!"

**—John Three Sixteen**

(The above poem was submitted by Mrs. Cora Lee Harris and printed at her request in memory of her mother, Mrs. Cora McLawhorn, who passed away June 8, 1931.)

## Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Robert Rollins announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 407, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; telephone 237-4094.

The Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Morehead City, is in need of a pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mr. Robert C. Davis, Route 1, Box 140, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557; telephone 726-4390.

The Rev. John Melancon announces that he is available for pastoral work. He is able to make arrangements immediately. Mr. Melancon is a member in good standing of the Western Conference. Any church desiring his services may contact him at Route 3, Box 326, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by calling 284-2082.

The Rev. James Warren announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work. He is a member of the Eastern Conference in good standing. Any church interested in his services may contact him at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; telephone 527-1648.

In mid-June the Rev. Vernon F. Thwaites Jr. states that he will be leaving his present pastorate, the Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the Children's Home, Middlesex, and will be seeking a full-time pastorate. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the Children's Home, Route 2, Box 13, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; or by calling 235-4643.

Mr. Thwaites states, "I am particularly interesting in locating within commuting distance of a seminary in order to further my education."

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**H E L P!**
**CLEAN UP CRAGMONT**

**The week of May 19-23 is work week at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain. We would like for anyone who can to go that week to scrub, paint, clean, and get things ready to open up the camp for the summer.**

**Mrs. A. B. Chandler**
**Treasurer-Publicity Secretary**

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# In Memoriam

TRIBUTE TO L. P. WILLIFORD

The trumpet of death sounded at the noon hour on April 16 for Leslie Parker Williford, age 70, when God called home another jewel.

Mr. Leslie's first love was God and his church, Riverside Free Will Basptist Church, Route 1, Princeton. He was a life-time member, a deacon, on the building committee, a past Sunday school teacher for the adult class and recently the young married class, past treasurer, superintendent of the Sunday school, and a qualified scholar on the Bible.

So much can be said of Leslie Williford. He loved children and young people and always had the time to advise or explain any question that might arise concerning the Bible. The young and old alike, at Riverside, always looked to Mr. Leslie for a final decision, knowing he had sound judgment. So many times we have seen a big smile on his face or tears streaming down his cheeks during worship—his cup had run over.

Mr. Leslie contributed to the community with a Christian wife, Moxie King Williford, and together they reared five Christian children: four sons and a daughter, each following in their parents' footsteps, working faithfully in their respective churches.

Some years ago, Mr. Leslie was plagued with diabetes mellitus and as a result had to have one leg and part of the

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# JESUS AND THE CHRISTIAN

**by Calvin Mercer Jr.**

LAST week we saw that good works have nothing to do with a person's salvation. But that does not mean that works are not important; for after a person becomes a Christian, good works are extremely important.

But good works must come from the heart. God does not want us to work out of fear that when we die, if our bad deeds outweigh our good deeds, He will not let us into heaven. The Bible knows nothing of this.

But if we understand that God has already saved us by His grace (unmerited favor), then looking up to our Father who loves us so much, and realizing how He has done so very much for us, out of the love for Him in our hearts we can give ourselves to Him in a life of service.

When God created man, He did not create a machine but a person with a free will. God desires that man choose to love Him. So it is with the Christian. Our response should be one of love and thankfulness. This is the most powerful motivation for a life of good works.

When we receive Christ several things happen. We get a new home—heaven, a new father—God, and we become the adopted children of God. So just as a child should obey his father on earth, so we should obey our Father in heaven.

### We Are Still His

When we disobey Him, or sin, He is still our Father and we are still His children. But just as a daddy might be displeased with his son and spank him, so God is displeased with us for not obeying Him. The Bible clearly points out that He may spank us, but we are still His children.

It is the job of the Holy Spirit to speak through God's Word and show us our sin. Then we should confess our sin to God, as 1 John 1:9 teaches, and our fellowship with God will be restored.

Jesus taught this important truth in the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15. The son was born into his father's family just as a sinner is born into God's family by faith in Christ. But there came that time in the son's life when he wanted to go his own way. But even while he was sinning in the far country, it is important to realize that he was still his father's son. But he was not at that time pleasing his father. Later he confessed his sin, and the fellowship with his father was restored.

So we Christians must realize that when we sin, we disobey our heavenly Father and He is displeased with us. But we are still His children and we are still going to heaven. But God desires that we confess our sins (1 John 1:9) and begin to obey Him.

This is the ideal picture of the Christian's daily life. As soon as we realize we have sinned, we should confess that sin and then know that God has forgiven and forgotten. This is not something we should do once a year at revival, but daily, even hourly, as often as we sin.

### The Christian Life Is Impossible?

And yet, when we really understand what the Christian life is, we will see just how impossible it is to live—by ourselves. A couple of examples will show this. In John 15:12, Jesus commands us to "... love one another, as I have loved you." For us to love others with as great a love as Christ has for us is impossible. We ourselves are not capable of this kind of love, except as we depend upon Christ to grant us the ability. And we, like Paul, "... can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). As we go about our everyday life, the only way we can love people as Christ loved us is to let Christ love them through us.

Again in the Great Commission we see just how impossible it is for us within ourselves to do what God says. He commands us to "... Go ye into all the world, ..." (Mark 16:15). To simply view the present world situation, the vast numbers, and the coldness of many of the hearts, reveal how impossible it is for us to accomplish this task. But just as sure as Jesus makes this command, He gives His Holy Spirit to do the job through yielded Christians.

So here lies the secret of the Christlike life—Christ living in us. All that required is that we make ourselve available. As Christians we must dai give our lives to God so He can wor through us and use us. We must be th empty, clean vessels allowing Jesus through His Holy Spirit, to fill and flo through us.

As we daily yield ourselves to Chris by prayer, Bible study, and assemblin with other Christians in church, we wi more and more be transformed into th image of Christ. (See 2 Corinthian 3:18).

Through the preaching and teaching o God's Word, and through our ow personal study of God's Word, we wil come to know what God desires of us.

As we come to this knowledge with a open heart and a committed life, we ca indeed through Christ live the Christia life. Our lives will be what God desire them to be—Christlike.

But we must never forget that th godly life must be lived, not by us, but b Christ in us. The only requirement is tha we allow Christ to do this.

### Our Problem

And this is the problem with mos Christians. We are simply not sold out t God. At some time since we became Christians we have left our first love and have begun to live our own life. We do what we want to do, when we want to do it, how we want to do it, for the reasons that satisfy us. The whole emphasis is on I, me, my desires, and my wants.

But this is not the spirit-filled life. A Christian who has this general attitude is not in fellowship with God. We are, like the prodigal son, in a far country doing our own thing. We must come to our Father, as a little child who has done something wrong, confessing our sins and accepting God's forgiveness.

Also our attitudes must change. We must do what God wants us to do; when, how, and for the reasons He wants us to do it. The Christian life is one which is simply laid on the altar of sacrifice before God with the words and attitude of

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## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



**MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079**

### FOUNDERS' DAY—MAY 24

The Children's Home will celebrate its fifty-fifth anniversary of Founders' Day on Saturday, May 24, 1975. Some may ask, Just what is Founders' Day? It is a day set aside in memory of our forefathers who had a vision and saw that vision fulfilled in May of 1920 when the first children came to our Home. Our founders' faith was strong and their works were equal to the task. Now, 55 years later, faithful, dedicated, Free Will Baptists are still providing a Christian home for unfortunate, helpless boys and girls. Let us at this point pause to say, "We thank you, heavenly Father, for sending faithful workers into the fields to witness your love to your little ones."

Our Founders' Day services will begin at 10:30 a. m. in Memorial Chapel. The guest speaker will be the Rev. C. F. Bowen, a member of the Western Conference and past president of our State Convention. At noon, we will eat lunch on the grounds, weather permitting. Each family is asked to bring vegetables, bread, and dessert, but the Home will provide the meats and drinks for the meal. In the afternoon, entertainment will be provided through outdoor games and gospel singing by various Christian groups. The facilities of the Home will be open all afternoon for those who wish to tour the area and see what life is like at the Home.

About one month ago, a letter was written to all church pastors reminding them that May has been designated as "Children's Home Month" within our denomination by our State Convention. Each church is requested to take up a special love offering for the Home on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. This offering will be in memory of and in honor of our mothers and the vital role they have filled in providing a Christian home for children. During the Founders' Day services on Saturday, May 24, there will be a place on the program for the church pastor or a representative to present the church's Mother's Day offering to the Home. If your church is unable to be represented on Founders' Day, then please mail in your offering in time to arrive by May 24.

The staff and children at the Home are eagerly awaiting the coming of this Founders' Day; not just for the occasion, but because it will be an opportunity for us to be with you. We have an exciting program planned for this special day, so, don't disappoint us; let us know that **you** care for us by your presence on May 24.

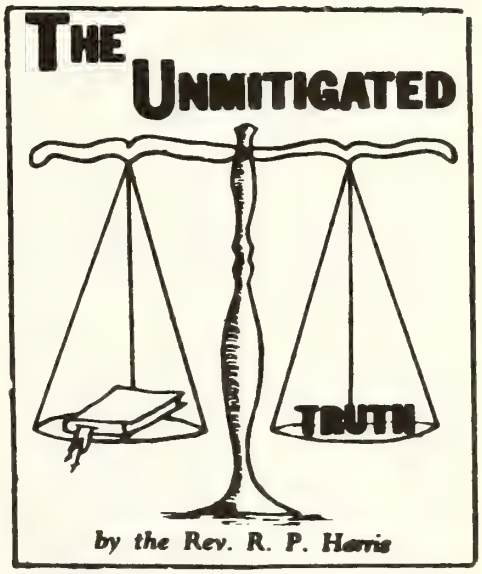
### CRAGMONT TIME

Dear Friends:

As we begin making plans for the children here at the Home to go to Cragmont again this year, my mind goes back to seeing the children as they returned home after their week there last year. I can still see their tear-filled eyes as they said their good-byes to the many friends they made during that week. We will never forget the following Sunday morning as the children stood up in the morning worship service and gave testimony to the experiences they were blessed with during that week at Cragmont. I remember hearing statements like: "I've never felt so close to God before" and "Everybody just loved each other so much." I could go on and on but space doesn't permit it.

Last year it cost a little over two thousand dollars to send the children. We would like to see even more of our children go this year, but our contributions have dropped during the past three months and we **do not** have two to three thousand dollars in the general fund that we can use to send the children to Cragmont. What I'm trying to say is that we need your help, financially, so that our children may have the opportunity to go to Cragmont. We know that you love the children here at the Children's Home and that you are concerned about their spiritual lives; so, we are just going to trust God to provide this need. If you, your church, ladies auxiliary, brotherhood, youth group, or Sunday school class would like to sponsor a child for camp, we will need fifty dollars per child. May God bless you as we work together in His service.

In Christ,
Gladys Weeks




Scriptural basis: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

### THE YIELDED TONGUE

The whole body of the Christian belongs to God Almighty. It is the temple of God's Holy Spirit and is therefore sacred and holy. God claims the unmitigated control of all our faculties. However, God is full of mercy and forgiveness. If we sin God has provided in Jesus Christ an Advocate who pleads for our forgiveness. All the members of our bodies and their functions must be regarded as a sacred trust from God. No two people are precisely alike. One person may use his eyes to sin while another may use his tongue. Others may be more sinful in the use of their ears and still others may be versatile at sinning with the whole body. But, whatever the case may be, the wrong use of any or all members may poison, pollute, or contaminate the whole body and its functions.

The use of one's tongue can be and must be bridled. "If any man among you

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## REPORT OF CAPE FEAR AUXILIARY CONVENTION

by Ruth L. Warrick

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church near Four Oaks, on April 9. The convention theme was "Walk in the Light."

Mrs. John Gilliland of the Eastwood church of Fayetteville gave the devotions. She challenged us to avoid darkness and stay in the Light, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Carol Best, president of the host auxiliary, presented their new pastor, the Rev. Robert Langley, who extended a gracious welcome to the convention. Mrs. Alice Davis of the Powhatan church gave the response.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson presided over the session. She recognized the following ministers: C. M. Coats, Ed Taylor, Curtis Jones, Robert Langley, and Kemery Ard. Other ministers who came in late were Henry Armstrong, Taylor Hill, Wayne Watson, and Joe Ingram.

State officers present were recognized as follows: Mrs. W. B. Raper, secretary; Mrs. Sam Weeks, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Almond Warrick, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Carl Dudley, mission chairman.

All of the Cape Fear officers were present. There were 36 delegates registered and 44 visitors.

Three auxiliaries were recognized as being "A-1." They are Johnston Union, Palmer Memorial, and Tee's Chapel.

Mrs. Sam Weeks gave the Children's Home report. She thanked the convention for its past accomplishments and extended a challenge for the state project which will be adopted at the state auxiliary convention in May.

Brother Curtis Jones, pastor of the Palmer Memorial church in Raleigh, brought the convention message. His text was taken from 1 John 5:1 and Matthew 5:14-16. He asked the question, "What is your relationship to God?" Our hearts were blessed as he shared with us ways of reflecting a right relationship.

A bountiful lunch was served by the host church in the fellowship hall of the church at the noon hour.

The afternoon session began with a memorial service conducted by Mrs. Norvelle Dawson of Shady Grove church.

Mrs. Lillian Stanley, youth chairman, reported good attendance at the fellowship meetings and enthusiastic response to raising money for selected projects.

Brother Joe Ingram reported on foreign missions. He had just returned from Mexico and was very enthusiastic about the work there. Also Brother Henry Armstrong, who accompanied Brother Ingram, spoke briefly.

Brother Taylor Hill represented home missions. He stated that we have eight missions which are doing well.

Mrs. W. B. Raper gave us information on activities at Mount Olive College, and invited us to share in the support of the work there.

Mrs. Dola Dudley invited all the women to the Woman's Conference at Cragmont.

Mrs. Bobby Wood represented the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. She introduced the vacation Bible school material and announced the workshop in Ayden to be held Saturday, May 3.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson made a plea for superannuation.

Mrs. Dola Dudley installed the new officers with everyone joining hands. Mrs. Almond Warrick led the dedication prayer, after which "Blest Be the Tie" was sung by the congregation.

Mrs. Hermon Martin was the music director and Mrs. W. B. Raper was pianist for the day.

A special feature of the convention was special music by Mr. Payton Lee of Shady Grove church who sang "Now I Belong to Jesus" in the morning session and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" in the memorial service.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

A month of Sundays entitled, "Callin Our Community to Christ in '75," was successful campaign at the Black Jac Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3 Greenville, held February 16 throug March 16, 1975.

The special Sundays observed in cluded: (1) Every Member Sunday, (2 Family Sunday, (3) Church Puzzl Sunday, (4) Youth Sunday, and (5 Pike's Peak Sunday.

Church Puzzle Sunday and Youth Sunday were the highlights of the entir contest. Each Sunday school membe was given a piece of a puzzle cut from picture of the church. For the church t be complete in worship, each studen had to bring his piece of the puzzle t Sunday school. On Youth Sunday th young people of the church adequately filled every position of the Sunday schoo and church for the whole day's activities

The overall result of the contest was a 15 percent increase in attendance based on the first five Sundays' attendance o the church year. The winner of the contest was Mrs. Queenie Clark's Ladies Class; the second place winner was Mrs. Ruth Stokes' and Mrs. Emily Meeks' Nursery Class, with the third place winner being Mrs. Barbara Mills' Cradle Roll. These three classes had an average increase of 38 percent in attendance.

A plaque was presented to the winning class and framed certificates were given to the other two classes by Mr. Charlie Padgett, general superintendent of the Sunday school.

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, states that the contest could not have been a success without the cooperation of each Sunday school officer, teacher, and member.

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## TWO CRIPPLES

Alas! That man has lost a leg;
  Yet with a radiant face
He walks complacent on his peg,
  With compensating grace.

But there goes one across the way
  Who needs compassion much;
He lost his faith in God one day;
  For him there is no crutch.

—Author Unknown

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE—

# OPEN DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY

# FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

IN the midst of the current gloomy economic outlook, there is good news from Mount Olive College for parents who are hard pressed to find funds to send their children to college. And there is even better news for qualified students who are willing to accept responsibility for financing their own education''; so declared President W. Burkette Raper in outlining a $320,000 student financial aid program at Mount Olive College for the forthcoming year.

This year Mount Olive College administered a student aid program of $281,366 for a student body of 300. ''This assistance accounted for approximately one half of our total charges including tuition, fees, room, and board,'' Charles Harrell, College business manager, reported.

Next year, the College plans to do even more to keep the door of educational opportunity open for deserving students who sincerely want an education. ''Present projections are that there will be a minimum of $320,000 available to our students,'' Harrell declared.

Financial assistance at Mount Olive College falls into three categories. First, there are scholarships and grants from private foundations, individuals, and churches which the College expects to total $100,000 next year. In addition, government grants are estimated to provide $85,000 for students who qualify on the basis of family income.

''Through scholarships and grants from both public and private sources, Mount Olive College students can expect to receive $185,000 during the 1975-76 college year. This is money awarded to students which they are not required to repay,'' Harrell explained.

Another form of financial aid at Mount Olive College will be $100,000 in education loans, which for many students will be without interest during the period of their enrollment.

''These loans are primarily through our participation in the College Foundation of Raleigh, a private nonprofit corporation. Mount Olive has deposited more student loan money with the Foundation than any college in North Carolina, and these deposits are available to provide loans to our students beyond what would otherwise be available to them,'' Harrell reported. Mount Oive College also participates in the Federal Student Loan programs.

All of these loans are available upon approval by the College and the signature of the student. Collateral endorsement by parents is not required.

Through its work-study program Mount Olive College expects to provide approximately $40,000 next year. Work projects may be either on or off campus, and may be either part time during the school year or full time during the summer. Through its program of Cooperative Education, many Mount Olive College students receive academic credit for their employment by working under the supervision of a faculty adviser who helps to make his employment a

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For those who are willing to climb the steps of learning, there is educational opportunity at Mount Olive College. Marsha Gray of Kinston received the Mittie Sumrell Humbles Scholarship and in cooperation with her home church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, she is also participating in the Church-Matching Scholarship program. Harper Shackleford of Walstonburg, a ministerial student, received the Clifton Rice Scholarship sponsored by the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church Sunday School in honor of its pastor.




## PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Lesson Text:** Ezekiel 18:2-13, 30-32
**Memory Verse:** Ezekiel 18:4

### I. INTRODUCTION

Adam was the one who started it, and we have been doing it ever since. It is the bad habit of blaming others for the wrongs we do. When God talked with him about eating the forbidden fruit he said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:12). Taking her cue from her husband, Eve passed the blame on to the devil, saying, ". . . The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:13). Both of them spoke the truth but each was responsible for his and her own sin.

One of the easiest things in the world is to blame someone else for something we do that embarrasses us later. A student receives a low grade and blames his teacher for discriminating against him. Children blame their parents for giving them "a rotten world to live in." One administration blames another for the mess the country is in. The pastor blames the church for poor attendance, and the church blames the pastor for not preaching as he should. And so it goes.

The whole truth of the matter is that each of us has his own personal responsibility and all must share the blame when things go wrong in life. Our lesson passages today deal effectively with this problem and a careful study of them will enable us to see how each of us must assume his own responsibility for success or failure in daily living.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There seem to be so many things in our society that mitigates against personal responsibility. The government discourages many from trying to save money and to seek gainful employment by offering welfare and the benefits of social services. This takes away the incentive of the individual to make something of himself.

B. God is different than the government. God tells us that we are personally responsible for our sins. We cannot escape this responsibility. Many try to escape it by blaming others, but God does not accept these excuses.

C. It is interesting to observe that our children can inherit material things according to the laws of our country, but they cannot inherit character. This makes inheritance dangerous sometimes. Let me illustrate. Suppose a man has a knife and to him it is a tool for cutting meat and other products he needs around the home. This man dies. His son inherits the knife but not his father's character. So it is possible that the knife might become a weapon of death in his hands.

D. God loves every man, but He created each one with a will of his own. So even though God wills that you be saved, He allows you to make your own choice. What kind of choice are you making?

E. Of course, we realize that there is such a thing as corporate responsibility. The nation of Judah was sinful; therefore, the whole nation must pay. However, in the final analysis each individual was responsible for his own acts.

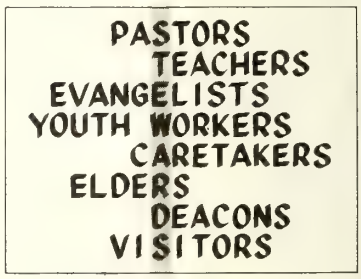
**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Man has a tendency to blame fate or other persons for his own shortcomings and sins. However, as we have seen responsiblity for one's own deeds rests squarely on himself. Of course this is true for the Christian: as for all persons. We are responsible. However, for the Christian this responsibility is more sharply defined.

The Christian is a member of the boc of Christ. Now a body, as Paul points ou in 1 Corinthians 12:12, is one body, bu it has many members—eyes, ears mouth, etc. These members diffe greatly, but all are important; and grea responsibility rests on every one. If eve one fails, the entire body suffers loss.

This is a figure, of course, a figure o the church, as Paul makes clear. Th church is the body of Christ, and ever Christian is a member of that body. Nov let us look at the drawing. Christ is th head of the church, and by Him all are t be guided. As the human body ha hands and feet and eyes, this body to has members to do the bidding of th head. There are pastors, specificiall trained to be leaders.




(Discuss briefly the others listed in the above illustrations. Additional areas o service may be mentioned, such as missionaries and Bible school officers.)

The one word that points up the responsibility of the Christian is "Steward" (the darken letters in the drawing). "It is required in stewards," Paul wrote, "that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Here is individual responsibility as related to the corporate responsibility of the church. How often it is said, "The church ought to do this or that!" The church, as the body of Christ, **does** have responsibility. But the responsibilities of the body are met only as the individual members meet their responsibilities. I may be a very insignificant member of Christ's body, the church, but if I fail Him, no one else will render the service or bestow the love due from me. Responsibility for Christian service is a very personal matter.—Adapted from **Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas once interpreted responsibility to some friends as made of two words, "response," "ability." "Man's response and God's ability."—Selected

# STORIES

## for our youth



### MOM'S PRESENT

**Arla Jo Derr**

JIMMY held his hand good and tight over the dollar in his at pocket. He went from store to store king for a nice present for his mon for other's Day. Everything that he liked emed to cost more than a dollar, and wished he had saved his other dollar im last week, so that he could buy mething really nice.

He hurried across the street to the e-and-ten store. The first thing which et his eye as he entered the store was a lorful kite.

He thought of how much fun he had d just a few days ago with Sammy and s kite. Jimmy reasoned with himself, mmy is only eight years old, and I'm n. I should have a kite too. The wind is st right for flying one now.

He gripped his dollar tight and ought, I do love my mom, and I do nt to buy her a nice present; but I ght to have a kite like Sammy's.

Almost before he knew what he was ing, he handed over the dollar, and the rk wrapped the package for him. Then e handed him forty-nine cents in ange.

Jimmy's eyes popped open. He felt as ough his heart had jumped into his roat. "I thought that kite was forty-ne cents," he stammered.

"Two cents sales tax," the clerk swered gruffly.

Jimmy felt so ashamed. He looked at e change in his hand and wondered nat he could get for his mom now.

He walked slowly over to the store's wer stand. Jimmy looked intently at the wers. When he asked the price of one at appealed to him, it was always more an a dollar. Then he went to the candy unter. By this time he felt like crying, for even the smallest box of candy cost a dollar. He felt he just couldn't hand his mom a cheap bag of candy.

Jimmy walked away from the candy counter. "What shall I do?" he moaned. By this time the big long package under his arm seemed so much in the way that he began to hate it.

He looked at the clock. Twenty minutes to five. Soon the store will be closing, he thought. What shall I do? Tomorrow is Mother's Day.

Along came Sammy and almost bumped into him. "What is that package you have?" he asked.

"I bought a kite like yours, but I wish I hadn't."

"Why I thought you wanted one of those kites," Sammy said.

"I did, but I spent the only dollar I had. I wanted to buy my mom a nice present for Mother's Day, and now I have only this little bit of money left." He showed him the forty-nine cents in his hand.

"It serves you right, stingy," Sam said. "I saved five dollars for my mom's present. I bought her a nice blouse for three dollars. Sis helped me choose it, and it is all pretty and soft and pink. I have two dollars left. I may get her some candy, too. My mom's great, and there isn't anything too good for her."

"I think my mom's great, too," answered Jim, and he felt his lower lip begin to quiver.

"You sure don't act like it, if you take your only dollar and buy yourself a present first," Sam said.

Jimmy felt hot tears fill his eyes, and he hung his head in shame. He did love his mom, but he knew that he was selfish and that he always thought of himself first.

"Sam, won't you help me out? Please take this kite and this forty-nine cents, and let me have one of your dollars. Next week I'll give you the fifty-one cents back and let you keep the kite too."

"It's a deal," Sam yelled.

Jimmy smiled. "Oh, boy, thanks!" he said and grabbed the dollar, handing over the kite and the forty-nine cents to Sammy.

Jimmy prayed as he hurried over to the flower stand. He looked at the pretty purple hyacinth and wished he could buy that, but it was marked $1.49.

The clerk had seen him before; when he saw Jimmy eyeing that pretty plant, he asked, "Sonny, would you like to buy that pretty plant for your mother?"

"I sure would," answered Jimmy, "but I only have one dollar."

"I'll tell you what I'll do," the clerk said. "Since it is almost closing time, I'll give you this pretty plant for just one dollar, tax included."

Jimmy nearly jumped out of his skin for joy. "Oh, thank the Lord," he said. The clerk looked at him strangely, but Jimmy didn't care because now he had a nice gift for his mom. The clerk wrapped it in pretty pink paper. Jimmy felt as though he were walking on air as he hurried toward home.

Sister Sue was sitting at the piano, and Jimmy gave her a wink as he passed her and hurried upstairs so Mom wouldn't see his gift. Sue hurried up after him. "Oh, Jimmy, that's beautiful!" she said. "You must have paid a lot of money for that!"

Jimmy felt so good inside, and he knew that his mom would just love that flower too.—**Gospel Herald**

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### Tribute to L. P. Williford

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other foot amputated. He kept his faith however, being over 65 years of age, he took the challenge of learning to walk with an artificial limb. Within a year, Mr. Leslie was driving again and always at church at each appointed time. He was so faithful to his friends—visiting during sickness and a comfort to them in their trouble and sorrow. The community and Riverside church will greatly miss him.

To know Mr. Leslie was to love him. I am sure he will hear the Master say, "Well done." Our loss is surely heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,
Melva D. Casey

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Pamela Beth Mann Winner Of State Declamation Contest**

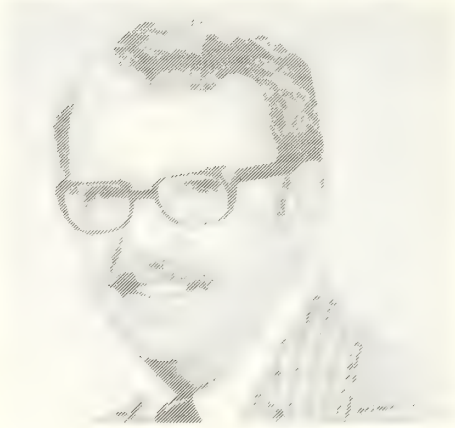


Miss Pamela Beth Mann, age 14, and a member of the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern, was the winner of the declamation contest held at the North Carolina State Youth Convention, Saturday, April 26, in Kenansville. Miss Mann attends the J. R. Barber Junior High School in New Bern and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Mann. She has one sister, Theresa.

The pastor of the Saint Mary's church is the Rev. Rod Jones.

**Free Will Baptist Historical Society Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society, Inc. will be held on May 15, 1975, at 3 p. m., in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection room of the Moye Libray at Mount Olive College. The program will feature Mr. John R. Woodard, director of the Baptist Historical Collection at Wake Forest University. The Rev. Bruce Dudley will also present a paper on ''The Separatists in England'' as a part of the program.



A cordial invitation is extended to members and interested persons attend this meeting. Regular membership is $5 per year, and anyo interested in the history of the Free W Baptist denomination is encouraged join. Checks may be made payable to Free Will Baptist Historical Society, I and mailed to Post Office Box 651, Mo Olive, North Carolina 28365. Me bership is tax deductible.

**Gospel Sing at Friendship Church**

On Sunday night, May 11, a gosp sing will be held at Friendship Origi Free Will Baptist Church, Route Middlesex, in the Emit Community. T featured singers for the evening will ''The Harmony Quartet'' of Kinston.

The Rev. Jack Burnett, pastor of t church, along with the church me bership invites all who loves good gosp singing to be present for this servi which begins at 7:30.

## NOTICE NOTICE

**ALL FREE WILL BAPTISTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

## FOUNDERS' DAY

**AT THE**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Middlesex, North Carolina**

**ON**

**Saturday, May 24, 1975**

**10:30 A.M.—Worship Service, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, Speaker**
**12:00 A.M.—Lunch (Bring Vegetables, Bread, and Desserts)**
**1:00 P.M.—Gospel Singing**
**2:30 P.M.—Tour of Campus and Games**

*BRING YOUR GIFTS AND MOTHER'S DAY OFFERINGS FOR THE HOME*

## The Unmitigated Truth

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m to be religious, and bridleth not his gue, but deceiveth his own heart, this n's religion is vain'' (James 1:26). nes, no doubt, had come into contact h some people who talked too much, d had no regard as to the evil their vile guage was producing. A Christian can d must refrain from talking evil. The ngue must be brought under subtion. The Lord's glory must be vealed in the very words we speak.

The yielded tongue is a prayerful ember. If a man uses his tongue operly to communicate with God and ll not neglect or forget to make the ght requests before God's throne, there ill be ''peace in the valley'' for m—peace that passeth all unerstanding. Not only will there be peace ut there will be great and wonderful joy ll of God's glory!

The Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:1 xhorts ''. . . that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and iving of thanks, be made for all men.'' n the following verses he goes on to ame the different ranks of men and how vonderful it is in the sight of God for men eally to be concerned about the alvation of men. Praise God! We must ray that all men be saved and come to a knowledge of God's wonderful grace.

While the Christian must practice estraint in the use of his tongue, there re times when he must talk and in no ncertain terms. The yielded tongue nust find the time, the place, and the ondition under which he will be able to ell about his wonderful Lord. In fact, the nxiety and the spiritual urge to tell men bout Jesus is so great that, at times, he vill seem to be beside himself (crazy to he people of the world). But the Christian will ever seek openings and pportunities to tell of the great and nighty things God has done and is doing ight now for him.

On one occasion Jesus said, ''. . . Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee'' (Mark 5:19). Read verse twenty and you will see the response of this command. Jesus tells us, on no uncertain terms, just what He expects us to do. He does not ask us—He tells us. It is not enough to ask someone to look to Christ; we must have enough of the grace of God and the power in Christ that we can tell them what they must be obliged to do in order to be saved and become a Christian. Also the Christian must learn to take orders from God as to what he will do with his life.

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learning experience as well as an opportunity to earn money.

President Raper explained that it is the policy of Mount Olive College not to deny admission to any qualified and deserving student for financial reasons. ''Our financial aid program is designed to provide assistance up to the level of the student's need, even if that need is 100 percent of the cost of attending college. Fortunately, we have friends who provide private funds which enables us to assist students from middle-income families who operate on limited budgets but who do not qualify under the rigid Federal criteria. In summary, no student is too poor or too rich to attend Mount Olive College,'' he declared.

The distinctiveness of Mount Olive College, however, is not just in its student aid program. It is a student-centered college with its entire focus on student development. It regards each student as an individual and as a child of God. ''Our financial aid program is only the door of opportunity to a great educational experience.'' President Raper declared. ''We invite both high school students and adults to visit us or to contact our admissions office for more information,'' he added.

## editorial—

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untiringly. Through wars and famines and devastations and all manner of disappointments, mothers endure when all else fails.

Mother has her day when she is made happy by her children; and how much happier can she be than to see them walk in close companionship with her God? We can pay the greatest honor to her life (or memory) by exemplifying heavenly virtues.

Let Mother have her day—everyday, and alway . . . .

## FEATURE

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Isaiah, ''. . . Here am I; send me'' (Isaiah 6:8).

There are no five easy steps to fulfillment in the Christian life. The problem is not that we are putting step four before step three. The problem usually is not that we don't know what to do; but, the problem is our will. We simply want to be boss of our own lives instead of submitting everything to Christ.

Commitment is a daily thing. Full commitment is not necessarily like salvation, which is a once and for all decision. But the Christlike life is like dying to ourself everyday. One of the Bible's favorite ways of describing the believer's life is ''walking.'' We must consistently, daily, by an act of our will, walk in Christ by giving ourselves to God and allowing Jesus to use our bodies.

## Questions & Answers

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possession of a spirit. And only to man did God give this likeness to Himself when He created him and ''breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.'' Man was not left to be guarded by instinct, as in the case of the brute creation. To him God gave the intelligence to understand His will and His requirements.' ''

Whether or not one classifies himself theologically speaking as a dichotomous or a trichotomous does not, I think, make too much difference; but there is to be found a vast difference in his accepting the Bible's teachings concerning his soul's eternal welfare. The Bible teaches, ''He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy'' (Proverbs 29:1); ''Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God'' (John 3:3); ''He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him'' (John 3:36); ''That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed'' (Romans 10:9-11).

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# MOTHER'S DAY

by Mrs. C. D. Clark

Two years ago I was asked to write a poem for Mother's Day and deliver it during the worship hour service on Mother's Day at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. I was asked to write, not a sad poem of a dead mother, but of a living mother. The Lord called my mother to her heavenly home on June 13, 1942. Naturally, I wanted to write a poem about my own mother; so in fancy and make-belief, the years were rolled back to the time when I had just become a teen-ager. As I wrote I was thinking of my wonderful mother who was then Mattie A. Woolard Harris, the wife of the now late Rev. Charlie Jackson Harris.

I am giving this information to explain why the poem is written in the present tense, as if my mother were living. This is as it was given on that day:

On this blessed Lord's Day in May,
Known throughout out land as "Mother's Day,"
We hope to impart both honor and praises
To God and the mothers of all ages.

God has given to each of us a mother,
And we love her more than any other.
I guess this is the way it should be,
For she loves us in a special way, you see.

She cared for and watched o'er us, giving freely of self
During the years we knew not how to care for ourself.
Patiently she taught us of God's precepts,
Hoping someday we'd follow in His footsteps.

She stays busy most all day long
Cooking, cleaning, mending—perhaps praying all along;
But when I need her help, she never seems to mind.
I'm sure she's often tired, but still she's very kind.

When things go wrong and I know not what to do,
My mother's not only kind but understanding too.
She never laughs or belittles me in any way;
After our talk, things seem different: she's made my day.

I'm sure she doesn't always do just as God would;
But she says if we practice doing what He says we should
Everything usually works out quite all right,
And life will seem more cheerful and bright.

She often reads and studies the Bible.
She says, "By following the Word," she's more capable
Of showing others what's wrong or right;
And in so doing, may lead them to Jesus, the Light.

I'm glad my mother taught me of God and Jesus—
How God loved us and gave Jesus to die for us,
That through repentance of sin and belief in Jesus,
We become faithful and to heaven He'll take us.

When I hear the preacher preach about Jesus,
Telling of the wonderful things He does through us;
I'm reminded of Mother, for she's very much like Him,
I can't help but think of both of them.

Going about doing good, compassionate, helping others;
I wonder if that could be said of all the mothers!
Of all the mothers, mine is the best, I think.
When someone else says theirs is the best, I just wink.

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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**Said the man, ". . . whether he be God or devil, we will receive him." He may reduce your identity to a number—and, well, read the editorial.**

# EDITORIAL...

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## SIX-SIXTY-SIX! HAVE YOU YOUR NUMBER?

"Send us a man who can hold the allegiance of all the people, and whether he be God or devil, we will receive him." These words were spoken by Henri Spaak, a former member of the European Common Market and General Secretary of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). According to reports (though he was speaking not in an official capacity), Mr. Spaak has spoken the truth; and however scary the pronouncement, the world is already in such a desperate situation that anyone who can unify the people of the world ("be he God or devil") will be received almost hysterically.

This editor cannot speak from authority—only from conviction and with whatever meager intellect our rational mind can afford; nonetheless, we are convinced that the last days are fast approaching—if not already upon us. At the time of this printing, the Common Market Confederacy in its Brussels (Belgium) headquarters is trying to devise some system of assigning to every person in the world an identification number to aid in buying and selling.

An impressively large, ominous-like computer has been designed and was recently unveiled in Brussels. The computer is three stories high and compels almost hypnotic attention. Frightening, isn't it? More than its appearance, though, its *use* is to be feared.

As the computer is capable of designating numbers to all the people of the world, it will therefore be one step (at least) toward Revelation's prophecy. It is said that the number assigned by the three-story computer to individuals would be tattooed on the forehead or the back of the hand by a laser ray; and Mr. John N. Englund is quoted in *Gospel Call*, a publication of Eastern European Mission, as saying that the system would provide a "walking credit card system." Infrared scanners at checkout counters and buying and selling places would "pick up" the invisible tattoo. No one could buy or sell without "'showing" his digital mark.

We are awed (to say the least) by the production of this three-story computer which will allow *one man* to have the "number" of *every person in the world* at his fingertips. Can you imagine the *power* that this one man would have at his own disposition and the imperiling probability of his *ruling the world*?

If all this sounds a little farfetched, let us hasten here to tell you that it has come to our attention that in the *United States* a number identification system is being programmed to serve all the *banks* in America. A master computer costing a staggering thirty million dollars is now being built in St. Louis, Missouri. A representative of the firm building the computer related that the central computer would offer banks seven-second credit reference—*and hold your hats!* A *mark on the hand* is being developed to eliminate stolen numbers and the problem of identification! This is in *America*, mind you!

Of particular significance in regard to the European computer at Brussels (which can subsequently control everyone in the world) is the fact that the digital system utilizes *three six-digital units*. Does not 666 strike a startling note here? How about the haste to reduce the world's method of measurement to one common one—the metrical system? How about the trend toward a common monetary system and the suggestion of doing away with currency altogether? Are we or are we not about to be ushered into a "holocaust" of terror?

All of us know that political unrest plagues the world and that economic conditions are worst than ever. And, to shake us up even more is that the gigantic computer in Brussels has been nicknamed the "*Beast.*"

"Send us a man who can hold the allegiance of all the people, and whether he be God or devil, we will receive him." Though not intended to do so, Mr. Spaak's words haunt us like the prophet of doom!



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# JESUS AND THE CHURCH

by Calvin Mercer Jr.

GOD'S Word is not lacking in its treatment of the ry important relationship between the urch (the body) and Christ (the head). cripture uses several illustrations to veal certain truths about this lationship. We will look at four.

**Ephesians 5:23-25**

Here, Paul refers to Christ as the usband and the church as His wife. his illustration makes four points about hrist's relationship to the church.

First, Christ is the head of the church; nd since He is head, He has sole uthority over the church, His body. The hurch has no authority outside Christ nd His Word. But, as the years passed, he church began giving authority to men ather than Christ and His Word. This rocess was the beginning of what is oday the Roman Catholic Church. Our ree Will Baptist denomination has its oots in the "Protestant Reformation," vhich returned to the authority of Christ nd the Bible, inspired by His Spirit.

So in our churches today Christ is our authority in theory. But in practice are we really looking to Him and His Word as our sole authority? If we are, His desires and commandments will be taken seriously. Our obedience, or lack of obedience to Christ and the Bible, shows whether or not Christ is really our authority.

This passage also points out that the church, because it has one head, Christ, s to be unified. Oneness of mind and purpose will characterize the church led by the Spirit of Christ. Bickerings, petty differences, jealousies, short tempers, and members having their own way is not from God and will not characterize a church looking to its head, Christ.

A third thing we can learn from this passage is that Christ loves the church, even as a husband should love his wife. The commandments of Christ are given n the context of the love of Christ. Because He loves us, the commandments are not given to be burdensome, but for our own good and God's glory.

And last of all, Christ "nourisheth" the church. Too often the church that comes to grips with its mission, with the job that needs doing in its very own community, comes up with a helpless feeling at just how impossible it is to do that job. Yet this passage points out that Christ supplies the very energy or power needed to reach a cold, lost world. There is no energy shortage in the church. But are we submitting to Christ, so His powerful Holy Spirit can work through us?

**John 10:11-15**

This passage speaks of Christ as the Shepherd and the church as His sheep, and portrays the protection and care the church receives from her Lord.

Verse 12 points out that the shepherd, since he owns the sheep, is much more willing to give himself, even his very life, for the sheep than is a hired man, who has no real personal interest in the flock. So, too, Christ does not care for us like a hired man; but since He created us and bought us for His very own by His death, He is extremely interested in our welfare.

With this in mind, we should be able to say with the psalmist in one of the most satisfying statements in all of Scripture, "The LORD is my shepherd; (therefore) I shall not want" (23:1).

**John 15:1, 2**

The last two passages we will look at teach the same truth.

John points out that Jesus is the Vine and we, the church, are the branches. The vine is a spreading plant. The message is crystal clear—the church is to grow. Any church that is not growing is outside the will of God.

Spiritual growth of the believer is everywhere taught in the Scriptures. The church, through its study of God's Word and its emphasis on Christ, should make us more maturing Christians, growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

But God desires for the church to grow in numbers too. The Book of Acts vividly points out that the Early Church grew by leaps and bounds.

But a very important point must be made. Branches grow from one source—the vine. If a church is growing up its own power, and for its own glory, it is not serving God. Christ is the Vine and the true church will grow in accordance with His Word, by His Spirit's power, and His Father's glory.

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

Paul here points out that Christ is the Chief Cornerstone and the church is the building. Again this emphasizes growth.

Colossians 2:19 is a good commentary on this passage. It points out that the church is the visible, growing manifestation of Christ on earth. We are not to become trapped in a "numbers mentality," where big numbers are all we strive for. Yet the church that is looking to Jesus as its authority, diligently following His commands, will be reaching out for Christ, and growth by numbers will be a natural result.

An overriding truth that surfaces in all Christ-church illustrations in Scripture is the predominance of Christ. The biblical church will be Christ-centered. The Spirit-filled church will be Christ-centered (see John 15:26). Yet it is sad that you can walk in and out of so many churches without ever hearing the name of Jesus. Oh, His name might be mentioned in a prayer closing, or the pastor might say, Welcome to the house of the Lord." But are the great, deep, and life-changing truths of the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed, taught, and applied in our churches?

From the pulpit to front-yard talk, from the pastor to the usher, from the Sunday school book to the bulletin, the Lord Jesus demands preeminance.

The church is not a social club, welfare center, or social-action organization. It is a body of believers with one book in their hands and one person in their hearts. You should not be satisfied until that person and His book have their rightful place in your church.




SUNDAY, MAY 18
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:16

IN CASE OF STORM

In a shipping disaster at Samoa, the way in which the British man-of-war Caliope escaped, is suggestive. Her machinery was very powerful, and just as she was about to strike the reef, she raised her anchors, and, in the face of the terrible storm, streamed out of the harbor and into the open sea, where she safely outrode the storm. And so in the Christian life, there are times when safety is only to be found in like decisiveness and boldness. Strengthened with all might by His Spirit in the inner man, the soul must bravely go forth to meet its spiritual foes, and boldly attack them—C. M. Hawkins

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We, as Christians, can safely outride any storm in life if we put our trust in all-mighty God. Only through Him can we conquer our foes.*

MONDAY, MAY 19
Scripture Reading—Acts 26:22

O, GOD, HELP!

God's strongest saints realize their weaknesses, and appeal to Him for strength. One Sunday morning, as Charles H. Spurgeon passed through the door back of the pulpit in the Tabernacle, and saw the great crowd of people, he was overheard saying, "O God, help!" Strong as he was, he realized that he was insufficient for so great a task as preaching the gospel in power, unless God should be his Helper.—Dr. A. C. Dixon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Through our own strength it is impossible to undertake the task before us. How often have we cried, "O, God, help"?*

TUESDAY, MAY 20
Scripture Reading—Mark 16:15-18

"MY ALBUM . . .
SAVAGE BREASTS!"

Robert Moffat, father-in-law of David Livingston, being asked to write in a lady's album, penned the following lines:

"My Album is in savage breasts
Where passion reigns, and darkness rest
Without one ray of light:
To write the name of Jesus there,
To point to worlds both bright and fair,
And see the pagan bow in prayer,
Is all my soul's delight."

—*Western Recorder*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Have you ever been influential in helping to wrtite the name of Jesus in some lost soul's heart? If not, you have not carried out the Great Commission of God's Word.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:23, 24

FIRST HAND CONTACT

One of the unforeseen benefits of sending the young people of America to various and far-flung battle fronts all over the world has been that there with their own eyes they have had a sight of foreign missions in action. Writes a soldier from New Guinea, "I had a few mental reservations as to the value of foreign missions, but now I have had all my doubts erased." An officer stationed in the South Pacific confessed, "These people who were head hunters not long ago are so changed it might be beneficial for them to come over and evangelize our civilized Western world a bit."
—*King's Business*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Are you another "Doubting Thomas"? Do we have to see with our own eyes the miracles of God before we believe? Heaven forbid!*

THURSDAY, MAY 22
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 20:22

"HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT??"

"Long have we sought eternal life,
Years have we waited in sin and strife;
In darkness groped, sad misery's mate,
How long, how long must we wait?
"The aged faint and long for t
friend,
Dark shadows gathering bring t
end;
Fades now the light, 'tis growing lat
How long, how long must we wait?"

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Regardless of our burdens h upon earth, if we, with patience, w upon the Lord, He will safely see through. Our reward? A home heaven.*

FRIDAY, MAY 23
Scripture Reading—Romans 10:1 11

"CHRIST IN YOUR NAME"

"Well, my dear, and what is yo name?" The famous Dr. Andre Bonar, of Scotland, was saying goo by to a medical missionary a companied by his younger sister, ar to the latter this question was a dressed. "Christine," was her repl "What a lovely name!" said the age servant of the Lord. "You see, m dear, you have Christ in your nam but have you Christ in your heart? She was silent to that importar personal question, but could n forget it. That night after a long tal with her brother, she flung wide ope the door of her heart to the Saviou Christian living, and faithful servic and has shown years of consisten living among the Edinburgh students the reality of her decision.—*Mood Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Having Christ in your name is no the important thing; but Christ i your heart is the most important thin in life. Is your heart right with God?*

SATURDAY, MAY 25
Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:2 24:42

"A LITTLE WHILE"

"A little while!" and He shall come,
The hour draws on apace,
The blessed hour, the glorious morn
When we shall see His face;
How light our trials then will seem!
How short our pilgrim way!
Our life on earth, a fitful dream,
Dispelled by dawning day!

A little while, with patience Lord,
I fain would ask, "How long?"
For how can I with such a hope.

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** From whom did the domites descend?

**Answer:** We know they descended om Esau and that he was a twin brother f Jacob. We also know that Esau was a on of Isaac and Rebecca, which would ean Issac was a son of Abraham and arai. We also know that both Sarai and braham were descendants of Terah. "And yet indeed she is my sister; she is he daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife" (Genesis 20:12). By consulting Genesis 11:10-30, we learn that Terah and therefore Abraham, Sarai, and Lot are descendants of Shem, the son of Noah, whose descendants were the priestly order. So in his own right Abraham, and therefore Isaac, could offer valid sacrifices and of course Jacob, etc.

George H. Sandison answers a similar question on Pages 62, 63 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered,** which follows:

"They were descendants of Esau. They inhabited a fertile and rich country specially given to them (Deuteronomy 2:5; Genesis 27:39). Their country was traversed by roads though it was mountainous and rocky (Numbers 20:17; Jeremiah 49:16). They were governed by dukes and later by kings (Genesis 36:15-30; Numbers 20:14). In character they are said to have been wise, proud and self-confident, strong and cruel, vindictive, idolatrous and superstitious (Jeremiah 49:7, 16, 19; Ezekiel 25:12; 2 Chronicles 25:14, 20; Jeremiah 27:3). They inhabited the cities of Avith, Pau, Bozrah, Teman, and others. Though they were implacable enemies of Israel, it was forbidden to hate them (Deuteronomy 23:7) or to spoil, and they might be received into the congregation in the third generation (Deuteronomy 23:8). Saul made war against them and David conquered them (1 Samuel 14:47; 2 Samuel 8:14). They took refuge in Egypt and returned after David's death (1 Kings 11:17-22) when they confederated with Israel's enemies only to again be overthrown (2 Chronicles 20:10), but finally aided Babylon against Judah (Psalm 137:7; Obadiah 11)."

Such information as your question calls for is helpful to a Christian who studies the Word, but one should make sure he keeps everything in proper perspective while he studies. The Bible tells us, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). It also urges us to come to and make things right with God: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18); "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30); and, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God adibeth on him" (John 3:3-5, 36).

No amount of intellectual Bible knowledge will answer for a complete personal commitment to Jesus Christ. This should precede a diligent study of the Scriptures.

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**Question:** Please explain, "And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come" (Matthew 11:14). Who was he to whom Jesus referred as "this"?

**Answer:** Jesus partly answered this question when referring to John the Baptist: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist" (Matthew 17:11-13). John the Baptist then protrayed some of the characteristics that Elijah possessed and will exhibit when he comes.

Some think that Enouch and Elijah are the two witnesses John saw when he had the vision of experience he had on the Island of Patmos. (See Revelation 11:3-12.) Malachi says, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5, 6).

Dr. L. T. Talbot says the following on Page 263 in his book. **Bible Questions Answered:**

"Let me quote from Dr. C. I. Scofield: 'All the passages must be construed together (Matthew 11:14; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17; Malachi 4:5, 6). (1) Christ confirms the specific and still unfulfilled prophecy of Malachi 4:5, 6: "Elias shall truly first come and restore all things." Here, as in Malachi, the prediction fulfilled in John the Baptist, and that yet to be fulfilled in Elijah, are kept distinct. (2) But John the Baptist has come already, and with a ministry so completely in the spirit and power of Elijah's future ministry (Luke 1:17) that in an adumbrative and typical sense it could be said: "Elias is come already." Cf. Matthew 10:40; Philemon 12, 17, where the same thought of identification, while yet preserving personal distinction occurs.' "

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Memorial Chapel Announces Revival Services**

Revival services will begin Monday night, May 19, and continue through Thursday night, May 22,at the Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the Children's Home, Middlesex.

The Rev. Kenneth Kline of Betendorff, Iowa, a well-known youth evangelist, will be the guest speaker each evening, assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Vernon Thwaites. Services will begin nightly at seven o'clock with special singing planned for each service. Featured singers include the Prescott Family, the Wise Family, and others.

The staff members of the Home are meeting each morning at 9:30, praying that God will truly send a great revival and many will come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Home, states: "Help us pray for this revival. Come and bring a group of your young people and share in the blessings of God with us during this series of revival services."

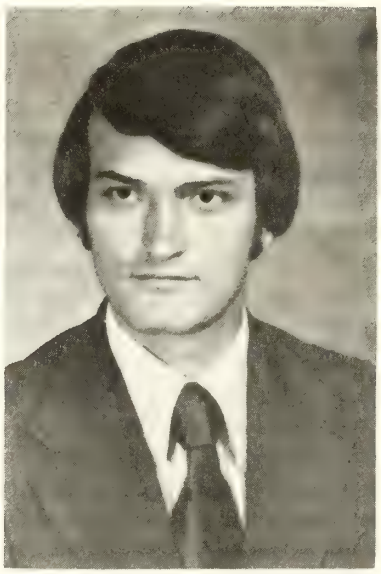
**Central District Youth Rally**

The Central Conference District Youth Rally will be held Saturday, May 24, at Eagles Nest Recreational Center near Dudley. All youth of the district are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

**Rosebud Revival In Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson (near the Firestone plant). Services will continue through Saturday evening, May 17, with the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Durham as the guest evangelist. Services are beginning each evening at eight o'clock, preceded by prayer room services at 7:45. Th pastor, the Rev. Douglas Skinner, is assisting in the services. He and the church membership cordially invites everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

**Marvin R. Waters to Conduct Living Waters Revival**



The Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, plans revival services for the week of May 26-30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Marvin R. Waters, pastor of the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church. Each service will be filled with old-fashioned Bible preaching, gospel singing, and sweet Christian fellowship. The public is cordially invited to attend and to be much in prayer for these services which will begin nightly at 7:30.

**Youth to Present Portrait Of Late Pastor**

The youth of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, will present an oil portrait of the late Rev. Ranton H. Jackson at an unveiling ceremony at the church Sunday, May 18, at 7 p. m. Mr. Jackson was pastoring the Saint Mary's Grove chur at the time of his death.

The AFC and YFA of the chur cordially invite friends and associates Mr. Jackson to attend this presentation

**Eastwood Mission to Observe Homecoming**

The Eastwood Free Will Baptis Mission of Fayetteville will observe it homecoming on Sunday, May 25 Services will begin at 9:45 a. m. wit Sunday school, followed with th morning worship services at eleven. A the noon hour a picnic dinner will b served on the church grounds. An af ternoon of gospel singing and Christia fellowship has been planned.

The pastor, the Rev. Alton Howard, and the mission membership invite the public to attend.

**St. Mary's Grove Largest Attendance at Youth Convention**

The St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson (Cape Fear District), had the largest representation of any church in the state at the State Youth Convention held April 26, at Kenan's Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville. Thirty-five young persons and adults attended the convention in the church's new activity bus which was driven by Beth Norris, assisted by Douglas Roberts.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson of Clinton, widow of the church's former pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, was the group's special guest for a picnic lunch prepared by them for this occasion. The invocation before the picnic was given by the Rev. Ed. Taylor, now pastor of the church.

During the day the group heard inspirational message and songs by a number of groups. They also enjoyed a puppet show presented by representatives of Eagles Nest Retreat at Mount Olive.

**Oak Grove YFA Sponsors Car Wash, Bazaar, Food Sale**

The YFA of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro will sponsor a car wash, bazaar, and food sale at the church Saturday, May 17, beginning at 9 a. m. In case of rain, the car wash and sale will be held Saturday, May 24.

The pastor, the Rev. David Powell, urges all who will to patronize this youth work and help them to grow.

**Spirit of Revival**
**At Black Jack Church**




Pictured above are the new members received at the close of the spring revival held March 17-23, at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville.

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, states: "With the acceptance of three new members since this picture was taken, the church enrollment for the first time has exceeded the 600 number. A continuing spirit of revival is moving within the church for which we give God the honor and praise. Special community prayer services and individual Bible study are in progress each week in addition to the regularly scheduled church program."

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**Rains Cross Roads Church**
**To Observe Annual Homecoming**

The Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, will observe its annual homecoming and memorial day services on Sunday, May 18. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the message by the pastor, the Rev. Preston Smith, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. A singspiration will be held in the afternoon.

The pastor and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, and former members to be with them on this day.

**Gospel Sings, Pleasant Hill**
**Church, May 17 and 18**

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on North Carolina Highway 43, near Chicod, will have gospel sings Saturday evening, May 17, and Sunday evening, May 18, beginning each evening at 7:30.

On Saturday night, the Melody Quartet from Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, will present a program of gospel music, sponsored by the Senior Sunday School Class of the church. Then on Sunday night, the Harmony Quartet from Kinston, will present another program of singing, sponsored by the church.

Their pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, and the church membership cordially invite the public to attend both of these services.

**Annual Youth-Sponsored Revival**
**At Rock of Zion Church**

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). These words have spurred a renewed flame of excitement in the young people of Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Grantsboro. Solomon's words have initiated the plan for the annual youth-sponsored revival of the church. The theme for the revival will be "Celebration-Unity" which expresses the unity there should be in celebrating Jesus Christ.

The revival is planned for May 15-18. On Thurday night, May 15, the Rev. David C. Hansley will be speaking. Mr. Hansley, an alumni of Mount Olive College and Atlantic Christian College, is now serving as special assistant to Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the college. On Friday night the Rev. Bobby Taylor, pastor of the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, will be speaking. On Saturday night the Prescott Family of Grantsboro will be singing. This family has dedicated their talents to the praise and glory of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 18, has been proclaimed as "Family Day" at Rock of Zion. Beginning at 2:30 p.m, at Camp Vandemere, there will be family-relation seminars. These discussions will be focusing on family unity. At 6 p. m., supper will be spread on the grounds. The evening service will be held on the grounds of the camp. The Young World Singers of Vanceboro will be singing. The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Phil Western of Fayetteville. Mr. Western is employed by the Nicky Cruz Outreach Team.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Scott Sowers, and the youth cordially invite **you** to attend.

# SCENES AT THE 1975 DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP HELD IN AYDEN, SATURDAY, MAY 3



*A lineup of cars is shown in front of the Press building, where inside patrons were busily engaged in looking, buying, and fellowshiping.*



*Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Tripp help the customers with their purchases.*



*A portion of a class is viewed as they give their attention to the instructor in a particular department.*



*Changing classes was the order of the morning, as persons are seen making their way to another building and to more instruction.*

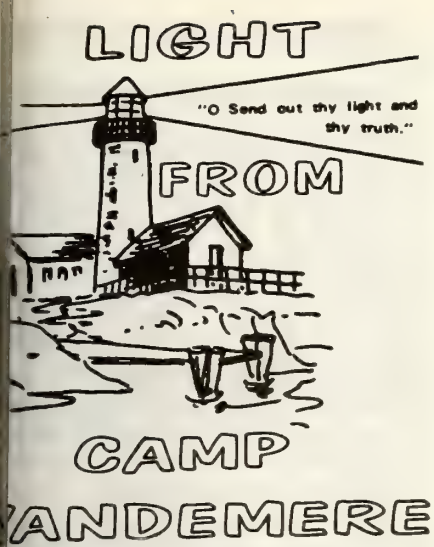


*The editor explains the 1977 DVBS outline series, with the writers giving careful attention to "God—A Very Present Help."*



*Left to right are pictured the Rev. Earl Glenn, Mrs. Minnie Chandler, Mrs. Nina Grace Register, and Mrs. Jane Gainey, writers of Junior, Primary, Intermediate, and Preschool materials respectively, with Editor Tommy Manning.*

(Photos by Walter Reynolds)




**DIRECTOR FOR CAMP VANDEMERE**



The services of Mr. James E. (Jim) White III have been secured as director for Camp Vandemere. Jim, twenty-six years old, was born in Cove City, and now resides in Grantsboro, with his wife, the former Nancy Brinson of Reelsboro. He is presently teaching history at Pamlico Junior High School.

Jim holds an AA degree from Louisburg College and a BA degree in history and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While at Louisburg College, he received the I. D. Moon Award for the most outstanding member of the graduating class of 1969, and was the winner of the Journalism Award. Jim was a member of Phi Beta Gamma Honor Fraternity at Louisburg and a member of Pi Lamba Phi Fraternity at UNC.

Mr. White has served as camp counselor at Camp Don-Lee, Chapel Hill YMCA Day Camp, and the Boy Scout Camp at Bonner Scout Reservation. He is now serving as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 582 of Grantsboro, which is sponsored by the Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, and is the district adviser of the Order of the Arrow in Arapahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. White come to us well qualified as camp directors and will be working together.

**CAMP VANDEMERE 1975 SCHEDULE**

Below are the weeks of camp scheduled for Camp Vandemere for 1975:

**June 15-21**
**June 22-28**
**June 29—July 5**
**July 6-12**
**July 13-19**
**July 20-26**
**July 27—August 2**
**August 3-9**
**August 10-14 (Senior Citizen Camp )**
**August 15-17 (Retreat)**

It is recommended that all campers report by 4 p.m. on Sunday and checkout by 11 a.m. on Saturday. For special arrangements see or contact the Rev. Ralph Sumner, P. O. Box 445, Bridgeton, North Carolina 28526; telephone 637-3783.

Each camper will need to bring the following items: sheets, pillow and pillowcases, blanket, towels, washcloths, soap, toilet articles, pajamas, bathing suit (one piece, no bikini), shorts (no short-shorts), T-shirts, socks, shoes, blue jeans, sweater or jacket, pencil and note pad, and **Bible**.

Optional items you may bring are as follows: raincoat, balls, ball gloves, and musical instruments.

APPLICATION FOR CAMP VANDEMERE, INC.
Summer, 1975

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Fill out completely and mail to: Camp Vandemere, Inc.
P. O. Box 88
Vandemere, N. C. 28587

Camp fee is $40.00 per week which covers tuition, insurance, meals and lodging, and recreation. A $5.00 deposit is required along with this application with the balance due upon arrival. There will be a canteen open for the campers and each camper will need some spending money for canteen and also may want to buy a tee-shirt. We suggest he bring no more than $10.00 spending money.

AME OF CAMPER_____ Phone_____ Age_____

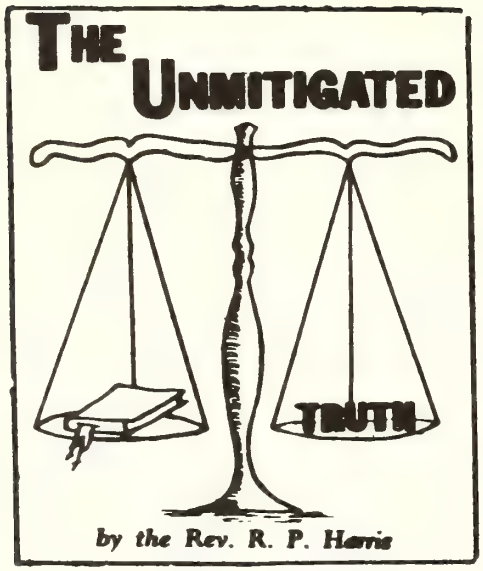
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give my permission for my child to participate in all activities at camp EXCEPT those oted.

Signed_____
(Parent or Guardian permission)




Scriptural basis: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

### THE YIELDED HANDS

Our scriptural basis holds that our hands must not be used to perform unrighteous acts. They are not to be used as instruments of evil in any way. To fully understand this warning we need to know what the functions of the hands are. I would suggest that you try to list all the ways your hands may be used. Your list may climb into the hundreds or even into the thousands if you list all the things you determine the hands are capable of doing. This will prove my point without my having to compile a list for you.

Yielded hands will not steal. Yielded hearts control the hands in such a way that they will not take things which do not belong to them. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28). There is no way the hands can be justified by stealing. This is true in every use of the hands. The brain controls one's hands, and if the Christian has yielded himself to God, the hands are also yielded to God.

Stealing from businesses by unyielded hands costs us billions of dollars in America every year. The customers of merchandising establishments have to pay these culprits because merchants fix prices high enough to offset the cost of stolen merchandise. The higher prices are then passed on to the consumer (us). Stealing from others is a sure sign of evil conformity and the price is everlast death.

Yielded hands will help those in ne "Wherefore lift up the hands which ha down, and the feeble knees" (Hebre 12:12). One can easily see that yield hands will be used to help those w have become weary under pressur These pressures may be from physi strain and stress, or they may be fr mental overuse, or from physical mental malfunction. Whatever the ca yielded hands will come to the assista of the feeble and give them a help hand.

Yielded hands will also make right wrong. ". . . he took them the sa hour of the night, and washed th stripes; and was baptized, he and all h straightway" (Acts 16:33). Philippian jailer realized that he h wronged the men of God or they h been abused by others. His convers made him realize that these men of G needed the kind of help he was not a to give them. This usually happens to sinner who comes face to face with Maker in some very persuasive perience. Many converts tell us of so very dangerous experience or periences which caused them to see th

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## Power Of Attorney

We the undersigned are the ____parent or ____legal guardian of

_____and hereby authorize Camp Vandemere, Inc. in case of an emergency to take my child to the hospital for treatment.

My signature will further authorize the hospital or a licensed Doctor to administer treatment in case of an emergency.

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(Parent's Signature)

(It is understood that we will be contacted by telephone if at all possible.)

_____ _____
Phone No. Home Phone No. Office

Has your child has a tetanus shot? ____Yes No____ When _____

Is your child allergic to penicilin? ____Yes ____No Other drugs_____

Is your child allergic to beestings, poison ivy, poison oak, etc. _____Yes____No
Other allergies _____

Other Medical Information that may be of importance to the Camp (Attach another sheet if necessary)

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## HE FREE WILL BAPTIST

### Subscription Plans

lave you ever considered the fact that E FREE WILL BAPTIST, the weekly ominational magazine, should be in ry home? It is the one vital source of ominational news which is available and easily accessible to every individual. For nearly a century, this organ touched the lives of many people; its longevity is one indication of its cess and its importance.

Because it is felt that THE FREE WILL PTIST should be available for all pple of the denomination, two new scription plans are offered (along h the regular ones ) at a real savings subscribers. Please note the lowing:

1. The Every Family Plan: This new urch plan will offer a 25 percent count, rather than the former 10 rcent discount. Under this rangement, the local church votes to ce the "Baptist" in every home. The urch clerk will send the names and iling addresses of the families to the ess, and the "Baptist" is sent to these ople directly; then, the church will be led quarterly. Families in the church ho are already subscribers to the agazine will have the amount of their edit subtracted from the quarterly bill. ith this plan, names can be added or btracted from the church list at any ne upon notification from the church erk. The church will be billed by the ess according to the calendar quarter.

2. One Address Distribution Plan: hen lots of 25 or more "Baptists" are nt to one individual, who in turn will stribute these to Sunday school embers, members of a Sunday school ass, church families, or other groups or dividuals as may be arranged, a 50 rcent discount is offered. Under this rangement, the "Baptist" could be stributed to those in the group who do t regularly subscribe to the magazine. he person appointed to be responsible r receiving and distributing will be lled by the Press on a quarterly basis. his plan could be advantageous for urches toward improved attendance, if centive is given in a manner so as to ake it appealing.

3. Individual Solicitation Plan: Of urse, the old subscription plan, hereby individual solicitation on a personal basis is done, still applies. When subscriptions totaling $25 have been submitted by one individual, he shall be allotted a one-year subscription. He may use this bonus to renew his own subscription for one year, or he may designate the name and mailing address of some other person to whom the "Baptist" will be sent at no charge for one year.

4. Church Group Plan: Also, the Church Group Plan, an arrangement designed for organizations in churches which do not adopt the Every Family Plan, will still be operable. A Sunday school class, woman's auxiliary, league, or other group may solicit subscriptions and deduct ten percent from the amount being sent, provided the total amount is as much as $15 on the first lot. The plan starts anew at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1.

It is hoped that THE FREE WILL BAPTIST can reach each member of the denomination; and perhaps one of the plans described above will provide the incentive for every Free Will Baptist to be an informed one through our weekly magazine.

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**CORRECTION, PLEASE!**

In the April 30 issue of the "Baptist" there was an error in the feature article, "Jesus and the Sinner," by Calvin Mercer Jr. In the continuation of the article on Page 15, Paragraph 2, it should have read: It is an "instantaneous" change" which God brings about in the heart of a man. Good works have absolutely nothing to do with salvation.

Thanks to one of our readers for pointing out this error to us.—Ralph A. Bowen, assistant editor.

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**REGISTER FOR GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT**

Due to the fact that the late closing of several schools is preventing some groups who usually attend this conference from going this year, it appears that we can accept applications for this conference up to a later date than the usual deadline date of May 20. We are about two thirds filled up at this writing. It looks now like we can accept applications up until the time for the conference—June 9-14. Send names, mail addresses, and ages, along with $5 registration fee, to the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Willis Wilson
Director

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Morehead City, is in need of a pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mr. Robert C. Davis, Route 1, Box 140, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557; telephone 726-4390.

The Rev. John Melancon announces that he is available for pastoral work. He is able to make arrangements immediately. Mr. Melancon is a member in good standing of the Western Conference. Any church desiring his services may contact him at Route 3, Box 326, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by calling 284-2082.

The Rev. James Warren announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work. He is a member of the Eastern Conference in good standing. Any church interested in his services may contact him at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; telephone 527-1648.

In mid-June the Rev. Vernon F. Thwaites Jr. states that he will be leaving his present pastorate, the Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the Children's Home, Middlesex, and will be seeking a full-time pastorate. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the Children's Home, Route 2, Box 13, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; or by calling 235-4643.

Mr. Thwaites states, "I am particularly interesting in locating within commuting distance of a seminary in order to further my education."

The Rev. Wayne Griffin states that he is avilable for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church interested

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## DANGERS OF FALSE SECURITY

**Lesson Text:** Jeremiah 7:4-12; Micah 6:6-8
**Memory Verse:** Psalm 118:8

### I. INTRODUCTION

The way to security in the grace of God is clearly given us in the Word of God. Satan does not intend for unsaved man to see the clear way, however, so he has tried in many ways to confuse the seeking soul and has presented false ideas of how one is saved. To follow his directions is to lose one's soul. What false securities has he offered man?

He had led man to think of salvation as a way of magic. Many have thought of religion as some sort of rabbit's foot or a lucky charm. They think that if they go to church, read the Bible, and pray once in awhile, somehow salvation will come to them.

He has led some to think of salvation as a way of merit. Many think that if they live a good enough life, give to the church, help the poor, and quit all their bad habits that somehow they will be saved in the end.

But salvation does not come in either of these ways, for it is a way of mercy. As a sinner, one has no power to work a magical trick to get saved, nor has he enough merit to win God's approval. He must recognize his inability to save himself and throw himself entirely upon the mercy of God, and pray with the publican in the temple, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

This lesson should help us see the many dangers of false security and help us to find our way securely to Christ.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. One would think that in an age of prosperity like that which we have been experiencing for the last few years, everyone should be happy. The opposite seems to be the case. There are more unhappy, nervous people than the world has ever seen before. This should teach us that peace of mind is not to be found in material things.

B. Have you ever heard an older person say that the happiest time of his life was when he had very little of this world's goods, worked hard, and had heavy family responsibilities? Why is this true? Is it possible that in these days most of us have so much more than we need that it is making us miserable? Don't flinch, just think about it!

C. When the great Jewish Rabbi Leibman was a young man, he made a list of the things people desired most. Then he took this list to an older rabbi and asked him to look it over. He thought to know the desires of people would help him in his messages to the people. The wise old rabbi looked at the list, took a short piece of pencil out of his pocket and crossed out the whole list and wrote "Peace of mind." Then he said, "This is what people want more than anything in the world."—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**.

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. To what or to whom shall we look for security? In what or in whom do we trust? Many of us, if we are honest, will have to admit that money in the bank gives a definite feeling of security. Yet on reflection, we know that this is no security at all when we are faced by many of the contingencies of life. At best, it can secure for us only the things that money can buy. Those things that money cannot buy are never made secure to us through money.

The truth is that condience and security come to us through our relationships to others—our pro relationships, that is. Assurance com not in what but in whom we trust.

This is true in infancy. A baby m have every physical need provided f but unless it knows the loving touch the mother, it may develop a feeling insecurity that will remain through li The mother gives the child love a guidance. As it develops, it learns tha can depend upon her. The child m have bumps and disappointments, t these do not shake its confidence in t mother. With her the child feels secure

A similar confidence develo between a husband and wife. Each ha very real need for the other. As joys a problems are shared, each comes trust more and more in the other. Th feeling of security is summed up in t saying, "Whatever life may bring to u we have each other." Those who are r married have the fellowship of fell Christians, in whose circle of friendsh they find a welcome place.

How do we attain this kind security? The only way is to live so as make the desired relationship possib When we do this we find that life is mu richer and more secure in the relationships than apart from them.

But our ultimate security must be God, for He never fails. He is willing to our guide and stay. Parents can w only so far with their children. The sa is true of husband with wife, friend w friend. But the security that we find Christ is ours every step of the way this life and then for all eternity. In H we are secure.—**Standard Less Commentary.**

B. In a certain town a little chur suffered the withering fire of criticis because the preacher and one of t leading members were caught in discreditable financial transaction. " that is Christianity, then I want nothi to do with it," said a businessman. I was wrong in judging Christ and H church members by two unwort members, but this illustrates how i portant it is that church members worthy!—Selected

C. A Quaker lady was once asked t secret of her beautiful complexion. S said, "I use truth for my lips; for r voice, prayer; for my eyes, pity; for r hands, charity; for my finge uprightness; for my hea love."—Reginal Wallis

# STORIES

## for our youth



## BUTTERFLY TREES

by Ruth Langley Newsome

"MOTHER! Come quick! See what I've found."

Patty and her mother had been ex-bring down by the edge of the woods. inning ahead of Mother, Patty saw mething glittering in the sun, and she opped to investigate.

Mother caught up with her and looked here she was pointing. "Why Patty, at's the chrysalis—or cocoon—of the onarch butterfly."

"A monarch butterfly? What kind is at?"

"Do you remember that beautiful ange and black butterfly Granddaddy owed you on the farm last week?"

"Oh yes! Down by the lake. Grand-ddy said it was probably laying eggs the milkweed."

Mother said, "Yes Patty, the monarch lways lay their eggs on the milkweed, nd only one, or at the most, three to a lant. They look like tiny drops of dew on ne underside of the leaf. This chrysalis s on a milkweed. Isn't it a pretty shade f green? And see the spots of pure old? No other chrysalis is as pretty as ne monarch chrysalis."

Patty gently touched the cocoon. "My eacher told us how the caterpillar spins ne cocoon that turns into a butterfly."

"Yes, Patty," Mother told her," and his special butterfly, the monarch, can y a great distance. One was known to ave flown all the way across the United States."

"But Mother, wouldn't a bird catch it efore it could go so far?"

"No Patty, the blood of the monarch tastes so bad all the birds leave it alone. If a bird did catch and eat one he would become very sick."

Patty was thoughtful for a moment. "Mother, isn't God wonderful to give us a pretty butterfly like the monarch and fix it so the birds will leave it alone?"

"Yes, He is," Mother said; "and you know what? There is another butterfly called the viceroy. It looks almost exactly like the monarch, but it doesn't have the bad-tasting blood. So it travels close with the monarch for protection. It's called the imitator."

"I know the viceroy is glad its coloring is like the monarch so it can fool all the birds," said Patty.

Mother smiled. "The moarch butterflies migrate like the birds. In spring they start north when the milkweed begin to grow. They stop, lay their pale green eggs, and move on. In four or five days these little green eggs open to let out tiny caterpillars."

"I know," said Patty, "Granddaddy showed me some caterpillars that day. And he told me those caterpillars would soon be spinning cocoons and now, Mother, we see one right here."

As they stood looking at the beautiful chrysalis, Mother said, "Yes, Patty. Now you've seen the monarch in all four stages: the egg, the caterpillar, the chrysalis like this one, and the butterfly. It will fly north soon and with thousands of others will start south again in late summer."

Patty was all excited about her discovery. She asked, "Mother, do you suppose this one will fly this way going south? If it does, maybe I will see it."

"I don't know," Mother answered her, "but lots of them will be going south. They live in trees all winter, hundreds of them. The trees are covered every night beginning at about sunset, and all day on cloudy days. In California and Florida these trees are called butterfly trees."

"Butterfly trees! Mother, wouldn't it be fun if we could grow some in our backyard!"



### WHAT THE CROSS MEANS TO ME

**by Effie L. Martin**

The old rugged Cross is so precious to me;
For once I was blind, but now I see.
I was lost in sin with no hope at all
When Christ knocked and I answered His call.

Now I am walking with Him each day,
And He leads and guides each step of the way.
He's the lily of the valley when I am low,
The rose of sharon on the mountaintop you know.

The Cross may be heavy and sometimes hard to bear,
But when I need my Saviour, He's always there.
Reading and studying God's Word I have found
That I must bear the Cross to receive a crown.

# THE OPEN BIBLE DEMONSTRATED AT PRESS

Mr. Bill Fox, sales representative of Thomas Nelson, Inc., publishers of The Open Bible, visited the Press recently and demonstrated this new King James Version, red letter edition of the Bible to Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, bookstore coordinator, and to the managers of the branch bookstores (New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson). The Open Bible offers more references and study aids than one could imagine, containing introductions to every book in the Old and New Testaments and includes Christian Life doctrinal outlines, underlining, and notes. This Bible is invaluable, as it features a how-to-study and how-to-witness guide, index, verse translations and references, color maps, and prophecies concerning Christ; in short, The Open Bible puts 1,728 pages at one's fingertips to make understanding the Bible interesting and enjoyable. Prices for the Bible range from $12.95 to $38.95, and orders may be placed at the Press or any of its branch stores.




*Pictured during the demonstration of The Open Bible are left to right: Mr. Bill Fox; Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, bookstore coordinator; Mrs. Dorothy Crouch, manager of the Ayden bookstore; Mrs. Hattie Mae Everton, manager of the Wilson bookstore; Mrs. Joyce Wood, manager of the Smithfield bookstore; and Mrs. Ellen Dixon, manager of the New Bern bookstore.*

## CHILDREN'S HOME

### BIRTHDAY LIST

Listed below are the names and birthdays of the children at the Children's Home. It would be very nice if you (individually) or your church, auxiliary, Sunday school, youth group, or any organization of your church could see fit to remember these on this all-important date in their lives.

**January**

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| Ronnie Gay | 6, 1960 |
| Donnie Dement | 14, 1965 |
| Bonnie Dement | 14, 1965 |
| Brenda Jones | 14, 1969 |
| Terry Faircloth | 20, 1958 |
| Sally Alford | 22, 1960 |

**February**

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| Randy Faircloth | 3, 1957 |
| Andy Anderson | 7, 1970 |
| Audrey Worley | 7, 1965 |
| Donnie Anderson | 11, 1959 |
| Roger Worley | 21, 1964 |
| Becky Christian | 22, 1961 |
| Rosa Lee Summerlin | 23, 1967 |
| Vickie Lee | 26, 1962 |
| Jeff Eason | 26, 1964 |

**March**

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| Jeffrey Johnson | 1, 1966 |
| Angie Nichols | 6, 1965 |
| Donald Sasser | 11, 1964 |
| Johnny Gay | 18, 1962 |
| Sherry Summerlin | 23, 1969 |
| Roy Speight | 26, 1964 |

**April**

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| Mary Ann Warren | 6, 19 |
| Betty J. McLawhorn | 15, 19 |
| Bobby Bottoms | 15, 19 |
| Dorothy Johnson | 20, 19 |
| Margaret Dement | 23, 19 |
| Cathy Cone | 28, 19 |
| Ricky Eason | 28, 19 |

**May**

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| Delma Gay | 11, 19 |
| Tim Pittman | 15, 19 |
| Debra Cone | 22, 19 |
| Donna Cone | 22, 19 |
| Betty Worley | 30, 19 |
| *Claudius Elmore | 31, 19 |

**June**

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| Johnny W. Hopkins | 27, 19 |

**July**

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| Sandra Eason | 3, 19 |
| Jo Ann Anderson | 8, 19 |
| Jeffrey Lamm | 8, 19 |
| Janice Jones | 9, 19 |
| Donald Anderson | 17, 19 |
| Jeff Eason | 22, 19 |
| Mary Ann Lamm | 21, 19 |
| Judy Warren | 29, 19 |
| Kenneth Jones | 31, 19 |

**August**

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| Judy Carol Jones | 3, 19 |
| Kay Hill | 5, 19 |
| *Janice Tebo | 5, 19 |
| Jackie Speight | 5, 19 |
| Julia Woodard | 14, 19 |
| Bud Hill | 24, 19 |
| Lou Davidson | 26, 19 |
| Cliff Garris | 29, 19 |

**September**

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| Ann Worley | 2, 19 |
| Mollie Garris | 15, 19 |
| Jimmy Speight | 17, 19 |
| Robin Anderson | 25, 19 |
| Donna Lee | 30, 19 |
| Kim Mills | 30, 19 |
| Tim Mills | 30, 19 |

**October**

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| Brenda Garris | 6, 19 |
| Allen Johnson | 7, 19 |
| Mitch Joyner | 20, 19 |

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| y Hill | 26, 1959 |
| da Mills | 26, 1962 |
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| y Hill | 31, 1961 |

**November**

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| ior Eason | 20, 1961 |
| dra Anderson | 21, 1960 |
| icky Faircloth | 24, 1955 |
| a Davidson | 26, 1967 |
| nny Nichols | 27, 1962 |

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| mmy Mansour | 2, 1956 |
| en Davidson | 9, 1962 |
| y Gay | 18, 1958 |
| bra Marlow | 22, 1960 |
| mona Hopkins | 26, 1964 |
| eve Nichols | 31, 1963 |
| College Students | |

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## LITTLE SEED

by
Ruth Langley Newsome

The ground is so dark
And the seed so small,
I wonder if it
Will ever grow at all?

But God with His love
Will send sun and rain
To make it grow
Into golden grain;

To be harvested and made
Into loaves of bread,
So all of His children
May be bountifully fed.

## Family Fireside

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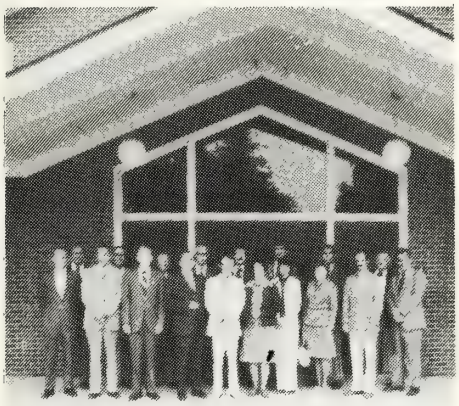
Of glory and of home,
With such a joy awaiting me,
Not wish the hour were come?
How can I keep the longing back,
And how suppress the groan?

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Are we looking forward to the Lord's return, or do we have a little repenting to do? As the poet says, it is only "A little while." Please do not delay!*

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## CLERKS AND MODERATORS MEET AT GOLDSBORO



*A group of clerks and moderators are pictured outside of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, where they met Tuesday, April 29, for the finalization of plans for the publication of an annual Free Will Baptist yearbook. Plans call for the yearbook to include among other things, State Convention minutes, reports of enterprises, minutes of conferences and union meetings, a church directory, and calendar of denominational activities.*

## Churches and Ministers

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may contact him at Route 4, Box 316, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580, telephone 747-5189.

## A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

**Mrs. Belle Brown**

Dear Mom,

As Mother's Day approached, somehow I was filled with precious memories of you. Although you are deceased three years now, somehow I want to write what my heart contains as a tribute to you. The memories of you make my heart so tender that I find it difficult even to write. I feel as though I am about the richest person in the world by having had you as a mother. I realized as a child that you were an example and guide for my own life. You were a noble and fine person—unselfish, loving, kind, and a devoted mother. I was always proud to say, "That's my mother."

I love you for your loyalty to all of us and for the many times I found comfort in taking my own problems of life to you. I think of how you sewed days and many times late into the night so we (six girls) might be as well-dressed as the average person, yet never complaining or neglecting your duties as Mother, wife, and homemaker.

I love you for instilling in me the desire to trust God and make Him ruler over my life. In these troubled days, when we pray for peace and security, deep down inside me burns a desire to leave to my children the heritage and wealth of character your tried to bestow on me. The Scriptures read at your funeral, taken from Proverbs 31, Verses 10-31, were so befitting and will always live in my memory.

If you were living Mama, I am sure you could read between the lines the things I have been unable to write. Yes, Mama, in all humility, love, and adoration, I wore a white flower for you on Mother's Day.

In loving memory,
Gaynelle Brown Singleton

## The Unmitigated Truth

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lost and undone condition. When once they realize their narrow escape from eternal disaster, they want to go back over their lives as much as possible and right all their wrong deeds.

## Coming Events . . .

**May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.**

**June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

**June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

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# FOUNDERS' DAY

AT THE

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

**Middlesex, North Carolina**

ON

**Saturday, May 24, 1975**

**10:30 A.M.—Worship Service, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, Speaker**
**12:00 A.M.—Lunch (Bring Vegetables, Bread, and Desserts)**
**1:00 P.M.—Gospel Singing**
**2:30 P.M.—Tour of Campus and Games**

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# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1975

## LITTER HERE AND LITTER THERE — BUT NOT IN GOD'S SANCTUARY!

Trash, rubbish, torn paper, candy, chewing gum, discarded quarterlies, used bulletins, and a host of other accumulated castoffs "adorn" the Lord's house. A place intended for worship has in some instances become a garbage heap or a trash pile—and for shame! Who would desecrate His sanctuary in such a manner? You? I? They? All of us? Apparently so, for we have witnessed too many times the pollution of God's house by irreverent and insensitive people—and God forgive us for defaming and defacing His holy place!

Your editor has noticed numerous times that people who would never consider dirtying up their homes think nothing of dirtying up their heavenly Father's house. Of the two, which house deserves more respect? Think now.... Have you ever dropped a piece of paper, a candy wrapper, a wilted flower, or whatever, someplace in the Lord's house and neglected to pick it up? More especially, have you done any of these things in the *sanctuary*—which should be the *holiest* and *most revered* area of the church? His house, according to His Word, should be called the "House of Prayer," but who can conscientiously pray in a trash-laden place of worship, however real the presence of the Almighty? Chewing gum wrappers, candy fragments, pop bottles, and even some items too indelicate to mention deter proper worship; for in the midst of this, the *"mess"* is compelling our attention rather than allowing the *Lord* to claim it.

Usually a custodian or members who take it upon themselves and consider it a Christian duty will clean and tidy the church for the Sunday worship services; but shortly after the first service, the church is in as much disarray as before the cleaning was done. Children cannot be blamed for it all, for this writer has even seen *empty cigarette packs* lying on the carpet underneath pews in *more than one church*; and though it is conceivable that children did place them there, it is just as believable that some thoughtless adult crushed the empty pack (or packs) in his hand and just let them drop wherever it happened to be convenient.

The "ifs," "ands," and "buts" of smoking can be and will be debated for ages hence; and however vehemently one may defend his right to smoke, he *does not have the right to discard his empty packs in the Lord's sanctuary!* Neither does one have the right to shread paper and scatter it on the floor—and to desposit his gum on the carpet or stick it under the pew or in the hymn rack—well! These things *are* done, much to our consternation; but we, the laity, are responsible.

This writer knows of one lady who spent many hours recently with an emery board (a nail file type tool), removing gum from the undersides of pews in a particular sanctuary. This devout lady (who exemplifies Christian principles in every endeavor) impressed us with her sincere concern and her willingness to stoop to such a task. It did require physical stooping to do the job, though spiritually, *no service*, however meager or possibly "demeaning" it may appear to onlookers, is beneath this lady's dignity to perform for her Lord.

Pride should be taken in and with the Lord's sanctuary, certainly; and if all of us took as much pride with it as we do with our personal grooming, there would be no need to "file" gum off the pews.... Agreed? Neither would there be the need to retrieve bits of paper or other trash from the corners or to pick up odds and ends off the floor.

Surely the Lord is in the church. It is none other than the house of God and the "Gate of Heaven," and as such it is demanded of us who claim membership in it to afford it proper respect. No, the *building does not save us*; but when dedicated to our Father, it should be reverenced. Our contention is that worship is more fulfilling when the surroundings are conducive to meditation and praise—*clean* and as *pure as* is physically possible, and therefore worthy to be His dwelling place. There is no valid reason for littering to begin with, for proper receptacles are provided for the disposition of trash or whatever.

When *you* enter the "House of Prayer," do you go in meditative silence? Do you give His house proper repect, or do you defile the holy place by abusing and misusing it and depriving true worshipers of their right to honor their Father in spirit and in truth? Littering the highways and byways is bad enough. Littering one's mind is worse. And, littering the beauty of His sanctuary is so deplorable that it defies adequate comment.

You know, the Master wants His house to be in order—does He not? Do something about it—please?

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# JESUS

FTEN we close our ears to the the very message we need the most. have a fear that this article will not be d, and if it is read, I have an even ater fear that our churches, our ple, and myself might not respond to truth of this subject.

All the subjects we have dealt with e been important. Yet this series uld be terribly incomplete without this al word.

f God has saved us, and if God is paring for us a home in heaven, and if aven is much better than the best this has to offer, why does God not take to be with Him right now? Why does d leave us here to suffer the sickness d heartache that so often comes with ? Why, please tell me why, God lays one second in giving us the rfect home He has prepared just for u and me?

Christ died so that men might be ved. The church is those who have cepted this message and are saved. e world, for the most part, is not ved but stands in need of the ving message.

The facts are simple and the im- ication is great. We have a message e world needs. The truth sounds loud nd rings with a note of urgency—we e to take the good news we have elieved to the people of the world so ey might believe.

**A job to Do**

We are still here on earth, rather than heaven, because God has a job for us do. We are a called-out people, with a essage for a lost and dying world. And it were not for the good news of Jesus at we have and the sinner who needs at good news, can you think of one ason why God would hesitate bringing is children home to heaven?

Churches may discuss whether or not aptism is to be by complete immersion. hristians may disagree over whether or ot the gift of tongues are operative in e church today. But there is one uth which breaks forth crystal clear om the entire New Testament: that od's church and God's people are to share the good news of Jesus with the entire world.

The church exists to hold Christ before men; and whenever the church is not doing this in its own community and in the world, then that church (no matter how many members are sitting inside and how many dollars worth of brick and mortar are in the structure) is failing God, who desires that all men be saved.

Because Christ saved us, we are indebted to follow His comandment to disciple the entire world. But we are also indebted to the world; for we, as saved sinners, are no more worthy of our salvation than the lost sinners who have never heard the plan of salvation. We are obligated to take the word of that salvation to the world.

**Evangelism**

What is evangelism? Many potential soul winners have been discouraged because of not understanding what witnessing means.

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Webster's Dictionary says that witness means "to testify of." That is what to witness for Christ means. We simply bear witness of Christ to others. We cannot save anyone, but Christ can; and so evangelism simply means to tell the good news of how a person can be saved.

In witnessing, we must tell a person that he has sinned. This sin separates him from God and will result in eternal separation in hell. But God loves him, and so Christ died for his sin. All he must do is accept what Christ did for him. This is what "believing" or "having faith in Jesus" means. Most people accept Christ by simply praying and asking Jesus to come into their heart to forgive their sin. You can lead a person to Christ by means of three of four short verses. Many Christians use what is called the "Roman" road to salvation. The following verses explain the essentials: Romans 3:23; 6:23; 10:9, 13.

Witnessing is simply explaining this plan of salvation to others and leaving the results up to God. Are we doing this as God would desire?

by Calvin Mercer Jr.

**People Don't Know**

Next time you're out riding for several miles, notice how many churches you see. The countryside is spotted with churches. There is a church on the right and on the left, a church down the road, a church on the hill, a church here, and a church there. And yet so many people still do not really understand God's plan for saving man. A survey taken in my own community revealed that the majority of people do not have a firm understanding of how one might become a Christian. Most think salvation depends on how good one is. No Christian ever got around to explaining that our goodness comes only through believing on Christ.

Two thousand years ago a pitiful few disciples took the gospel to the then known world. Yet thousands of churches and millions of Christians exist in this great land, and too often our next door neighbor dies without really understanding how he could have been saved.

**Revival?**

But perhaps a revival is in progress.

All over the world Christians and churches are discovering the satisfaction of learning to share their faith in a way of life. Countries are being reached that were once considered "heathen." I have even heard it said (jokingly) that Africa is getting so evangelized that they are thinking about sending missionaries to America.

Many churches in our country now have "witness groups" or "visitation nights." This type of witnessing is scriptural, for in Acts the Early Church went out "two by two" and "from house to house." The only problem that might arise with such a program is that a church, simply because it has a "weekly program of evanglism," thinks it is

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# WORLD




SUNDAY, MAY 25
Scripture Reading—John 15:9

THE DIFFERENCE:
JESUS CARES!

"When you've met some disappointment,
And you're tempted to feel blue,
When your plans have all been sidetracked,
Or some friend has proved untrue;
When you're toiling and you're struggling
At the bottom of the stairs,
It will seem a bit like heaven,
Just to know that Jesus cares!

"Oh, this life is not all sunshine,
Some days darkest clouds disclose
There's a cross for every joy-bell,
And a thorn for every rose.
But the cross is not so grievous,
Nor the thorn the rose-bud wears,
And the clouds have silver linings
When we know that Jesus cares!"
—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It seems the more strife in our lives the more enjoyment we receive from small pleasantries.*

MONDAY, MAY 26
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:9

PERSEVERANCE

Certain officers approached Napoleon to recommend a young captain for promotion. Napoleon asked them: "Why do you suggest this man?" Their answer was that he through unusual courage and cleverness won a signal victory several days before. "Good," said Napoleon, "but what did he do the next day?" That was the last that was ever heard of the young man.

There are two kinds of people in the world—those who show an occasional burst of brilliancy and those who can be depended upon to do their best everyday in the year—in other words, the flashers and the plodders. The backbone of a Christian civilization is its dependable people. These are the ones who can always be counted on no matter what happens, anywhere.—*Religious Telescope*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ needs us to be steadfast and loyal. A sometime Christian is as much good as any sometime help.*

TUESDAY, MAY 27
Scripture Reading—Matthew 15:19

WHERE CRIMINALS
COME FROM

Where do our criminals come from? Plainly from bad or inferior homes, or lack of any homes. The home directs the youth into the road he is apt to follow throughout life. J. Edgar Hoover is quoted as saying on this point: "Criminals are home-grown. So are law-abiding, honorable citizens. Character, good or bad, gets its original 'set' in the home. Criminal tendencies are mostly picked up outside the home, perhaps on the street—because of a lack of proper teaching in the home. There is no real substitute for a good home."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A lovely home with everything our darling children desire handed to them is not any better than a home in the ghetto with Christian parents.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

JESUS

Lonely? No, not lonely
With Jesus standing by;
His presence always cheers me,
I know that He is nigh.

Friendless? No, not friendless
Since Jesus is my friend;
I change, but He remaineth
True, faithful to the end.

Sadden'd? No, not sadden'd
By scenes of deepest woe;
I should be if I knew not
That Jesus loves me so.

Tired? No, not tired;
While leaning on His breast
My soul has full enjoyment
Of His eternal rest.
—Charlotte S. C. Panton

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus is always there and loves us. What a wonderful knowledge; to know that Jesus will not forsake us.*

THURSDAY, MAY 29
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:

WE REQUIRE LOVING!

A little girl was making but po progress toward recovery, though t ailment had been checked and the seemed to be no reason why s should not rapidly improve. But didn't happen, and the doctor charge was keenly interested to kn why. She was a very sensitive chi easily scared, responding quickly kindness. Perhaps she was afraid Nurse or Sister or her unfamili surroundings. The doctor decided was the lack of understanding whi was retarding recovery, and so wr a directive upon the temperatu chart: "This child requires lovi every four hours." God is even bet than that: He says, "I have loved th with an everlasting love."—Winsl Storey

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have been told even to be lovi to our plants if we expect them grow. People require more love th plants.*

FRIDAY, MAY 30
Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 1:

KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT POWE

The late Dr. George S. McCur who for many years was engaged missionary work in Korea, made th statement: "A Korean said, 'We ha had a code of morals. We have kno what we ought to do, and what ought not to do, but we have had power to do what we knew to be rig But when Jesus Christ came into o lives we had power to right.' "—*Moody Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus gives our lives purpose a meaning. When we become Christia we have a goal in life.*

SATURDAY, MAY 31
Scripture Reading—Psalm 33:22

DREAMS

We grow great by dreams. All b men are dreamers. They see things the soft haze of a spring day or in t red fire of a long winter's evenin Some of us let these great dreams di but others nourish and protect then nurse them through bad days till th

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Please explain, "Therefore thou bring thy gift to the altar, and hese rememberest that thy brother hath ught against thee; Leave there thy gift efore the altar, and go thy way; first be econciled to thy brother, and then come nd offer thy gift" (Matthew 5:23, 24). oes this mean that God does not pay ttention to the prayers of one of His hildren until everything is cleared with very other of His children which should ot be between them trying to get His ttention?

**Answer:** No! Not necessarily; however, it does seem in the light of all else said in the Bible on this subject that it may teach that repentance and reconciliation must precede gifts and offerings. God wants us to confess Christ and then, and not until then, will our gifts and offerings be of advantage to us. Indeed gifts and offerings are included in true worship, but not a means by which we come to the Lord in the initial step in salvation.

The rich young ruler of Mark 10 seemed to think he should have salvation because he thought he had observed all the commandments required of him. But knowing his heart, Jesus made a test to prove him: "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me" (Mark 10:21). The young ruler must first give up that which he prized first in his desires and give Christ that first place and then he would be eligible to take up his cross and follow Jesus, and not before. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

In John 13:38 Jesus asked Peter, who had vowed to follow Him wherever he might go, "Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? . . . " But Jesus happened to know and asked him: " . . . Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him. Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). Again Jesus said, "Lovest thou me more than these?" Too many disciples of Christ, like Peter, though they love Him, fail to show, when the Christian going is tough, that they love Him more than "these":the carnal things of the world.

To feed Jesus' sheep (other Christians) required then, as it does now, a sufficient knowledge of and devotion to God's Word and to Christians who need that food and not some ineligible substitute. Jesus emphatically taught that for a Christian to please Him he must have more deep and abiding affections for Christ than any or all else. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciples" (Luke 14:26, 27). This, of course, means to emphasize the fact all else including one's closest friends and relatives fade into insignificance when it comes to the comparing of the Christian's affections for Christ with these. Any of these relatives here mentioned are indeed precious to one with whom they are thus associated while he is on the earth and may be, if they get saved during this life, be in heaven; but that is not the point in the verse. The real teaching is that a true Christian's affections are so centered on Christ, his Lord and Redeemer, that all else is regarded as worthless without Him and that right relationship with Him, the Bible admonishes us, to gain and retain: ". . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; . . ." (Matthew 6:33).

We often hear it said, "Everything has its place," which is true when one compares Christ to the many wonderful things He has given us, including mothers, fathers, brothers, etc. But Christ must have the first place for all to go well in anyone's Christian experience, but should not and cannot take Christ's place.

George H. Sandison in, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, Page 269, makes the following statement in answering a similar question:

"There is in these words of Jesus no intimation that the gift will not be accepted. 'First be reconciled to thy brother, and **then come and offer thy gift**.' He is insisting that we cannot pacify God with gifts if there is injustice in our lives. An extreme case will illustrate this point: Suppose a thief wishes to get right with God. He cannot do so by making gifts. He must make every possible effort to return to its rightful owners the property he has stolen before his gifts can be acknowledged in heaven. In other words, we cannot straighten out injustice by charity. Justice should precede generosity. There is something splendid and regal about the uncompromising demands of Jesus. A prominent Free Methodist pastor has a favorite motto: 'Nothing is made right until it is made right.' If God commands us to do one thing we cannot fulfill his requirement by making a substitute proposition and doing something else. He demands that we live on terms of justice and honor with our neighbors. He is so insistent upon this that he cannot be pleased with our worship or service until we have stablished our lives upon this basis. At every step we need his divine grace, grace to help us to live justly with our neighbor and grace to worship and serve him acceptably. We must be careful not to judge others in this matter, except in cases where we know that positive wrong has been done. The final answer to the question depends upon what we mean by the word 'consecrated.' There are many Christians who feel that while they wish to serve God there are certain sacrifices and services so difficult that they shrink from making this full surrender. While God is very stern in such cases he is also very gentle and patient. He will receive our services and gifts, hoping that we shall soon be led to make the full surrender. The passage

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## TREASURER'S REPORT
## NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
### End of Fourth Quarter—April 30, 1975

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| Balance in Bank January 31, 1975 | | $2,859.16 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| General Fund: | | |
| Promotional (CSF) | $ 151.47 | |
| Per Capita Dues | 739.20 | |
| Contributions | 125.36 | |
| Denominational Enterprises | 8,282.14 | |
| Total Receipts | | 9,298.17 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 12,157.33 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Convention Expenses and Allocations | $ 248.29 | |
| Denominational Enterprises | 8,282.14 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 8,530.43 |
| Balance in Bank April 30, 1975 | | $ 3,626.90 |

**Summary of Bank Account Balances**

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| General Fund | $ 3,195.09 |
| Interest | 431.81 |
| Total | $ 3,626.90 |
| Branch Banking and Trust Company (Checking) | $ 2,695.09 |
| Atlantic Savings and Loan | 931.81 |
| Total | $ 3,626.90 |

**DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE REPORT**

| | Itemize | Received | Disbursed |
|---|---|---|---|
| Missions: | | | |
| Church Extension (Home Missions) | $ | $1,092.83 | $1,092.83 |
| Foreign Missions (General) | 457.34 | | |
| Vance Link | 19.80 | | |
| T. E. Timmons | 19.81 | | |
| Wayne and Deborah King | 301.07 | | |
| Mexico | 162.17 | | |
| State Project (Equally Divided Among Mrs. Link, Mrs. Timmons, and Mrs. Jones) | 913.52 | 1,873.71 | 1,873.71 |
| Central Conference Missions | | 164.00 | 164.00 |
| Mount Olive College: | | | |
| General Fund | 213.23 | | |
| Alice E. Lupton Scholarship | 52.50 | | |

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## NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CENVENTION

The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, with the Piedmont District as host, on Thursday, May 8, for its 48th annual session.

The theme for the convention was "Peace in Time of Confusion," based on the Scripture reference from Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. D. W. Hancock, and Mrs. Dola Dudley gave the invocation. Miss Leah McGlohon presented a very inspirational devotional using an object lesson and song.

Mrs. Catherine English of the Piedmont District and the local church extended the welcome with Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson of the Cape Fear District responding.

Mrs. Hancock, in the president's remarks, urged the delegates to take home the information received at the convention. She also said that in time of confusion we must keep Christ in our hearts and minds.

The president then recognized the 15 ministers present and thanked them for their support and attendance. She also recognized the state officers, district presidents, delegates, and visitors.

The executive committee minutes were read and adopted which included the missions budget of $3,000 for foreign missions and $1,500 for home missions, $3,000 for appliances at the Children's Home, and $2,500 for balance on carpet for the chapel at Mount Olive College.

Mrs. Dola Dudley presented the Life Membership Award on behalf of the convention to Mrs. R. H. Jackson.

Mrs. D. W. Hansley, youth chairman, presented Pam Mann of the St. Mary's church in New Bern, winner of the YFA declamation contest, who spoke on "What Jesus Means to Me." A quartet of young girls from the Children's Home presented special music. It was so wonderful to see our youth in service.

Mrs. Dianne Riley rendered special music, "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love," prior to the convention sermon. Mrs. N. B. Barrow introduced the Rev. Robert May, pastor of the Hickory Chapel church and president of the North Carolina State Convention, who brought

he message. It was a very challenging ermon, and on motion by the resolution ommittee, it will be printed in "The ree Will Baptist."

The Children's Home Quartet rought special music again after which he Rev. Walter C. Carter, pastor of the ost church, invited us to lunch and losed the morning session with prayer.

The afternoon session opened with he hymn, "What if It Were Today?" Mrs. Hansley then introduced Teresa Mann, essay contest winner, from the St. Mary's church AFC of New Bern. Her subject was "Why Jesus for Today's Youth?" Then Priscilla Ann Cartrette, winner of the YFA essay contest, from the Pee Dee District, was presented.

Mrs. Frank Walston conducted a very impressive memorial service.

The East Rockingham church announced the contribution of $1,000 to the library at Mount Olive College in memory of Mrs. Walter (Esther) Carter.

The denominational enterprises were represented as follows: Mrs. Dianne Riley, Mount College; Mrs. Sam Weeks, superannuation; Miss Leah McGlohon, State League Convention; Mrs. Sam Weeks, Children's Home; Mrs. Dola Dudley, Cragmont Assembly; the Rev. Noah Brown, home missions; the Rev. Joe Ingram, foreign missions; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Anna Philips Loan Fund; the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation; and, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Camp Vandemere.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, treasurer, presented the "best ever" financial report. Her report was adopted by the convention. The secretary's report was given by Mrs. W. Burkette Raper and adopted as read.

The following auxiliaries were rated as "A-I": Cape Fear District—Johnston Union, Palmer Memorial, and Tee's Chapel; Eastern District—Sarecta, Gray Branch, Core Creek, Davis, and Juniper Chapel; Western District—Calvary, Friendship, St. Mary's, and Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. Fred Johnson was elected as a representative for the convention on the Cragmont Assembly Board.

A resolution was adopted to include the auxiliary minutes in a directory with the minutes of other state meetings.

The year of 1976 was designated as a time for programs emphasizing our 50th anniversary.

The congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie," followed with the prayer of benediction by Mrs. Rom Mallard.

Mrs. William Dale served as music director for the convention with Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser and Mrs. Dianne Riley serving as accompanists. It was truly a good day in **His** service.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Ruth L. Warrick
Correspondence Secretary

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|---|---|---|---|
| Chapel Fund | 34.10 | | |
| Chapel Carpet (State Project) | 869.65 | | |
| Fred Baker Fund | 28.75 | | |
| Books | 15.00 | 1,213.23 | 1,213.23 |
| Children's Home: | | | |
| General Fund | 262.01 | | |
| Clothing | 361.45 | | |
| Allowance | 15.00 | | |
| Chapel Air-Conditioning (State Project) | 1,590.31 | | |
| Life Membership Fees | 40.00 | 2,268.77 | 2,268.77 |
| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | 181.08 | | |
| Pastor Retirement | 4.00 | 185.08 | 185.08 |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc.: | | | |
| General Fund | 240.26 | | |
| Dining Hall | 306.38 | | |
| Albemarle $1,000 Club | 57.00 | | |
| Building Fund | 145.00 | 748.64 | 748.64 |
| Anna Phillips Loan Fund | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Camp Vandemere | | 80.00 | 80.00 |
| *Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Missions | 151.47 | | |
| Mount Olive College | 151.47 | | |
| Children's Home | 113.60 | | |
| Cragmont Assembly | 113.60 | | |
| Superannuation | 75.74 | 605.88 | 605.88 |
| Totals | | $8,282.14 | $8,282.14 |

*20 percent rentained for promotional (see receipts $151.47).

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

## Family Fireside

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bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who hope that their dreams will come true.—Woodrow Wilson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Joseph and David and many other men of God were dreamers. Oftentimes dreams are the substance of which life is composed.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

**LIFE**

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

Remember that what you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to another, but what you are will be yours forever.—Henry van Dyke

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## JOY LEE GAINS LEGAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH CO-OP

by Phyllis Moore

Cooperative education at Mount Olive College is a program designed to provide work experience where the work site becomes a classroom. Freshman Joy Lee has been involved in this program for the past two semesters. Her assignment, in the field of business education, is working with Mount Olive attorney, Doug Connor.



The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lee of Mount Olive, Joy is a 1974 graduate of Southern Wayne High School. This past January she was named first runner-up in the Miss Goldsboro pageant.

Miss Lee's work assignment includes the typing of wills, orders, personal letters, child-custody papers, and various other legal forms and documents. Joy's response to her job is favorable. "I feel that by working, I have greatly increased my accuracy in typing and I have learned the importance of conducting oneself in a professional manner."

In connection with the secretarial aspect, she has answered telephone calls, including making appointments and taking meesages; and experience was provided in writing checks and receipts, and in office correspondence.

She further added, "I had enjoyed working as a legal secretary, and I feel that I have gained a great deal of knowledge through this experience. One of the most outstanding qualifications for any office position is the spirit of cooperation. Consequently, I am now fully aware of the fact that a secretary relieves her boss of a lot of office work and performs many of his duties when he is away."

Presently, Mount Olive involves 12 percent of its student body in co-op assignments. Subject assignments of these students include secretarial science, retail management, journalism, teacher's assistants, minister's assistants, art technology, and public relations.

## SOUTHERN BANK AND NURSECARE

by Roberta Davis

Pat Jarvis and Marion Green both are involved in cooperative education secretarial science assignments. Miss Jarvis serves as a receptionist at the Nursecare Center in Mount Olive. Miss Green works as a teller at the Southern Bank and Trust Company in Calypso. Each student is combining classroom learning with practical experience.

Miss Jarvis works several nights a week at the Nursecare Center as her co-op assignment. Her duties include handling correspondence, answering the telephone, making announcements, and filing patients' cards. Miss Jarvis makes a special effort to visit patients after work.

Miss Green holds the position of teller at the Calypso branch of the Southern Bank and Trust Company. She assists customers and answers the phone also. She works often with the Mount Olive Southern Bank and Trust Company's Bookkeeping Department learning to file checks and write monthly statements.

Pat Jarvis is a freshman at Mount Olive College, and her major is nursing. She is from Lowlands, where she attended Pamlico High School. During high school, she was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. Her future plans are to enlist in the Navy for further nursing training.

Marion Green is also a freshman at Mount Olive College, and her major is business. Miss Green lives in Mount Olive and communes to college. She enjoyed business math in high school, and was employed as an assistant secretary at the John Patterson Furniture Company in Mount Olive two years ago.

Both of these co-op students have found the program rewarding. Miss Jarvis says, "Since I have been working in the Nursecare Center I have learned to communicate with patients and the employees as if they were my own kin. The co-op program has made this job possible for me. Everyone is so nice at Nursecare, and I am glad they have asked me to stay on over the summer. Good-byes will be hard for me when the time comes to go."

Miss Green has gained understandings, too. She says, "Co-op has really helped me in working at the Southern Bank and Trust Company. I can now cope with the many problems that come with the banking business. When a customer comes to me with a problem, I can now see more clearly how he or she feels and I can help them better than I could prior to my co-op experience."

Cooperative education is defined as a process of education which formally integrates the student's academic study with work experience in cooperating employer organizations. The usual plan is for the student to combine periods of college study with periods of experience in appropriate fields of business, industry, goverhment, social service, and the professions.

The experience periods are considered an integral part of the student's

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# MISSIONS

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## "THE JOY OF EVANGELISM"

by Missionary Vance Link

irst Thessalonians 2:19, 20 reads, r what is our hope, or joy, or wn of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the sence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his ing? For ye are our glory and joy."

would like to share with you some of joys of the past two years in the gram of evangelism with young ple.

When we moved to Texas in June, 73, to study Spanish, our ministry s greatly limited because of the guage barrier. The barrier is still there gradually it is being broken down. ase understand the difference in our gauge study and the normal ssionary language school. We are in anish class for an hour and fifteen nutes each day compared to the gular missionary language school ogram of seven hours in class each day a year. At any rate, desiring an avenue of personal service, we turned to young people's Bible classes (we call them Good News Clubs—the good news that Jesus loves them and becomes a living reality in their lives) because the young people (Spanish) here in Texas speak English. Mattie and I organized and began in October, 1973, with two classes. We had an average attendance of about sixty each week. During the first year, we saw some sixty young people accept Christ and enroll in a weekly program of Bible study. To those who have worked with young people, you realize that this is just too many in a class. How we desperately needed help! We needed someone who was interested in boys and girls and who would aid in the ministry of reaching and training boys and girls for Jesus. Familiar with God's method for obtaining workers, we turned to Him in prayer. Matthew 9:38 reads, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."



Much study and pratice preceeds a Bible class!

As we began the second year, God started answering our prayers and supplying workers. The Rev. Kenneth Green volunteered to take a class of preschool (kindergarten) children, usually around five or six members. Mrs. Susan Merke told us, "I don't know much about teaching but I'll do the best I can." Praise God for a willing servant! So we began in October of this year with four classes and 79 enrolled in the weekly Bible classes. Classes still being too large (because of disciplinary reasons), we still desperately needed workers. Again, God supplied. A fine Christian couple had recently moved into the community from Arizona. Mrs. Abbott attended one of our teacher training sessions and when the prayer request for workers was given, she volunteered to take a class. She had worked with young people for many years and has a great love for young people. (We later learned that she is a graduate of a Bible college.)

God has blessed this effort that began with two Bible classes to develop into a program with six classes, a regular teacher's training program, 138 enrolled, with an average attendance of 75 each week. During this period of time we have seen 77 accept Christ as Saviour, and this year alone, we have had 355 Bible verses learned and quoted.

God has given us the Bible, God's Word, sufficient to meet every spiritual need of life. Isaiah 28:9 reads, "Whom shall we teach knowledge? and whom shall we make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Is this not speaking of children before false teaching has entered to confuse the mind and heart? Maybe our failure to obey in this teaching has resulted in the spiritual plight of today's youth.

The next verse in Isaiah 28 gives us God's method of imparting truth. "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little" (v. 10).

We look forward to the day that, being equipped with the Spanish language, we are able to cross over into Mexico and take this program of evangelism and training to the multiplied thousands of

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Mother-Daughter Banquet at St. Mary's Church**



Thursday evening, May 1, in the fellowship hall at St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, a Mother-Daughter Banquet was enjoyed by the members of the woman's auxiliary and the mothers and daughters.

Each guest was presented a program. Mrs. W. J. Gaskins Sr. was mistress of ceremonies. Invocation was given by Mrs. Lonnie Mann; welcome by the president, Mrs. Rod Jones; and the response by Miss Denise Miller.

A covered-dish dinner was enjoyed by approximately 80 members of the auxiliary and their guests. Among the honored guests were Mrs. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. Jim Holton Jr.

After dinner a special recognition of mothers was acknowledged. The oldest mother was Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. and the youngest mother was Mrs. Warren Waters. Corsages and gifts were presented to them.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. David Lewis Jr., Mrs. Rod Jones, and Miss Mary Ann Smith, accompanied by Miss Denise Miller.

Mrs. Joel Duncan displayed pictures of mothers and daughters.

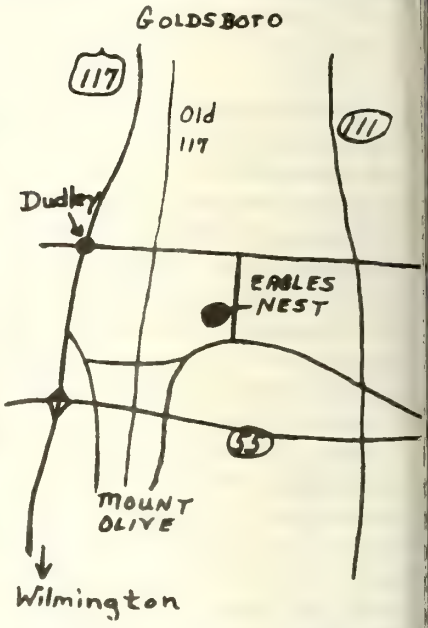
Mrs. Aldric Gaskins presented the program from an auxiliary devotion book written by Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. in 1952.

In closing, all joined hands in a friendship circle singing "Blest Be the Tie." A good time of fellowship in the Lord was enjoyed by all. Thank God for mothers!

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**Cape Fear Youth Rally**
**At Eagles Nest**

The youth groups of the Cape Fear District will hold its June Youth Rally at Eagles Nest, Mount Olive College's Conference Center, Saturday, June 7. The rally will begin at 4 p. m., however groups may arrive earlier and tour the site. There will be **no** swimming this area will be roped off for y protection. Each group will responsible for its picnic, folding cha tables, table cloths, and drinks. E church will participate in a singspirati appearing on the program alphabetica Immediately following the program picnic will be held. Each group r picnic separately or together, as t choose.




To you who do not know the way Eagles Nest, the above drawing may of help to you.

The Rev. David C. Hansley of t college will be present to speak to t rally about its 1975 project concerni the Moye Library at the college.

**Singers and Organist in Concert**
**At Reedy Branch Church**

The Rev. and Mrs. Mike Berry a Mr. Larry Jones will be performing concert at Reedy Branch Free Will Bapt Church, Route 1, Winterville, Sund night, May 25, at 8 p. m. Mr. and M Berry will be singing duets, and M Jones will be playing selections on Lowery organ as a featured part of t program. Jones is associated with Mus Arts of Greenville and has been we received in the capacity of performer.

Mr. Berry is pastor of Mount Pleasa Christian Church, Greenville, and bo he and Mrs. Berry have made favorab contributions through the ministry music. The program is expected to b enjoyable and spiritually uplifting. warm invitation for the public to be attendance is issued by the pastor

y Branch, the Rev. Willis Wilson, he church membership.

**val and Homecoming**
**ak Grove Church**



The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist urch, Route 3, Elm City, announces ival services for the week of June 2-7, h the Rev. Lloyd Gore of Morehead y, as the evangelist and newly elected stor of Oak Grove. Mr. Gore will be sisted each evening by the pastor, the v. Edgar Benton. Special music will be esented each night. The evangelist and e pastor, along with the church ngregation, invite the public to come d worship with them in these services.

On Sunday, June 8, Oak Grove will serve its annual homecoming. The mecoming message will be delivered the pastor, followed with a picnic nch served on the church grounds. All rmer members, former pastors, and ends are extended a cordial invitation attend and enjoy a day of worship and ristian fellowship.

**agmont Assembly Treasurer's port for April, 1975**

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer of agmont Assembly, Inc., Black ountain, reports as follows for the nth of April, 1975:

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| lance April 1, 1975 | $1,011.48 |
| **Receipts** | |
| urches | $2,620.11 |
| xiliary | 2.00 |
| As | 52.00 |
| nday Schools | 135.71 |
| ion Meetings | 64.53 |
| nday School Conventions | 148.00 |
| Individuals | 12.00 |
| N. C. State (Refund Sales Tax) | 555.30 |
| Total Receipts | 3,589.65 |
| Total for Which to Account | 14,601.13 |
| **Disbursements** | |
| Operating Expenses | $ 232.69 |
| Transfer of Funds to Open Cragmont | 1,000.00 |
| Transfer of Funds for Curtains | 50.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 1,282.69 |
| Balance May 1, 1975 | $13,318.44 |

**Earmarked Funds**

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|---|---|
| Debt Retirement | $1,679.93 |
| Renovation of Main Building | 3,266.09 |
| Chapel | 3,206.54 |
| General Fund | 5,165.88 |
| Total | $13,318.44 |

## Coming Events . . .

**May 24—Founders' Day, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.**

**June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

**June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

## Churches and Ministers Available

**(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)**

The Rev. L. Beverly Ballard makes the following statment:

"I have been contacted by churches in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina concerning my availability to fill preaching appointments, assist in leading revival song services, and in presenting musical concerts with testimony during the coming fall.

"While I will be working at Cragmont Assembly much of the summer with my mother and father, my time during the summer will be limited for substituting for pastors, but I do have some openings on Sundays. I also will be glad to schedule any church work this fall.

"My credentials are still in good standing in South Carolina, although I was ordained in the Eastern Conference. So, if any church needs assistance in the above mentioned work, I'll be glad to hear from you.

"My mailing address is either 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, telephone (919) 752-2950 or 3101 Montcrest Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, telephone (803) 772-0839."

The Rev. Wayne Griffin states that he is avilable for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church interested may contact him at Route 4, Box 316, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580, telephone 747-5189.

The Rev. Edgar Benton announces that he is available for full-time pastoral services. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 1, Box 395-A, Fremont, North Carolina 27880; telephone 242-5283. He states that if any pastoral committee desires to hear him, they are cordially invited to attend the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, of which he is now pastoring.

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he is available for full-time or half-time pastoral services. He states that he is also available for supply work, revival services, and evangelistic work. Any interested persons may contact him at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; telephone 524-5186.

**HIS PERVASIVE PRESENCE**

**Dr. John Baillie said to his class in Edinburgh University, "Gentlemen, in discussing God we cannot talk without His hearing every word we say. We may talk about our fellows behind their backs, but we cannot do that with God. He is everywhere. He is in this classroom. We must be aware of His infinite presence when we talk about Him."**




## HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE

**Lesson Text:** Exodus 24:3-8; Jeremiah 36:1-4; Revelation 1:10, 11
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 1:1, 2

### I. INTRODUCTION

What great lessons we have this quarter! The first four deal with the Bible, where it came from, why it was written, and the like; the other ten (for we have fourteen lessons this quarter) deal with Christian growth. The two units complement each other, for as we come to know more about our Bible we surely grow in grace and in the Lord.

We believe the entire Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, the Lord having moved upon holy men of old to write His words under the inspiritation of the Holy Spirit. Today, one of the worst evils ever to attack the Bible has not come from the atheists and agnostics but from within the church itself-from men who profess to be disciples of the Lord but who deny His power in their lives, who, in the name of Higher Criticism, deny the miraculous in the Holy Scriptures and seek to discredit the Bible's authenticity in the guise of "rationalism." H. A. Ironside said of these: "These opponents of the important truth of the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures are but the John the Baptists of antichrist-the preparers of his way."

We who write for our denomination use the King James Version of the Bible. Other translations may help a little, but as Vance Havner says, "It is amazing what some old-timers got out of it before that fad set in . . . A fresh experience with the Lord of the Emmanus Road will open the Scriptures to a weary disciple better than any new translator's key."—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Very few realize what a great blessing we have in the Bible. It is God's answer to some of the great questions of life that man could not otherwise know. For example, where did man and the universe come from? And why are we here? Man has been unable to find the answers to these questions apart from the Bible.

B. Through the ages God has seen fit to reveal Himself to man. This is called revelation. These are things about God that man could not possibly know apart from this revelation from God. A great example of revelation was the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses.

C. Then God wanted others to know what He had revealed to one person or a small group, so He inspired someone to write what He had revealed concerning Himself. This is known as inspiration. We believe in plenary inspiration, that is, that inspiration goes down to the very words that these men wrote. God saw to it that His message was written down just as He wanted it. This is inspiration.

D. But then after this message of God is written down, man cannot understand it with the natural mind. It is a spiritual message from God and man's mind is fleshly. So God enlightens the mind of man to enable him to understand the things that He has inspired. This is called illumination.

E. The Bible came from God and must be interpreted by God. Read this sentence over and over a few times. Think about it. It will make you appreciate the Bible more.

**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A Bible in English is readily available to any person in our land who desires one. How this came to be is a remarkable story. It is remarkable in its beginning, because the Bible came from God. No one claims that the Bible fell from heaven, yet it is God's Word in a unique and distinct sense. God spoke to Moses, as we have seen. He continu His revelation through the prophe Finally He spoke through His Son. T Bible is from God.

It was men, however, who did actual writing, but they wrote as th were moved by the Spirit of God. So are indebted to faithful men for their p in transmitting God's Word to us.

Much of what these men recorded h come to them as an immediate revelati from God. At other times they wrote what they had seen or experienc firsthand in their relationship with G and with Christ.

The thirty-nine books of the O Testament were written over a period about a thousand years. Naturally eac book had its separate existence until th others came to be written. Just as th Book of Jeremiah, they would exist a scrolls. Each successive writin recognized as being of God, would t cherished and added to the others. Th language of all would be Hebrew, excep for a few chapters in Aramaic.

The twenty-seven books of the Ne Testament, as they came into existenc were also recognized as being inspired They were written by some of th apostles and by others closely associate with the apostles—men to whom Chris had promised the Holy Spirit to guid them into all truth . . . .—**Standar Lesson Commentary**

B. "Sherwood Anderson, one of ou great American authors, did an odd thin just before he died; he wrote 365 letter to his wife, for her to read after he wa gone. There is a gruesome ring to that but when you think it through, it wasn' a bad idea.

"There is a parallel for this in you Bible: that the Bible is made up of letter from God, to be read everyday of ever year. God knew that there would b times when we would feel as weak a water—so He writes us, 'God is ou refuge and our strength . . . .' He knev that there would be times when we woul be lonely; so, He says, 'I will not leav you desolate. . . .' There would be time when we would not know what to do i some emergency; so . . . 'Do unto other as . . . '

"The least we can do is to read th letters."—**Tarbell's Teacher's Guide**

# STORIES

## for our youth



### JIMMY'S SCIENCE BOOK OR THE BIBLE?

by Matilda Nordtvedt

Jimmy closed his science book and stared out the window. He felt all mixed up inside. Who was right, his Sunday school teacher or the man who wrote his science book?

Ever since Jimmy was a little boy, he had been taught that God had created the earth. But now in the fifth grade he was being taught that God hadn't created it after all. It had made itself! The little cells grew and grew for millions of years, turning into tadpoles, which in turn developed into fish, then into amphibian creatures. These started to walk on land, developed legs, and finally evolved into man.

It was a fascinating story, but was it really true?

Jimmy still hadn't figured it out by the time the closing bell rang. But he forgot about it as he raced down the street for home. All that mattered now was that spring vacation had started. For a whole week he was going to stay on the farm with Uncle Joe and Aunt Myrna.

The first morning at the farm, Jimmy slept later than he had intended. When he came down to the kitchen for breakfast, his uncle and aunt had already started their day's work.

Jimmy sat down at the table, bowing his head to give thanks as usual. But somehow God seemed very faraway. Every time Jimmy thought of God lately, all he could see was his science book.

"What's this, Aunt Myrna?" questioned Jimmy, eying the honeycomb on the table.

"That's a piece of honeycomb, Jimmy. Guess you didn't know that your uncle has started keeping bees. Take some. It's good."

Jimmy gingerly cut off a little piece of the honeycomb and chewed it thoughtfully. He had never seen a honeycomb before. "You means Uncle Joe's bees make this?" he asked.

Aunt Myrna sat down at the table across from him. "Yes, they do, Jimmy, and have you ever seen such perfect little hexagons?"

"Hexagons?" echoed Jim. "Let's see, that means something with six sides, doesn't it?"

"That's right," said Aunt Myrna with a smile. "You see, the bees give off wax from the underside of their bodies. They press it off by spines on their rear legs, pass it forward to their front legs, then hold it in their jaws and chew it. The wax becomes white when chewed. Taking the chewed wax to the comb, they add it to the hexagons already there."

"Pretty smart," mused Jimmy. "I suppose the older bees teach the younger ones how to build the hexagons."

Aunt Myrna shook her head. "No, the hive is started by a queen and a few drones. The queen's only work is to lay eggs, and the drones do no work, but die soon after they mate with the queen. The workers know what to do without being taught."

"But, how—?"

Aunt Myrna smiled. "It's another mystery of God's marvelous creation."

Jimmy was still thinking about the perfectly formed honeycomb when Uncle Joe came into the kitchen a few minutes later. He pulled off his boots and gloves and sat down at the table for a second cup of coffee.

"Tell me about your bees, Uncle Joe," said Jimmy eagerly. "They are really quite clever at making honeycombs."

Uncle Joe laughed. "Yes, they are. I think the bee is one of the wisest of God's creatures. One thing that amazes me is the way a bee family works on only one kind of flower at a time. Right now my bees are making clover honey."

"You mean they sip the nectar from the clover blossoms?" asked Jimmy.

"Yes. They fly right over the other flowers and visit only the clover. That way the plants get pollen from other plants of their own kind. Many plants will not produce seeds unless they get pollen from their own species."

"I learned at school about bees carrying pollen," offered Jimmy, suddenly remembering the science book and feeling uncomfortable again.

"Yes, it's amazing how perfectly they carry on their work. When they emerge from the cocoon, they begin almost immediately to feed the larvae with a jelly from their glands. For two weeks they remain in the hive before beginning their search for nectar, but they aren't idle. Some bees guard the hive to prevent strange insects from entering. Others ventilate the hive by standing near an entrance and fanning their wings rapidly. In cold weather they sometimes make a blanket of themselves to keep the babies warm."

"That's great!" exclaimed Jimmy, grinning.

"At the age of about two weeks," went on Uncle Joe, "the bee is ready to go out to gather nectar and pollen. As she puts pollen into the pollen baskets on the inside of her hind legs, she pollinates the flowers. She stores in her honey sac the nectar she sucks from the blossoms. Even before she reaches the hive, it is being turned into honey in the bee's body. When the bee deposits the honey in the waxcomb, she fans it with her wings until it becomes thick enough to stay there, just the way Aunt Myrna stirs fudge to make it hard. Then she puts on a wax cover, and that's it!"

"I can't understand how they can be so smart," puzzled Jimmy, shaking his head. "How does a bee know how to do all those things?"

"Who made the bee, Jimmy?" asked Uncle Joe simply.

"God did," answered Jimmy, and as he said it he was sure again. Even though his science book said the world made itself, he knew now that he couldn't believe that.

Uncle Joe reached for the Bible and opened it to the very first verse, Genesis 1:1. " 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.' " he read. "That explains the amazing bee and

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## Free Will Baptist Children's Home



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### RELGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL, 1975

**Albemarle Conference**

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|---|---|
| Corinth | $ 10.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 20.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 43.52 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 50.00 |
| Plymouth | 150.00 |
| Sidney | 5.00 |
| Sound Side | 50.00 |
| Union Chapel | 112.21 |
| Total | $ 440.73 |

**Blue Ridge Association**

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|---|---|
| Cedar Hill | $ 30.50 |

**Cape Fear Conference**

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| Eastwood Mission | $ 25.00 |
| Hopewell | 55.46 |
| Johnston Union | 200.00 |
| Oak Grove | 1,000.00 |
| Palmer Memorial | 118.13 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 267.61 |
| Shady Grove | 550.00 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 24.40 |
| Total | $2,240.60 |

**Central Conference**

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|---|---|
| Aspen Grove | $ 176.50 |
| Ayden | 105.00 |
| Bethany | 19.54 |
| Black Jack | 30.00 |
| Community | 61.13 |
| Daniels Chapel | 200.00 |
| Dawson's Grove | 20.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 50.00 |
| Edgewood | 95.00 |
| Free Union | 272.53 |
| Friendship | 344.22 |
| Greenville, First | 160.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 75.50 |
| Hull Road | 25.00 |
| Little Creek | 55.00 |
| Second Union | 100.00 |
| Third Union | 75.00 |
| Fourth Union | 131.89 |
| Ormondsville | 13.00 |
| Peace | 24.20 |
| Piney Grove | 100.00 |
| Reedy Branch | 110.00 |
| Rose Hill | 338.49 |
| Saratoga | 109.65 |
| Walnut Creek | 200.00 |
| Winterville | 178.00 |
| Total | $3,069.65 |

**Eastern Conference**

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|---|---|
| Antioch | $ 240.00 |
| Arapahoe | 275.00 |
| Bethlehem | 116.44 |
| Bridgeton | 193.00 |
| Core Creek | 587.52 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 65.21 |
| Faith | 5.00 |
| Friendship | 20.19 |
| Grant's Chapel | 10.00 |
| Jackson Heights | 125.37 |
| Juniper Chapel | 37.50 |
| Kinston, First | 5.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 10.00 |
| Macedonia | 350.00 |
| Memorial | 5.00 |
| Third Union | 30.00 |
| Third Auxiliary Fellowship | 100.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 408.50 |
| Fifth S. S. Convention | 41.00 |
| Eula Jones | 20.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 29.36 |
| New Haven | 33.19 |
| Northeast | 75.21 |
| Oriental | 39.31 |
| Pearsall's Chapel | 155.19 |
| Rock of Zion | 38.60 |
| Rooty Branch | 100.00 |
| Sandy Plain | 100.00 |
| Sarecta | 4.00 |
| Smyrna | 100.00 |
| Snow Hill | 20.00 |
| St. Mary's | 505.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 69.82 |
| Wintergreen | 22.60 |
| Total | $3,952.01 |

**Pee Dee Association**

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|---|---|
| Cypress Creek | $ 62.50 |
| First Union | 50.00 |
| District Auxiliary | 26.00 |
| Oak Grove | 75.00 |
| Total | $ 213.50 |

**Piedmont Conference**

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|---|---|
| Bethany | $ 21.0 |
| Christ | 20.0 |
| East Rockingham | 81.0 |
| Mount Olive | 25.8 |
| Union Gospel | 100.0 |
| Wayside, High Point | 20.0 |
| Total | $ 267.8 |

**Rockfish Conference**

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| Conference | $ 17.7 |

**Western Conference**

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|---|---|
| Black Jack Grove | $ 100.0 |
| Branch Chapel | 253.9 |
| Calvary | 90.0 |
| Everett's Chapel | 411.2 |
| Free Union | 100.0 |
| Friendship | 175.0 |
| Marsh Swamp | 50.0 |
| Memorial Chapel | 1,000.0 |
| Milbournie | 83.0 |
| First Union | 113.61 |
| New Sandy Hill | 50.0 |
| People's Chapel | 185.0 |
| Pine Level | 45.0 |
| Pleasant Hill | 57.41 |
| Pleasant Plain | 30.0 |
| Rosebud | 5.0 |
| Sherron Acres | 125.0 |
| Stoney Creek | 325.0 |
| Stony Hill | 25.0 |
| St. Mary's | 45.0 |
| Trinity | 50.0 |
| Union Chapel | 78.01 |
| Union Grove | 127.0 |
| West Hillsborough | 10.0 |
| Total | $3,534.28 |

**Other States**

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|---|---|
| Laurel City, W. Va. | $ 57.95 |
| Bigson, W. Va. | 35.00 |
| Total | $ 92.95 |

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| Total Religious Contributions | $13,859.75 |

**Memorial Contributions**

Memorial contributions to the Children's Home for April, 1975, totaled $35, and were given as follows:

Harvey Fields by Alma Hinson.

Nora Gautier by Mrs. Helen Waller.

William Waller by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carr.

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**CHILDREN'S HOME QUARTET ON TV**

**The Memorial Chapel Quartet from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, will appear on the WITN television program, "Almanac,"**

**shington, at 6:35 a. m., Thursday, y 29.**

**Superintendent Weeks and his wife l appear with the quartet on the gram. Mr. Weeks will be interviewed ''Slim'' Short, moderator of the gram. The public is invited to watch s telecast.**

**The quartet from the Home consists of Ann Anderson, Linda Mills, and nna and Debra Cone.**

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### STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The State Layman's League Board will onsor a weekend conference at agmont Assembly, Inc., Black ountain, June 20.

The purpose of this conference is (1) fulfill the ''Layman's Three-Year an'' as outlined in the report to the orth Carolina State Free Will Baptist onvention, (2) the selection of the State Layman of the Year.''

To have a ''Layman of the Year'' we eed a nominee from each Free Will aptist church. Each church is urged to end the name of their nominee and a rief resume of his activities to the ecretary of the State Layman's League oard.

This program is only sponsored by the State Layman's League Board and is in o way limited to any group. The entire amily is invited to attend this weekend conference and it is hoped that many amily units will be in attendance.

Those wishing to attend but need more nformation, please contact Mr. Denver Mitchell, P. O. Box 982, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, telephone 735-3910; or you may contact the board secretary. The cost for meals and room or the conference are as follows: Breakfast, $1.50; dinner and supper, $1.75 each; motel room for one person, $4; two persons, $3 each; room in house or cottages, $2 per person.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Meeks, Secretary
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Greenville, North Carolina 27834

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### WORK MORE ON YOUR KNEES

A preacher, while watching a marble cutter at work, exclaimed: ''I wish I could deal such clanging blows on stony hearts!'' The wokman replied: ''Maybe you could if you worked like me, **on your knees.''—The Free Methodist**

## MOUNT OLIVE

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education. Through the interaction of study and work experience, the students enhance their academic knowledge, their personal development, and their professional preparation. The teaching faculty, the coordinators, and the employing supervisors share in the education process of the cooperative student.

The cooperative education program at Mount Olive College is providing this semester a co-op experience for 34 students. The work assignment of these students includes minister's assistnant, feature writing, recreation director, secretarial science, teacher's assistant, and retail and production management.

### MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of April, 1975, totaled $207.50, and were as follows:

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Mrs. Ollie Gunn Craddock by Mrs. Chester R. Radford and Family, Kenly.

Mr. Joe Crumpler by Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro.

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Mrs. Blanche Griswold by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis G. Riley, New Bern.

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Mrs. Gertrude Stocks by Hines Memorial Class of Winterville Free Will Baptist Church and the Sunday School of Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville.

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## MISSIONS

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boys and girls who are waiting, and we believe, longing with expectant hearts, for this message of Jesus.

Pray for us as we seek the fullness of His perfect and divine will.

## Boys' and Girls' Stories

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other wonderful insects, Jimmy. He has put His wisdom even in His tiny creatures.''

The telephone rang just then, and Uncle Joe got up to answer it. Jimmy drank the rest of his milk thoughtfully. ''Jesus, forgive me for believing the science book instead of your book,'' he prayed silently. ''But I won't any more. I'll just think about the bees the next time I'm tempted to doubt.''

Jimmy pushed back his chair and stood up. He didn't feel mixed-up inside anymore. Of one thing he was sure: from now on he would believe what God's Word said even before his science book.—Selected

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## FEATURE

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fulfilling the Great Commission. Witnessing is not something a church does one night a week, but evangelism must permeate every aspect of the church. The whole church should be burning with an evangelistic spirit which reaches out in every possible way to the community.

The pastor, deacons, and other leaders of the church should not only be soul winners, but so sold out to and practiced in witnessing that they can teach new or weaker Christians how to share their faith.

Every Sunday school class should be reaching out to their particular age group with the message of Christ. A church should be so on fire with evangelism that the excitement spreads to the young people and they begin to share Christ with their fellow students and age groups.

If God has blessed your church with a bus ministry, this is another effective way to reach your community with Christ. Churches should urge its members to take advantage of any opprtunities for training which may present itself, such as Key '73, Campus Crusade, Lay Institutes for Evangelism, or the "Son Festival" this summer at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Christian bookstores can provide much useful material for sharing your faith or for learning how to share it.

Sharing Christ with others and then building them up in the faith is something God has called every Christian and every church to do.

**How Many?**

But let's get personal. How many people have you witnessed to this past month? Not how many have you won to the Lord, or how many have you invited to church, but to how many people have you explained the plan of salvation?

We will never reach the world until we get burdened for the world. And we will never get burdened for the world until we get burdened for our next door neighbor.

We must begin to see people as God sees them—very precious, yet lost and on their way to hell in their present state of sin. Lay on your bed tonight and think about someone you work with or see often who is not saved. Spend time thinking about that person spending eternity in hell because he died without Christ. Our hearts are indeed cold if this kind of thinking does not motivate us to witness.

The only way to diet is to stop eating and the only way to kick the cigarette habit is to stop smoking. Also, the only real way to witness is to do it. May God bless.

## Questions & Answers

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referred to does not deal with this phase in Christian life, except so far as it relates to the matter of making the wrongs we have done to others. In this there must be no delay. Indeed, there should be no delay whatever in making the complete, glad surrender to God which will bring us the fullness of his power and put us in line with his richest blessings."

The main thing to remember when one is meditating on this and like subjects is that Christ in one's life must either be Lord of all or not Lord at all. In fact, the true meaning of Lord is **Keeper**, **Controller**, **Possessor**. So the Lord possesses us, keeps us, and this gives Him the right to control us, which He does if we submit to Him. So we are exhorted to "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6); "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth t righteousness as the light, and t judgment as the noonday. . . . But t meek shall inherit the earth; and sh delight themselves in the abundance peace" (Psalm 37:3-6, 11).

## NEWS NOTES

**Prescott Family at Pleasant Grove Church**

There will be a gospel sing featurin the Prescott Family of Grantsboro, a Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church Route 2, Pikeville, Saturday evening May 24, beginning at eight o'clock. Th public is cordially invited to attend. " free-will offering will be received for th singing family," says the pastor, th Rev. James Lupton.

## LIGHT FROM CAMP VANDEMERE

**ATTENTION CAMP VANDEMERE REPRESENTATIVES, MINISTERS, AND CHURCH CLERKS**

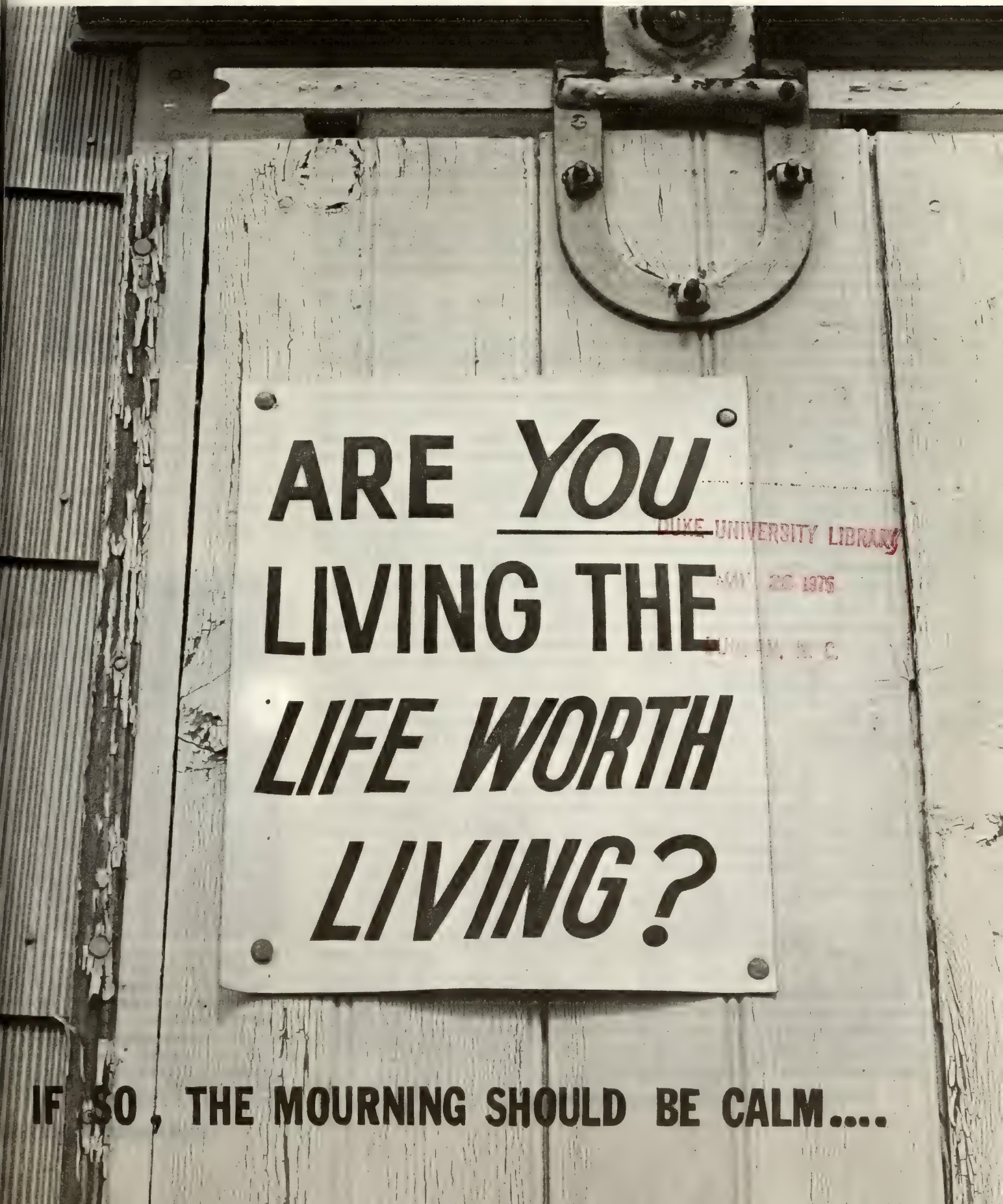
Camp Vandemere is happy to announce that its first, full-time camping season is to begin June 15 of this year. Brochures describing the camp and activities to be enjoyed there are being distributed now. Be sure to consider Camp Vandemere for your child this summer.

The Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere wish to invite you to an open house at the camp on May 25, from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. Come down and see the camp, its new dormitory, new dining room, and its lovely setting beside the water. There will be gospel singing and Christian fellowshihp all afternoon on this date. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Carroll W. Hawkins, Chairman
Publicity and Finance Committee

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IF SO, THE MOURNING SHOULD BE CALM....

# CALM MOURNING

When a loved one or a friend dies, most persons mourn that loss with a heavy heart and tears. Sometimes the tears never reach the outside, but they are real nonetheless and hurt and hurt and hurt.

All of us have seen people prostrate with grief. We have heard their agonizing cries and have seen their hollow eyes, the fixed, hopeless-looking expressions of their faces. We have empathized with them and sympathized with them. Holding their hands in ours, or embracing them warmly, we have said "I'm so sorry"; then we've asked, "Is there anything I can do?" The response sometimes is not audible, but the suffering ones make their gratitude known by a firm grip, a stronger embrace, or a broken sob.

It is difficult to know what to do when a family is bereaved. Sometimes we try too hard to make them know that we understand and appreciate their loss. Words are not really necessary, though they are good. Hugs are not necessary though they too are good. Laureling the deceased one is not necessary, though this too is good. So often, a smile or just one's presence is all that is needed. If we truly care and are sympathetic, we don't have to reiterate our concern verbally. This frequently will bring on more grief or at least a stronger realization and expression of it.

Certainly kind words should be spoken (in sincerity), but the timing is the important thing. A note, perhaps a while after the funeral, a floral tribute, a meal, and any number of other gestures carry as much, if not more, meaning and often induce less pain than auditory messages.

Some people carry on and on at the death of a loved one; and humanly speaking, it is almost impossible for those who are emotionally-inclined not to do so. Yet, praises and love that are cried and sung over lifeless forms should have gained utterance while ears were able to hear. Too, there is just too much ado over death anyhow.

Death should be a release from an earthly prison and a human cage. For any of us to boast that we do not fear its sting would take a lot of faith, indeed—and perhaps something more; still, death is not so foreboding for one who has ordered his house. . . . And for many of those in physical torment, it is a welcomed call.

Death has touched each of us in some manner, and we have reacted as best we could under the prevailing circumstances. No one, whose compassion is well-developed, can honestly rejoice at the departure of a loved one from this life, unless that life as lived is one of much suffering and death can be considered relief. We would certainly not suggest apathy at one's passing, yet we cannot help but believe that too much weeping and wailing is done by those who, when it could have counted, did little to show love and affection. And, however beautiful and numerous the floral tributes, the one in whose memory they are given benefits not. As old and as trite as the injunction may be, *one should be given his flowers while he is living*, whether these flowers be bouquets or words well-spoken.

Here we are reminded of the portions of two poems. The first is from William Cullen Bryant's "Thanatopsis," which exhorts one not to fear death, but to live life in a manner so as to be able to accept death gracefully and peacefully:

*So live, that when thy summons comes to join*
*The innumerable caravan, which moves*
*To that mysterious realm, where each shall take*
*His chamber in the silent halls of death,*
*Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,*
*Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed*
*By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,*
*Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch*
*About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.*

The second speaks not so much about death, but life; and, if the philosophy here expressed were lived by all, how wonderful an existence it would be! The words, by an author unknown to this writer, are old and are well remembered by our mother who stated that her "Cousin Ida" had sung them on numerous occasions and had "lived her life by them."

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# .. E. BALLARD HONORED

IN recognition of the life and work of the Rev. L. E. Ballard and his retirement after 22 years as field cretary of the North Carolina Free Will ptist State Sunday School Convention, ective July 1, a special honor banquet s held on May 3, at Mount Olive llege.

Under the direction of his sons, Jerry d Beverly, both ordained ministers and th having worked years in the field of ligious and secular communications, a This Is Your Life, 'Pa' Ballard'' was e of the hightlights of the program.

Some 60 or more persons met for the casion in the dining room at the llege. The Rev. Adrian Grubbs, esident of the Sunday school con-ntion, presided.

Others participating in the program ere members of the family and for-er associates of the honoree. Speaking n behalf of the Sunday school board as the Rev. Raymond Sasser; on ehalf of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. Villis Wilson; and on behalf of pastors nd churchmen, the Rev. James A. vans.



*Pictured from left to right are as ollows: Dr. Michael Pelt, vice-resident of Free Will Baptist Historical Society; the Rev. and Mrs. . E. Ballard; and, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, president of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.*

There were also tributes by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College; Dr. Michael Pelt and Charles Harrell, both of the college; and other friends, neighbors, and colaborers.

Representing the family were the Rev. Lewis Sprouse of Bladenboro, pastor of the new Lumberton Free Will Baptist Mission, and his family. Mrs. Sprouse, the former Lois Jones, is a niece of the Rev. L. E. Ballard. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oakley of Kenansville. Mr. Oakley is a younger brother of ''Ma'' Ballard.

From Columbia, South Carolina, were grandchildren, Mrs. Wayne Catoe and Miss Rebecca Ballard, both daughters of Beverly Ballard; and Kimberly and Keri Ballard, daughters of Jerry Ballard. Another grandchild, namesake of the honoree, Loy Ballard of near Charlotte, was present.

Mrs. Winnie Ballard, wife of Jerry, also paid special tribute as a daughter-in-law and ''foster child at Cragmont.''

In the presentation, it was noted that Loy Everett Ballard had spent almost 60 years in the gospel ministry; had served over 30 churches, some two or more times; and, had worked in many capacities in denominational enterprises. It was noted that he had worked, along with Mrs. Ballard, at Cragmont for seven years, in addition to directing numerous youth conferences at Cragmont.

His ministry included work with the Free Will Baptist Press at the old building in uptown Ayden; with the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex; with the Free Will Baptist League, having written the adult league quarterlies since the first adult league was formed; and in other official posts in North Carolina and among national organizations.

Most surprising to ''Pa'' Ballard during the evening was the arrival of his youngest son, Jerry, who had cut short a missionary trip to Brazil to get back for the occasion, flying back two or three days ahead of his schedule.

Loy Everett Ballard, it was learned, was ordained into the ministry during an annual meeting of the French Broad Association in Madison County, North Carolina, in August, 1918. He had preached for two years prior to that as a licensed minister. Delivering his ordination charge was his great-uncle, the Rev. John Henry Ballard, a pioneer circuit riding Free Will Baptist preacher in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

His first trip to Eastern North Carolina came when L. E. Ballard attended the old Free Will Baptist Seminary (later Eureka College) in Ayden. He now serves as president of the alumni association of that institution and is one of a handful of survivors.

Later, Mr. Ballard returned to Western North Carolina to attend Mars Hill and Elon Colleges. Then he returned to the East to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, where he met his wife, the former Gertrude Oakley. They were married March 31, 1926.

While pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, in March, 1927, his first son was born. In the fall of that year Mr. Ballard went to the East Nashville, Tennessee, Free Will Baptist Church. From this pastorate, he returned to Western North Carolina to pastor several churches. While living in West Asheville, during the days of the Great Depression, his second son was born.

Over the years, ''Pa'' Ballard—earlier known to readers as Uncle Loy—wrote many articles for ''The Free Will Baptist'' and several other denominational publications.

Born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, Loy Everett Ballard was one of five sons and two daughters of David Lucius and Annie Mae Ballard. His mother, who is approaching 96, still resides in the old family home on Ox Creek near Weaverville.

From the files of ''The Free Will Baptist'' are notations that he was active in the denomination in varying capacities. He was named along with the late Rev. Abner H. Outlaw as the ''Reportorial Staff'' to the first annual session of the General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States in 1921.

He was the first pastor of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home Church. He has assisted the home missions board in organizing several churches in the state; most recent being the mission work at Roanoke Rapids.

He has served mostly rural churches, but also was pastor of St. Mary's church in New Bern three times, the Greenville First church twice, White Oak church in Bladenboro twice; Swananoah church twice, and was pastoring the Wilson First church when it went on full time at his suggestion.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1
Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:8

"NO FLOWERS,
BUT A CROWN"

I said, "Let me walk in the field."
He said, "No; walk in the town."
I said, "There are no flowers there."
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the skies are black,
There is nothing but noise and din."
And He wept as He sent me back.
"There is more," He said; "there is sin."

I said, "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say."
He answered, "Choose tonight
If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given.
He said, "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your Guide."

Then into His hand went mine;
And into my heart came He;
And I walk in a light divine,
The path I had feared to see.

—George McDonald

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our ways may seem long and our burdens heavy in this world; but God has promised us a crown for eternity.*

MONDAY, JUNE 2
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 46:4

"IT'S HARD TO GROW
OLD ALONE!"

I once heard a pathetic story about the Danks family—the people who were responsible for giving the old song *Silver Threads Among the Gold* to the world. In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Danks, with their little brood of children, were a most happy and devoted couple. Both were in their early thirties. Mr. Danks was a song writer of growing reputation. They had beautiful dreams of going down the pathway of life and growing old together. It was in this environment that the inspiration for the song came to him. It became his masterpeice. He dedicated it to his wife.

But the bitter irony of the matter is the fact that marital discord came into the Danks' household. Separation followed. Mr. Danks died in 1903. He was found dead kneeling beside his bed. On an old copy of the famous song he had written these words: "It's hard to grow old alone."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many of us dread growing old alone. God has told us He is our constant companion. If we love God and allow Him to come into our lives we shall never be alone.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 3
Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:12

DISAPPOINTING THE
PROSECUTION

A man bought a farm, and soon after he met his nearest neighbor. "Have you bought this place?" asked the neighbor. "Yes." "Well, you've bought a lawsuit." "How is that?" "Well, sir, I claim your fence line is ten feet on my side, and I am going to take the matter to the court and prove it." The newcomer said, "Oh! don't do that. If the fence is on your side of the line we will just take it up and move it back." "Do you mean it?" "Of course I do," was the answer. "Well," said the man, "that fence stays just where it is."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We spend many restless, sleepless nights because of some small insignificant differences of opinions that in a short time cannot even be remembered.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1, 3

WHEN GAME IS HARDEST

"On the gridiron, on the diamond,
On the link, or on the court,
It's when the game is hardest,
That you get your finest sport!
There's no joy in easy battles,
And no victory in a game.
That is won without a struggle,
And in life, it's just the same!
It is when the going is heavy,
And the pull is all uphill,
And you have to work to conquer,
That you get your finest thrill!"

—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Life is a struggle, and those who through it with the most mater wealth are oftentimes the m unhappy.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 5
Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1

"STILL, STILL
WITH THEE!"

Still, still with Thee, when purp
morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and t
shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovlier than t
daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I a
with Thee.

—Harriet Beecher Stov

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We feel safe and secure with Go He is a harbor in our stormy lives a gives us the comfort the lovely so above instills in us. (The next thr stanzas of the above song are mo inspiring.)*

FRIDAY, JUNE 6
Scripture Reading—Psalm 104:34

THERE'S A VAST
DIFFERENCE . . .

Between being sorry for sin an being sorry you are "caught."

Between confessing your sins an confessing some other fellow's.

Between seeing your own faults an seeing some other person's.

Between conversion of the head and conversion of the heart.

Between being led by the Hol Spirit and led by your ow imagination.

Between being persecuted fo "righteousness' sake," and bein persecuted for "foolishness' sake."

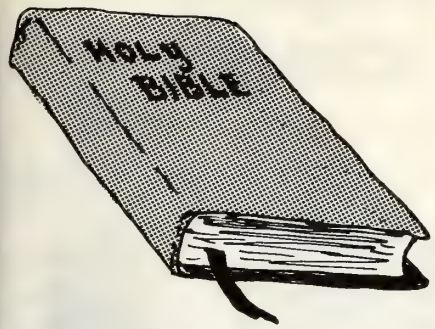
Between "contending for the faith" and striving for your own opinion.

—*Christian Diges*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Examine yourself. Are you feelings about certain matters you own personal feelings or opinions, o are you considerate of others and tr to correct your own faults befor*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Since it is claimed by vangelicals that none could have been aved had Christ not come and given His e as He did, being crucified on the ross and shedding His blood for the mission of sin, what would have appened if He had refused and gone ccording to His feelings as expressed in ie garden: "And he went a little farther, nd fell on his face, and prayed, saying, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup ass from me: nevertheless not as I will, ut as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39)?

**Answer:** When such thoughts come to s we are to remember that Jesus was od appearing in a human body having ur human likeness; but that He himself as not a fallen person as is true of all of s. It took redemption for us and He was he only eligible person both able and illing to meet our need. He is our insman Redeemer as portrayed in types uch as Ruth. (Compare Ruth 3:2, 11, 2; Matthew 1:5; Psalm 2:12.)

We are also to remember that our edemption was not some afterthought f either Christ, who gave His life a ansom, nor of God the Father in the vords of John 3:14-17, ". . . so loved he world, that he gave . . ." Him as the rice of our redemption. Perhaps here we lso need to remember that He is the amb slain from the foundation of the vorld. "And all that dwell upon the earth hall worship him, whose names are not vritten in the book of life of the Lamb lain from the foundation of the world" Revelation 13:8).

This aids us in the better un- derstanding and the acceptance of the acts that God has full knowledge of everything before it comes into existence. He is omnicient, omnipotent, eternal, and unchangeable. This helps us in not limiting the sovereign diety to our human limitations which we may feel ike doing rather than considering the biblical descriptions of Him and His infinite works and activities in all His possibilities. "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15:18).

Knowing as we do from the Scriptures that God has revealed Himself, we ask, How does man come into the possession of such revelation? We reply that neither the outer nor inner world would nor could disclose anything of God without the unique endowment of man.

Wm. G. T. Shedd is quoted on Page 43 in Henry C. Thiessen's **Lectures in Systematic Theology** as saying:

"The Scriptures . . . refer all the operations of reason to the Author of the human intellect. Nothing in human consciousness is independent of God, and isolated. God is the 'Father of lights,' of every kind (James 1:17). God 'shows' whatever is known by virtue of the human constitution. Even human reason, which in the intuition of mathematics and in the laws of logic seems to be a self-sufficient faculty, is represented in Scripture as dependent. Man is able to perceive intuitively, only, because the Supreme Reason illumines Him."

Another thing we might remember when such questions arise is that ". . . God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:26, 27). Remembering this, and that even this is never said of angels, God says of them, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

These all (angels) are God's servants, serving or are slaves ministering to Christians; that is, born-again men that have been made such in the new birth that comes to each as he believes as admonished in John 3:36. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:14-17); "I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. . . . In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory" (Isaiah 45:23, 25); "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10, 11).

The Bible again tells us: "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:11-14); "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7-9); "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25);

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# NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION SCENES

## Held at East Rockingham FWB Church

## Thursday, May 8



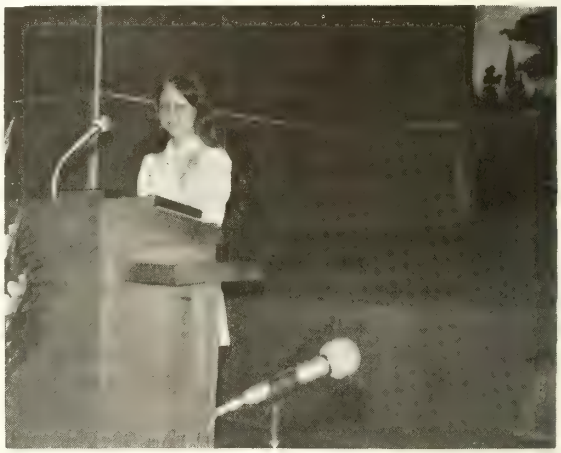
*A view of the East Rockingham church where the convention was held (with the Piedmont District serving as host).*



*Mrs. Sterling Duncan, state vice-president, and Mr. Raymond Sasser, state treasurer, are prepared to registe officers and delegates.*



*Local ladies register ministers and delegates.*



*Pamela Beth Mann, state champion, is pictured as sh delivered her winning YFA declamation.*



*State Woman's Auxiliary officers group together to have their picture taken after a busy and successful convention day.*



*The Memorial Chapel Quartet (from the Children' Home) who rendered special music throughout the day i pictured with Superintendent Sam Weeks and Mrs. Weeks The quartet consists of Jo Ann Anderson, Linda Mills, an Donna and Debra Cone.*

# LIGHT FROM CAMP VANDEMERE

**AN OPEN LETTER**

ar Fellow Ministers:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

For several years during the month of ay some of the ministers have been tting together for a day of fun and llowship at the camp. From this has me the idea of having a one-day piritual Retreat for the ministers and eir wives at Camp Vandemere. The te has been set for Saturday, May 31, ginning at 10 a. m. The program has en arranged to include both preaching d teaching with special singing and stimonies.

Games and good Christian fellowship ave been planned. Speakers for the day ill be the Revs. Lloyd Vernon, Clifton ice, Ronnie Parker, Graham Lane, Scott owers, Eddie Edwards, and Jack hillips.

In charge of sports activities are the ev. and Mrs. Owen Arthur, the Rev. nd Mrs. Scott Sowers, the Rev. and Mrs. Rod Jones, and the Rev. Ralph Sumner.

If you would like to do some fishing, e sure to bring your gear.

Both lunch and supper will be served at 2.50 per person per meal. Please fill in he form below and mail back to me as oon as possible in order that we may know how many people to plan for.

We take this opportunity to remind you f the "Open House" and "Gospel Sing" on May 25, from 1:30 to 5 p. m. Be sure to remind your congregations of his event, and bring your lawn chairs.

We remind you, too, that camp opens n June 15 and we ask that you urge our youth to attend.

Also, we remind you that we close out ur books on June 30. Won't you please heck to see if your church has made its contribution to the camp. If not, these ccasions would be a good time to bring our donation for the camp.

Thank you for all you are doing and may God bless you in your work.

Yours in Christ,
Ralph Sumner, **Chairman**
Board of Directors

I do plan to attend the Ministers' Retreat and will eat _____ meals (indicate 1 or 2). There will be _____ persons coming with me.

Signed _____

## CRAGMONT—PRELUDE TO HEAVEN

Dear Cragmont Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Cragmont. We are having a good year so far. I would like to remind you that we owe $4,000 on the dining hall and kitchen. After this has been paid we can turn our full attention toward renovation of the Main Building.

The month of June has been designated as "Cragmont Month," and the first Sunday in June as "Cragmont Sunday." We encourage each church to give a generous offering to Cragmont on this Sunday. We would also like to encourage you to have a "Cragmont Dollar Day" and challenge each member to give a $1 to Cragmont.

Continue to remember Cragmont in your prayers, with your offerings, and by visiting our camp. Send your youth and go yourselves for a truly "heavenly" experience.

In His service,
Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Treasurer-Publicity Secretary
P. O. Box 298
Oriental, North Caroliina 28571

## NOTE OF THANKS

**I would like to take this means of expressing my appreciation to the Pulpit Committee of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson for the fine work they did in finding such a man of God for our pastor.**

**The Rev. Johnnie Bullman has been here at the Wilson church about six months and has already won 63 souls to Christ through his ministry. This just goes to show what a real man of God can do. If you ever visit our church, you will get a blessing just to see the smile on his and Mrs. Bullman's faces at the door when you leave. If you attend, I am sure you will receive a blessing of some kind as you hear his message. He says, "I have so many ways—I am sure you will like some of them"**

**From my heart, I think Mr. Bullman is a man of God and has done so much for our church, our sick folk, and our shut-ins through his pulpit and radio ministry, along with his visits,**

**We pray for the Bullmans daily that the Lord will be with them always.**

**Respectfully submitted,**
**Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stott**
**1100 Arrington Avenue**
**Wilson, North Carolina 27893**

## NOTE OF THANKS

"May I please take this method to thank the many churches, Sunday schools, and woman's auxiliaries, also the YFA of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, for the cards and gifts on my birthday and at Christmas.

"I would especially like to thank the nice people at the LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church for all the nice things they have done for me since I have been serving as their supply pastor. The nice Christmas gift and the wonderful birthday dinner and gifts will forever linger in my memories.

"Dear friends, truly I thank each one of you from the depths of my heart."

Sincerely,
The Rev. L. B. Manning

## NOTE OF THANKS

"To our many friends, we would like to say thanks for your many prayers, cards, and flowers during our illness (Joe James).

"Everyone has been so kind and thoughtful, and our hearts have been touched with the many remembrances. May God bless all of you is our prayer."

Joe James and Family

## Coming Events . . .

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks, Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

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# HOME MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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**PHONE: 485-3980 — 485-4471 • APRIL 1975**



**Taylor Hill,**
**Director-Treasu**

FROM THE DIRECTOR —

Jesus said, we are as **"one."** Here we see what great things can be accomplished when people are pulling together for a common cause. We are sharing with you just a part of what has taken place in this department within the past couple of years. We are indeed thankful for your prayers and financial support that has made all this possible. May we continue to band together as **"one"** in this important work for home missions and church extension. A steady growth at home is the basis for our future well-being as a denomination. T.H.



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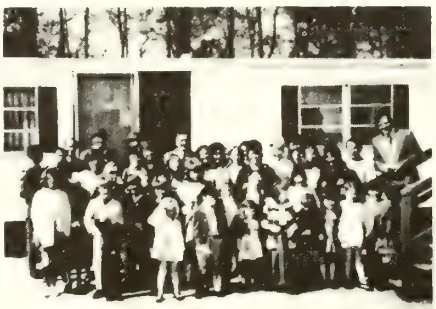
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PPROXIMATE MEMBERS 246 APPROXIMATE NEW CONVERTS 96 CASH ON HAND $2,150.59

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR CHURCH MAILING LIST.**

## STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The State Layman's League Conference will be held at Cragmont ssembly, Inc., Black Mountain, the eekend of June 20-22. The entire mily is invited to attend the conference r we will have entertainment for veryone.

The program will include the llowing: (1) Layman of the Year Award, 2) election of officers, (3) educational essions, (4) mountain climbing, (5) evotions on top of the mountain for the ntire family, and (6) a trip to Ghost own.

Those planning to attend the conference should notify the state secretary by June 9. Persons wishing to ride the bus should contact Mr. Denver Mitchell, P. O. Box 982, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530; telephone 735-3910, by June 9, also.

Each church should send the name of its nominee and a short resume of the nominee's service to God and His Church in the past year to the secretary. Please use the form below for your nomination.

In His service,
James A. Meeks, Secretary
Route 3, Box 246
Greenville, N. C. 27834

### LAYMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

ur Layman of the Year nominee is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Conference: _____

Church: _____

Submitted by: _____

### MY PASTOR

(The Rev. Clyde Cox, Pastor of Piney Grove Church, Kenly)

My pastor is a man of wonders:
He can preach, pray, sing, and play.
He loves his flock (the weak and the strong),
And if we follow God and His instructions,
We just can't go wrong.

God sent him this way when my faith was weak;
He knew I needed help and needed it quick.
I was riding the fence and about to fall
When God intervened, and to Him I called:
"Oh, Lord, help me! You know just what I need.'
He picked me up and said, "Take heed."

Now the days are so much brighter
And my heart is much lighter,
And such peace no man can describe.
So if you're riding that fence and about to fall,
Don't wait too late before you call.
God is waiting with all His love,
And you'll never regret it
On your arrival above!

—Mrs. Mary Hayes Medlin

### A PHOPHECY FULFILLED

"Unless we send 10,000 missionaries to the Orient in my generation, we will send a million bayoneys during the next!"—John R. Mott

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**S. S. Convention Votes Retirement Pay for Ballard**

The North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention in regular session on April 19, 1975, voted to pay a retirement pension to the Rev. L. E. Ballard. Mr. Ballard's resignation from the office of field secretary becomes effective July 1, 1975.

''Pa'' Ballard was honored May 3 with a dinner in the Mount Olive College cafeteria. The dinner was sponsored by the Sunday School Convention and the Free Will Baptist Historical Society. Gifts in the amount of $248 were made by individuals and Sunday schools to the Historical Society in honor of Mr. Ballard. The occasion was a worthy tribute to a man who has served the Free Will Baptist Church for 58 years and as field secretary to the Sunday School Convention for 22 years.

Each Sunday school is asked to contribute $10 toward a retirement pension for Mr. Ballard. Checks should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. Milton Wiggs, treasurer, 905 Crescent Drive, Smithfield, North Carolina 27557.

**Holly Springs Church To Observe Homecoming**

Homecoming services will be observed by the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, on Sunday, June 1. The events of the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship service at eleven. Dinner will be served by the church at the noon hour. This will be followed with a song service in the afternoon.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone by the pastor, the Rev. Royster Martin, and the church membership.

**St. Mary's Church Honors Woman of the Year**

On Sunday, April 13, during the evening worship service, Mrs. Janice Mann was honored by the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern, as its ''Woman of the Year.''

Mrs. Mann, during her many years as a faithful and dedicated Christian, has served the St. Mary's church through the auxiliary, circles, and Sunday school. She has two daughters which she has raised in a Christian home. She is a great believer in the Scripture verse taken from Proverbs, ''Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it'' (22:6). This Christian family sets a good example to others by being faithful in all phases of the church work.

St. Mary's church thanks God for a Christian like Mrs. Mann—dedicated, hard working, and a friend to all. She truly lets her light shine for Jesus and the church is proud to have her as a member.

## MINISTER'S WIDOW'S CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

Are you a unique person? Your reply may be, ''No''; but if you have lost your minister husband in death, you are a unique person and will qualify for membership in our Free Will Baptist Minister's Widow's Club. This will be a type of fellowshiping and sharing of our thankfulness with others who have known the same joys and sorrows that we have known.

If you qualify, or know of these who do, will you please write to me and express your thoughts about the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. H. Jackson
1010 Raleigh Road
Clinton, North Carolina 28328

## FORMER EDITORIAL ASSISTAN HONORED

Miss Celia Elaine Hales of Zebulon h been recognized as the outstandi woman student in the Department Library Science, East Carolin University, Greenville, North Carolin Her selection, by faculty members of t Department of Library Science, w made as a part of Women's Awarene Week at ECU. Presentation of the awa was made on April 15, at a progra honoring outstanding women students all fields of study.



Dr. Leo Jenkins, Chancellor of ECU was the principal speaker.

Miss Hales hold the B. A. and M. A degrees in English from Duke University and is a candidate for the Master Library Science degree at ECU. She ha been teaching on a fellowship as a junio instructor in the Department of Librar Science during the 1974-75 school yea She was an editorial assistant at th Press in 1972-73, and has contribute essays and editorials to **The Free Wi Baptist**.

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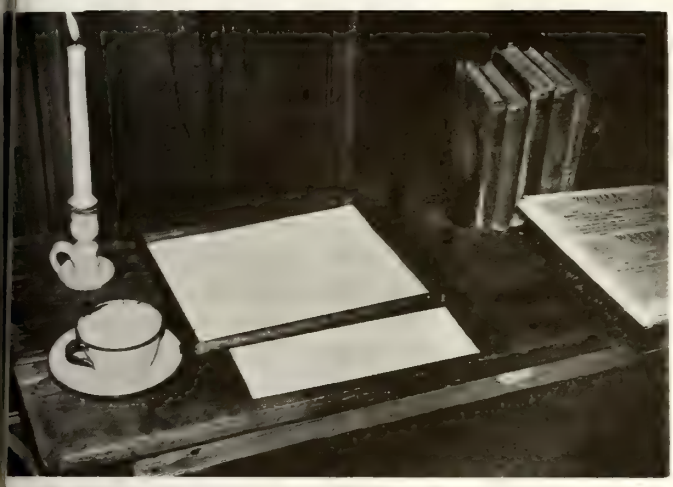
**''HE WILL GET OVER IT''**

**Remember when you first fell in love Observers said, ''He will get over it!'' That is exactly what occurred with God' children in the church of Ephesus in th first century: ''They got over it!'' Tha is, they ''ceased loving Christ first!'' God save us from ''getting over it!''**—W B. K.

# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

''How Old Are You? How Old Are You?''

This is a birthday question that Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, sought to answer. Mrs. J. C. Boyd was in charge of planning the day's activities set for April 20, 1975.



A photocopy of the deed granted to the church in 1831 was one of the outstanding emphasis of the early history of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church researched, written, and presented in the morning worship hour by Mrs. Alice Elks, who did extensive research in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College; the North Carolina State Library and Archives in Raleigh; the North Carolina Collection Room of East Carolina University in Greenville; and Sheppard Memorial Library in Greenville. Many pictures and informative items were collected by Mrs. Queenie Clark, who serves along with Mrs. Elks as church historian.

Another interesting fact was the burning of the original church by the Union Army on March 26, 1864, for harboring Confederate soldiers, which were members of the church, during the Civil War.



Former pastors and family descendants were invited to both the morning and evening services. Pictured in the photograph are many of the family representatives attending. The Rev. C. J. Harris and the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. attended the evening service in which a historical display of old record books, items used in early homes of our community, and several picture mountings of facts ''Then and Now'' concerning the church were open for all to view.

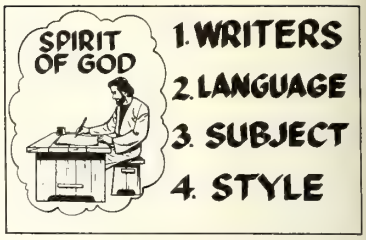



A three-tier birthday cake erected on columns above a flowing fountain prepared by Mrs. Bruce Buck and Mrs. Jimmy Dixon was a beautiful attraction of the evening as the fountain and candles were lighted and the church group sang ''Blest Be the Tie That Binds.''



The pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, says, ''A wonderful day of services was greatly enjoyed by all. We were reminded of the great sacrifices made by our forefathers to establish a foundation as in Jude, Verse 3, 'Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.' Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church has a history of one hundred forty-four years of contending for that faith, and by the grace of God will continue until Christ returns.''




## WHAT IS THE BIBLE

**Lesson Text:** Deuteronomy 6:1; Luke 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21

**Memory Verse:** 2 Peter 1:21

### I. INTRODUCTION

We made mention in last Sunday's exposition of the fact that God's Spirit played an important role in the formulation of our Bible. This Sunday we will consider this role in a more detailed form.

It is to be observed that two very distinct forces were always at work to bring God's revelation of Himself to man. (1) The first of these is the human element. Our Bible was written by men—men who have much in common with you and me. (2) The second element to be considered is the influence of the Spirit or what we term "the inspiration of the Spirit." Biblical scholars differ as to the meaning of inspiration as its applies to the writers of our Bible. The two extremes of these differences are these: One maintains that man was a mere passive force and wrote only as the Spirit of God dictated; thus our Bible becomes as literally the Word of God as though with His own hand He had written every word of it. The other extreme is to maintain that the writers of the Bible were inspired in much the same manner as any poet or artist is inspired to write or paint as he does. The truth, more than likely, lies somewhere between these two extremes, and the only source of real information that we have concerning this matter is to be found in the Bible itself. Our lesson for today is designed to help us find that truth as it is revealed to us in Scripture.

**Background:** The background for today's lesson text covers a span of some fifteen hundred years—from the days of Moses to the middle of the first century A. D.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show that the Bible, as the Word of God to us, is our source material for Christian growth and service.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.)**.

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Since the Bible came from God, we would naturally expect it to be a spiritual book. Since the Bible is a spiritual book, we would then not expect one to be able to understand it with the natural mind.

B. The Bible has been compared to many things, but I like to think of it as a beautiful flower garden., It has such variety and beauty in it that it seems sad to compare it to anything else. It is the variety of the Bible that gives it beauty and makes it interesting.

C. James 1:23-25 compares the Bible to a mirror. Regardless of how good or bad you may look a mirror reflects just exactly what you are. This same thing is true of the Bible. It shows us with all our imperfections and needs. Let us look at ourselves often in the Bible.

D. Jeremiah calls the Word of God a hammer because it has the ability to both tear down and build up.

E. Winston Churchill has said, "We rest with assurance upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture."

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Every new book that appears involves certain necessary factors. Obviously there must be a writer. Books do not just write themselves. Then there must be language, with terms that are familiar to those for whom the book is written. Most books will also have a subject, or a general theme that is developed in the course of the writing. There will also be a certain style, or styles, of writing employed, such as poetry, prose, essay, dialogue, or some other.

Like other books, the Bible involves the above factors. There were writers, for the Bible was written by human beings just as are all other books. And there was language—words in common usage by the persons living when the books were written, including even the idioms and everyday thought-patterns of the period. Like other books, the Bible does have a subject, though here it is unique, for its subject is God's redemptive plan for man. Finally, the various styles of writing mentioned above may be seen within its pages.

Through the centuries the Bible's power and influence have been felt, a power totally unknown in any other book. If this were the work of men, why have not men, with all their progress, produced a similar work, its equal or its superior? The answer is that the Bible is far more than just the work of man. Something makes it unique and distinct from all other books. Those who wrote these books were guided and directed by the Spirit of God.

This is what determines the nature of the Bible. It is the Word of God. As we have failed in meeting its demands of righteousness, we stand condemned in our own eyes. But, thank God, as we have responded to His offer of love, pardon, and new life through Christ His Son, we have been redeemed and made His children for eternity.

The Bible is not a good-luck piece to have around the home. As God's revelation to man, it makes known to us the way of salvation and the way of a daily walk with our God, in fellowship and service.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. "The Bible is, indeed, simple enough for the simple, but it is also unfathomably deep. No book takes such an entire sweep of all that affects and interests man. No book begins so low or ends so high."—R. Barbour

# STORIES

## for our youth



### HE TOOK MY WHIPPING FOR ME

YEARS AGO, there was a certain school which no teacher ould handle. The boys were so rough hat the teachers resigned. A young, ray-eyed teacher applied, and the old irector scanned him, and said: "Young eller, do you know what you are asking or? An awful beating! Every teacher ve've had for years has had to take it."

He replied, "I'll risk it."

Finally, he appeared for duty. One big ellow, Tom, whispered: "I won't need ny help—I can lick him myself!"

The teacher said, "Good morning, oys. We have come to conduct school!" (They shouted at the top of their voices.) "Now I want a good school, but I confess I don't know how, unless you help me. Suppose we have a few rules. You tell me, and I'll write them on the blackboard."

One fellow yelled, "No stealing!"

Another yelled, "On time." Finally ten rules appeared.

"Now," said the teacher, "a law is no good unless there is a penalty attached. What shall we do with the one who breaks them?"

"Beat him across the back ten times without his coat on."

"That's pretty severe, boys—are you ready to stand by it?"

Another shout, and the teacher said, "School comes to order!"

In a day or two, Big Tom found that his dinner was stolen. Upon inquiry, the thief was located—a little hungry fellow, about ten. The next morning the teacher announced: "We have found the thief and he must be punished according to rule—ten stripes across the back! Jim, come up here!"

Trembling, the little fellow came up slowly with a big coat fastened up to his neck, and pleaded: "Teacher, you can lick me, but please don't make me take my coat off."

"Take that coat off; you helped make the rules."

"Oh, teacher, don't make me!" He began to unbuttom—and what did the teacher behold! Lo, the lad had no shirt on, but strings over his little body.

How can I whip this child? he thought. But I must do something, if I keep this school.

Everything was quiet as death. Then he asked, "How is it you are without a shirt, Jim?"

The lad replied, "My father died, and Mother is very poor. I have only one shirt to my name and she is washing it today, and I wore my brother's big coat, to keep warm."

The teacher, with the rod in his hand, hesitated. Just then Big Tom jumped to his feet and said: "Teacher, if you don't object, I will take Jim's licking for him."

"Very well; there is a certain law that one can become a substitute for another. Are you all agreed!?"

Off came Big Tom's coat, and after five hard strokes, the rod broke! The teacher bowed his head in his hands, and thought: How can I finish this awful task?

Then he heard the entire school sobbing, and what did he see? Little Jim had reached up and caught Big Tom with both arms around the neck and said, "Tom, I'm sorry I stole your dinner, but I was very hungry, Tom. I'll love you till I die for taking my licking for me! Yes, I'll love you forever!"

Young sinner friend, you have broken every rule, and deserve punishment; but Jesus took your scourging for you, died in your stead, and now offers to clothe you with His garments of salvation. Won't you fall at His feet and tell Him you will love and follow Him forever?

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

**—Defender of the Faith**

TELL JESUS

May I tell Jesus everything
About the things I do?
All about my work and play,
Just as I talk to you?

Yes, tell Him all your troubles,
Whether great or small;
Remember, Jesus loves you,
And is glad to hear them all.

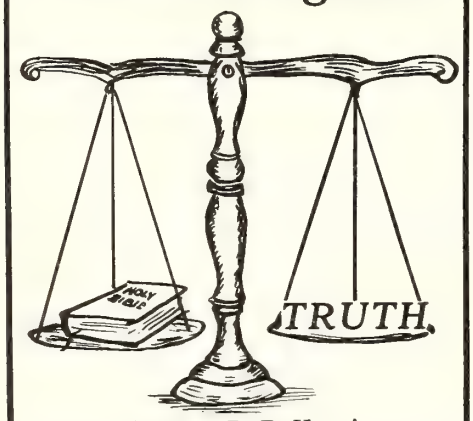
Ask Him to keep you honest
In everything you do;
Help you learn your lessons,
And make you kind and true.

Tell Him how very glad you are
For clothing and for food;
Ask Him to keep you always safe,
And help you to be good.

**—Adapted**



# The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basis: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

**THE YIELDED FEET**

Our feet are used to give us mobility. They make it possible for us to move about freely and to make use of all our God-given faculties. Like our hands, our feet are under the control of our brains, heart, and nerves. Our feet are used to take us away from places where we ought not to go. While it is possible to live a useful life without feet, one cannot be a complete person without them.

There are three ways I want to use to describe how a Christian's feet are **yielded**. (1) Yielded feet are established upon a rock. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings" (Psalm 40:2). All people without Christ are in the miry clay. This seriously limits their ability to move about freely. One who is thus handicapped can never accomplish his purpose upon this earth. People who are never lifted out of their sinful situation can never make heaven. Only God is able to remove us from the horrible pit—out of the miry clay. But when He does lift us out and when He does set our feet upon a rock, He establishes our ways and we are able to use our feet to the glory of God because Christ is become our **Rock** and our **Fortress**. We can do all things because He gives us the knowledge and the power to perform in all His will.

Yielded feet upon a rock will take part in the overall ministry of the church. They will take the person who owns them to the mission fields, either in person or in support of those who are willing to go.

(2) The yielded feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel. "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15). Although our feet can be used unshod, we have come to realize that we can perform much better with shoes on our feet. With shoes we can walk in perfect confidence upon the various types of soil or land; or upon very rugged surfaces like rocks, snow, roofs of buildings, etc. In a spiritual sense, the use of our feet, shod with the gospel, means that we will use this faculty to proclaim the good news that salvation has been offered and that whosoever will may come to the Saviour and be saved from their sins.

(3) Yielded feet will also bruise Satan. "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. . . . " (Romans 16:20). God will make us able to walk over the devil and crush his works under our feet. There are many feeble Christians who have let the devil discourage them. The devil is a bully and his actions show him up as a deceiver. The yielded feet will walk right through his threats and bruise him to the point that he will have no power over them. Look what David did to Goliath? What God did to 250 men of Korah? Stand up and be a man, a woman, or, if you perfer, a **person** under God to walk where Jesus trod and be not faithless but faithful and **believing**!

# Churches and Ministers Available

**(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)**

The Rev. L. Beverly Ballard makes the following statment:

"I have been contacted by churches in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina concerning my availability to fill preaching appointments, assist in leading revival song services, and in presenting musical concerts with testimony during the coming fall.

"While I will be working at Cragmont Assembly much of the summer with r mother and father, my time duri the summer will be limited for su stituting for pastors, but I do have sor openings on Sundays. I also will be gl to schedule any church work this fall.

"My credentials are still in go standing in South Carolina, although was ordained in the Eastern Conferenc So, if any church needs assistance in t above mentioned work, I'll be glad hear from you.

"My mailing address is either 12 South Washington Street, Greenvill North Carolina 27834, telepho (919) 752-2950 or 3101 Mor crest Road, Columbia, South Caroli 29210, telephone (803) 772-0839."

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The Rev. Wayne Griffin states that h is avilable for full-time or part-tim pastoral services. Any church interest may contact him at Route 4, Box 31 Snow Hill, North Carolina 2858 telephone 747-5189.

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The Rev. Edgar Benton announc that he is available for full-time pastor services. Any church interested in h services may contact him by writin Route 1, Box 395-A, Fremont, Nor Carolina 27880; telephone 242-5283. H states that if any pastoral committe desires to hear him, they are cordial invited to attend the Oak Grove Free W Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, Nor Carolina, of which he is now pastoring.

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The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announc that he is available for full-time or ha time pastoral services. He states that h is also available for supply work, reviv services, and evangelistic work. A interested persons may contact him Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Caroli 28530; telephone 524-5186.

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Tommy Evans would like to announ that he is available for pastoral duties. H is a graduate of Mount Olive College ar a **magna cum laude** graduate of Atlant

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# WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT CHRIST

by J. Albert Harris
Jacksonville, N. C.

A few days ago I was talking with a Jewish rabbi who is serving as a Navy Chaplain with the Marine Corps. He said, "You know I have been in exile for eight years. Since being here at Camp LeJeune, I have not fellowshiped with my collegues. Can you imagine how I feel? There is a meeting in Greensboro next week; can you give me some good directions?"

The thought struck home to me. I feel as if I have been in exile. Rarely, but occasionally, I meet friends I knew during the days I was very active in all the conferences, auxiliary conventions, Sunday school conventions, camp life, and all other phases of our denomination. It is with excitement when someone exclaims, "Well, J. Albert Harris, where are you staying now? What are you doing? What has happened to you. You used to be so active, then all of a sudden you seemed to just drop out."

Friends, I have never stopped loving and serving our wonderful Lord. I have not changed. It is with great anxiety that I want to see souls won to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I guess I have had a little bit of growing to do. God has been so wonderful to all of us. There has been and still is plenty of Christian work to do. God's work has been growing, and many of our Free Will Baptist churches have realized in the past few years that the house of God should be open every Sunday. They have done just what I have mentioned so many times to committees and the churches I have pastored. I have heard many of the brethren suggest and encourage this also.

As most of my friends know, I have been working in civil service for a number of years and pastoring churches also. There have been many full-time churches as well as part-time churches who desire their pastor to live near and/or with them, to inquire if I would accept their pastorates. To work as a civil servant ordinarily is one thing; but to reach a certain plateu is to keep on until you can retire or one will lose his retirement. This is just what I am building up to. My plan is to make myself active once again in as many phases of the ministry as possible; and when the time is right, retire from civil service into a full-time ministry. I desire the prayers of all my Christian praying friends. I know these prayers have helped and have given me strength many times. I feel God's influence in this matter.

The theme of my life has been, "You Cannot Do Without Christ." Without Him I could do nothing. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, . . ." (Philippians 1:21). We cannot do without Him in life. Jesus said, ". . . I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). We also find in the Scriptures, ". . . whoso findeth me findeth life, . . ." (Proverbs 8:35); "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life" (1 John 5:12). Hence, we can have life by a simple childlike faith in Christ. It is so simple, and yet many people try so hard that they overlook the simplicity of it.

We cannot do without Him in **death**. Jesus said, "Whither I go, ye cannot come . . . . if ye believe not that I am he (the Christ), ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:21, 24). Paul tells us, ". . . the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

I was talking with a friend of mine who at one time was used as an instrument of God with great power. He had, however, left the pulpit and I asked him, "Why? Don't you believe what you have been preaching?" His reply was, "Yes, I do believe, but I just cannot cope with the situation any longer. People these days are so critical and so hard to deal with." I reminded him that Jesus had prophesied this would happen: men would harden their hearts and stop their ears: sin would grow stronger; and, there would be wars and rumors of wars and then the end would come. I told him that it would not be much longer before the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is up to you and me to make ourselves ready and to teach His name among all nations.

We cannot do without Him in **judgment.** ". . . it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:27, 28); ". . . He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation (judgment); but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24, 25); "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, . . ." (John 3:18).

Yes, we cannot do without Him in **life**, in **death**, in **judgment**, and in **eternity**. ". . . the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that knew not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

May I add, if there is anything that I can do to help someone to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, do not fail to contact me. If I may be of some help in your church at anytime, I can always make arrangments. You may contact me by writing 19 White Oak Street, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28540; telephone (919) 347-1612.

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## Questions & Answers

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"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 10:14-17); "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20, 21).

## Ballard Honored

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While he pastored only one church outside North Carolina, He has held revivals in several states.

The special honor extended Mr. Ballard on May 3 was the beginning of a fund to create in his honor a collection of historical data on the denomination to be place in the historical room in the Mount Olive College library. Donations to this fund have been coming in before and since May 3. Mr. Ballard is on the historical commission of the college.

Many old minutes and other artifacts concerning the history of Free Will Baptists are being gathered by Mr. Ballard to be placed in the historical room.

Milton Wiggs, treasurer of the Sunday school board, capped the ceremonies of the evening by presenting a special gift to the retiring field secretary and made an oral tribute to his work and friendship "over many, many years."

## Churches and Ministers

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Christian College. He is a licensed minister and a member of the Eastern Conference. He is also a member of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern. Churches interested in his services may write P. O. Box 1105, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; or telephone 633-4758.

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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*expressing your feelings toward others?*

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
Scripture Reading—Psalm 49:16-18

FEW SMILING MILLIONAIRES

"Millionaires seldom smile," said Andrew Carnegie. And a few years ago John D. Rockefeller told Dr. Carter Helm Jones at the close of sermon in Cleveland that gre wealth is a burden destroying the re zest of life and banishing peace fro the heart.

Truly, there is a better busine before us than merely envying th rich.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Being wealthy poses man problems. If one is not very careful h can lose it, and once used t something, twice the pain of loss.*

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Master Book of Ne Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

## CALM MOURNING

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*Should you feel inclined to censor*
*Faults you may in others view,*
*Ask your own heart ere you venture*
*If it has not failings, too.*

*Do not form opinions blindly,*
*Rather, strive a friend to gain;*
*Those of whom we thought unkindly*
*Oft become our warmest friends.*

*Do not then in idle pleasure*
*Trifle with a brother's fame;*
*Guard it as a valued treasure,*
*Sacred as your own good name.*

*Do not form opinions blindly,*
*Rather, strive a friend to gain;*
*Many a word in anger spoken*
*Finds its passage home again.*

Blind, grossly wrong opinions are formed all too frequently, and over lifeless bodies words of regret are spoken to no avail. When death claims one, he has no second chance to befriend or alienate himself, and we who live have no second chance to befriend or alienate ourselves from the deceased.

Our advice: Mourn the passing, but do so calmly. Speak kind words when the ears are able to hear. Cry no tears to wash clean your own conscience; but if tears are needful, cry them sincerely and not for show. Better than this, live your own life so that death will not be so fearsome and you will be able to lie down ". . . to pleasant dreams," and should you be so bold as to speak unkindly about another be he alive or dead, remember to ask your own heart if it ". . . has not failings too."

Calm mourning on our part may be too idealistic, but it is our conviction that it *is* possible for some people—even if not for us. . . . Let's strive for it, anyway.

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# The free will baptist

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1975




**"Beats me!" said God. What kind of reaction would this statement from a radio program wrought from you? Would you have unplugged the set?**

## A WROUGHT REACTION

"What hath God wrought?" he asked. Then there was a moment of silence.

Then came an irregular tapping sound, and the voice spoke again—this time laughing—" 'Beats me!' signed, God."

This was part of the little moments in history outlined by a particular radio station not too far removed from this area. All of us know (or suppose) that it was an effort to bring back to memory Samuel F. B. Morse, the American-painter-inventor, who is credited with the invention of a practical telegraph and the dot-dash "Morse code" in 1836.

The invention by Morse was patented in 1840, and in 1843 Congress appropriated $30,000 to build a test line for the "toy" between Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, Maryland. It is said that on May 22, 1844, Morse set up the "sending device" in the Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and tapped out the last portion of the familiar Scripture from Numbers 23:23. In Baltimore, where Morse's assistant, Alfred Vail, was sitting at a receiving device, the message came through the wire and hysteria nearly set in as Vail returned the phrase to Morse. Triumph! The telegraph was now a workable means of communication, and God be praised!

Today millions of miles of telegraph lines and oceancable circuits are in operation throughout the world. There are over one million miles of such "wires" in the United States alone, and they provide approximately five million channel miles of communication circuits. The commercial system in America is owned by Western Union Telegraph Company and ranks as the largest owned and operated system in the world. This kind of information, however, is not what we intended to discuss at the onset of this editorial. Read on.

We enjoy jokes as well as anybody—and can appreciate them even when they are played on us; but, when someone uses *God* as the "brunt" of a joke or defames and diminishes His knowledge, power, or whatever in any way, it cuts the wire for us! We cannot appreciate such sacrilege as is expressed in the first portion of this discussion. We are well aware of the fact that such techniques are used sometimes by *religious groups* on radio and TV and in periodicals to interest the general public in godly things; still, we abhor reducing the Almighty to the human level—and, to suggest (however humorously) that He *does not* know something and would tap out a response in such a degrading manner as *"Beats me!"* is deplorable.

While interested in humans to the point of giving His Son in death for such, it is inconceivable that God would answer a question or respond to any stimilus with such frivolity. We will admit that the little moment in history (that's what we call it) did attract our attention, but at the same time it ruffled us enough to make us indignant. Our first compulsion was to call the radio station and contest the advertisement, but we were not quite certain as to which station it was (though it came in loud and clear). Also, we did not know to whom to complain, and even if we did we were able to ascertain the reply to the complaint as being that *we* were narrow and that *theirs* was not the only station that subscribed to those types of "interest spots." We will admit, perhaps; to both counts: We are a bit narrow when it comes to what we consider to be sacrilege, and "theirs" is not the only station to subscribe to such interest techniques for the listening audience. Too, the users of these "religious" tidbits don't consider them sacrilegious anyhow.

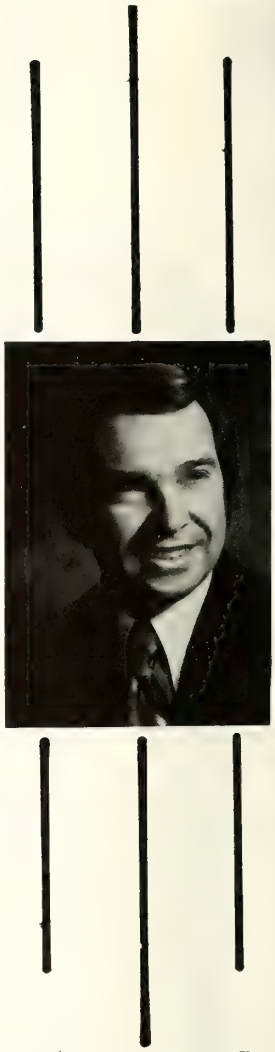
In our opinion nothing "beats" God. He has wrought miracles even in our lifetime, and the Scripture is full of marvelous and inexplicable works. In the case of this radio communication, *something* (we hope it was righteous indignation) was *wrought* in this editor. The very idea: to say that God would send a message using such jargon! The worse offense, in our opinion, was the manner of presentation—to suggest that *God is a puzzled, scratch-the-head type of communicator.*

We are certain that Samuel F. B. Morse had no idea that his famous message would be reiterated as it was in a blasphemous method. "What hath God wrought!" has always had a particular significance for this writer, and the connotation has always been favorable; yet, now as we reflect upon its "new code," we are naturally bothered. This is not to suggest that we are without fault ourselves, mind you—but . . .

All of this taps out to be just another attempt of Satan and his hosts to put *God on a common level* and make Him so relevant to man that He is *no more than man*!

We are wrought up about it all. How about you?

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# EASTERN DISTRICT

# WOMAN OF THE YEAR

AT THE Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention held Thursday, arch 20 at the First Free Will Baptist urch of Kinston, Mrs. Daphna P. cas of the Kinston church, was esented the district's "Woman of the ar" award. Her letter of nomination as bmitted by the host auxiliary is as lows:

Mrs. Daphna P. Lucas was born July 1919, in Wilson County; the daughter C. W. and Elizabeth Wheeler Pittman. eirs was a large family of seven sons d four daughters, and this helped to still in her the quality of caring for hers. Not only was this a large family, t also a close family. The most im-rtant fact about this family was that ey had a Christian home. One of her others, a Free Will Baptist minister, ssed away a short time ago. She has en very concerned about his family d their needs, and visits with them as ten as she can.

Daphna attended Lee Woodard Hign chool at Black Creek and graduated from ere in 1937. She always knew what it eant to be in church and joined at an rly age. Her parents and family were ry active in both Sunday school and urch activities. When she was sixteen ars old, sne met James C. Lucas, hom she married five years later. Their arriage was performed by the Rev. L. . Manning on December 3, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are the parents of vo children. Their daughter, Mrs. enneth Exum, has three children and ne and her family live in New York. heir son, Carlton, is a minister and is resently pastoring halftime at British hapel Church. He is a graduate of ount Olive College and is presently attending Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. While at Mount Olive, Carlton was a student minister under the Rev. S. A. Smith, and at present is helping Mr. Smith with the pastorate of his two churches, Sarecta and Laniers Chapel. Before going to college, he was a Scoutmaster of Troop 453, which is sponsored by this church, and was illustrator at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden.

Daphna has always been ready to help in any way she could; not only with the scouts, but any phase of work for the young people. They have always been welcome in her home, and her children have always felt at ease to bring their friends to their home. Being the Christian person she is, makes her ready to lend a helping hand, not only to her own children, but to others. Her life is a constant reminder of her love and dedication to serving her Lord and sharing His great love. One has only to be around Daphna a short while to see the real Christian she is for her daily life is a testimony to it. She has always seen that her family, as well as herself, is in church. She is a choir member and sometimes sings in a duet or trio. Her husband also sings in the choir and both of them are faithful members of our Thursday night prayer meeting and Bible study.

Daphna has been a Sunday school teacher and assistant teacher for the Margaret Wade Bible Class for several years. She helps to provide transportation for some of the elderly members of her class, not only on Sunday morning, but also to class meetings and other functions. She is always concerned about her class members and often takes the class to visit sick and shut-in members. She has always taken her class to visit the nursing home and also sees to it that the class meets its obligation to Mount Olive College and all other needs.

Daphna is a past president of the woman's auxiliary and has held other offices at various times. She is at present the Children's Home chairman and never lets an opportunity pass to speak for the home. She is genuinely concerned about its needs and keeps the auxiliary in touch with the young girl whom they sponsor, seeing to it that her needs are met and getting her here to visit as much as possible. At times she provides this transportation herself and has Janice in her home, and always does her best to make these vists happy occasions. She does this with a smile and never complains, because she enjoys the pleasure of helping others.

Daphna is the secretary of circle No. 2 and has held other offices in the circle. She is a member of the Christian Board of Education of our church, helping to make our Sunday school better. She also holds a public job, as a clerk at J. C. Penny Company, and is well thought of there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas worked at the Children's Home for about six years, as house parents in the girls' dormitory. They are still active and attend alumni meetings of the home, and are helpful in such things as raising money for recreational projects.

Their home is always open to visiting ministers during revivals. As she is an excellent cook, she is often called on, and is always willing, to prepare food for occasions such as sickness, death, meetings, and fellowships. Everyone who knows her cooking is always looking for a piece of her good cake.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lucas their family is extremely important. They visit weekly with Mr. Lucas' parents, who are quite feeble, seeing that their needs are taken care of and doing whatever is possible for them in their old age.

Daphna's Christian example is lived and shown at all times as "I can do all

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8
Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:42

HE IS NEAR!

I know not in what watch He comes
Or at what hour He may appear,
Whether at midnight or at morn,
Or in what season of the year;
I only know that He is near.

I do not think it can be long
Till in His glory He appear;
And yet I dare not name the day,
Nor fix the solemn Advent year;
I only know that He is near.

—Horatius Bonar

PRAYER THOUGHT

*He has arisen, and He is ever near. Let us keep our hearts and minds acceptable in His presence.*

MONDAY, JUNE 9
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:5

PLAYING WITH HANDLES

A little girl, aged four, fell out of a taxi on the way home from a party. She was taken to the hospital, and when she was dying, she said: "I have been a naughty girl. I was playing with the door. I won't do it anymore." She must have been a very honest little soul to own up bravely that the shocking business was all her own fault. "I won't do it anymore." It was her last party. We are all trying the handles of doors in these days, especially the doors marked "liberty" and "happiness." And it sometimes happens that doors fly suddenly open, landing us in the gutter, in disaster and wretchedness.—*British Weekly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Some doors are better left unopened. What we may consider the door to opportunity may well prove to be the door to impiety.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 10
Scripture Reading—Job 14:4

IT'S LIKE THIS . . .

A woman came to a minister, carrying in her hands a quantity of wet sand. "Do you see what this is, sir?" she said.

"Yes. It is wet sand."

"But do you know what it means?"

"I do not know exactly what you mean by it. What is it?"

"Ah, sir!" she said, "That's me, and the multitude of my sins can't be numbered"; and she gave way to passionate weeping. The minister, calming her, asked her where she had procured the sand.

"At the Beacon."

"Go back, then, and take a spade with you and dig till you raise a good mound, shovel it as high as ever you can, and leave it. Stand back on the shore and see the effect of the waves upon it." The meaning came to the woman. The blood of Christ would wash all her sins away.—*Christian Digest*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The cleansing blood of Christ flows mercifully over our souls, leaving them refreshed anew.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11
Scripture Reading—Luke 22:31

ENSNARING FUNNELS

Boys often entrap and catch sparrows by a simple device. They roll a piece of paper into the form of a funnel and stick it in the ground, putting seed at the bottom. The bird thrusts its head down into the funnel to get at the seed, and when it would lift its head the funnel sticks on, and it cannot see to direct its flight. Satan is continually getting men ensnared in his funnels to get at his seed, and so he blinds them and they cannot fly.—Arthur T. Pierson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are so prone to seek our own satisfactions that we often fail to realize its entanglements until we are completely engulfed with no apparent escape.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 12
Scripture Reading—John 16:13

THE TRUE MOTIVE

It is said that when Andrew Fuller went into his native town to collect for the cause of missions, one of his old acquaintances said, "Well, Andre I'll give you five pounds, seeing i you." To him replied the preach "No, I can't take anything for t cause, seeing it's I," and handed b the money. The man realized reproof, but quickly said, "Andr you're right. Here are ten poun seeing it's for the Lord Je Christ."—*Biblical Illustrator*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We can never fully repay Christ, b we can tithe of the wealth He allo us to possess. Let us always, "Give Our Best to the Master."*

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
Scripture Reading—John 14:6

WHERE MONEY IS NOT MENTIONED

Did you ever see a tombstone wit dollar sign on it? Neither did I. I ha known hundreds of men who lived though their only ambition was accumulate, but I have never kno one who wanted a final judgment himself to be based on what he got. man wants people to read in h obituary, not a balance sheet of h wealth, but a story of his service humanity.—*Homilope*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our characters are incorpora with our souls; they shall live foreve Our wealth is like the fallen snow, does not last eternally.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
Scripture Reading—Luke 17:20, 21

"NOTHING BUT THE GOSPEL!"

Dr. Baldwin, who was pastor of church for forty-one years, say "With, another, I testify that at thirt after examining as best I could th philosophies and religions of th world, I said, 'Nothing is better tha the Gosepl of Christ.' At forty, whe burdens began to press heavily, an years seemed to hasten, I sai 'Nothing is as good as the Gosepl.' A fifty, when there were empty chairs i the home, and the mound builders ha done me service, I said, 'There nothing to be compared with th Gosepl.' At sixty, when my secon sight saw through the delusions an the vanities of earthly things, I sai 'There is nothing but the Gosepl.' A seventy, amid many limitations an deprivations, I sing:

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Are we to regard all that is
d in the biblical account of Adam and
's temptation as being literal?

**Answer:** Yes. There seems to be no
ison whatever found in the Bible that
uld justify anyone's regarding Adam
d Eve as being anything other than a
fect man and a perfect woman, fresh
m the creative hand of our sovereign,
nipotent, omniscient, omnipresent,
rnal, unchangeable, personal God. He
de man and woman as the account
clares they were to have been made,
d the same is true of all that is said
out God's bringing every other
eature and everything else into
istence. "For by him were all things
eated, that are in heaven, and that are
earth, visible and invisible, whether
ey be thrones, or dominions, or
incipalities, or powers: all things were
eated by him, and for him"
olossians 1:16); "For though there be
at are called gods, whether in heaven
in earth, (as there be gods many, and
rds many,) But to us there is but one
od, the Father, of whom are all things,
nd we in him; and one Lord Jesus
rist, by whom are all things, and we
him" (1 Corinthians 8:5, 6); "For in
m we live, and move, and have our
ing; as certain also of your own poets
ave said, For we are also his offspring"
cts 17:28).

He made man in His own image and
ter His own likeness which suggests a
rsonal relationship with God not known
exist between God and any other
eated person or thing. So Adam and
ve sustained a unique relationship with
od, theirs and our Creator. "And God
id, Let us make man in our image,
ter our likeness: and let them have
minion over the fish of the sea, and
er the fowl of the air, and over the
ttle, and over all the earth, and over
ery creeping thing that creepeth upon
e earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26-28).

I, nor anyone I know, have a single reason to suppose that God meant these words (as all others in the Bible) to mean anything other than what they say. I was taught in the Ayden Seminary and in Moody Bible Institute to regard nothing in the Bible as being a parable or any figurative language unless the Bible itself indicated that such was true; and I know nothing in the Book of Genesis nor in any other part of the Bible that suggests that this historic event is to be modified by any kind of explanation found in Holy Writ. The Bible indicates that redeemed man, born-again man, is to remain in that closer relationship he comes into in the new birth (the spiritual birth) gained through regeneration. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5); ". . . be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Man's fall occurred just like God in His Word (Genesis) said, and his return can be accomplished in no other way than by the means God provided in Jesus Christ. Man, made in the image and likeness of God, found that image and likeness to be marred when he began to realize some of the results of his disobedience. He found himself no longer to be clothed in the glory of God; he was naked. ". . . he (God) said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:11-13).

Their eyes are here opened to the fact that instead of maintaining a vigilant obedience to God and acting according to His Word, they had done the opposite and now maintained only an estranged relation to God. They were sinners, separated from God as far as the east is from the west and as far as hell is from heaven.

Only God can cover their sins. Only He can provide a propitiation, and He did that in Christ. ". . . it shall bruise (crush) thy head, . . ." (Genesis 3:15). All creation which has lost a measure of God's influence upon it will, with redeemed man, be restored to the Father's loving control. "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).

George H. Sandison clarifies this question somewhat in answering a similar question on Page 23 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, as follows:

"The only source of information is the Bible narrative and it contains no intimation that it is to be understood otherwise than literally. Theologians who have preferred to regard the narrative as a parable or allegory have usually been led to do so by the suggestion that the eating of the fruit which was 'good for food,' and 'pleasant to the eyes,' and was moreover within reach, was an offense too venial to have been justly visited with a punishment so severe and far-reaching. The objection, however, is not well founded, because it ignores the main point involved. The gravity of the offense consisted, not in the act itself, but in the fact that Adam and Eve in committing it were consciously and willfully violating God's explicit and emphatic command. They were punished for disobedience. Even if we should hold that it took some other form than the actual and literal eating of fruit, the principle is the same. There is no valid reason for rejecting the Bible

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## MRS. JACKSON PRESENTED LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND PIN AWARD

by Mrs. Carl Dudley, Mission Chairman

One of the highlights of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention convening in Rockingham on May 8, 1975, was the presentation of a Life Membership Award honoring Mrs. Mary Lou Britt Jackson, 1010 Raleigh Road, Clinton. Mrs. Jackson was selected because of her loyalty and faithfulness to the convention. The presentation was made by Mrs. Carl Dudley of Garner. Mrs. Dudley paid the following tribute to Mrs. Jackson.



"And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; ! will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18).

Just as God saw this need in the life of Adam and supplied it by giving him Eve to be his helpmate, so did He see the same need in the life of Ranton Haywood Jackson, and in December, 1937, supplied his need by giving to him Mary Lou Britt to be a helpmate to him.

For many years she was a faithful companion to her late husband, who was one of our beloved ministers, always serving where she was needed. She has given much of her time to working with young people in the churches they have served, giving counsel and guidance when and where it was needed. She has aways had great concern for the youth of our denomination. If they were called to serve a church that had no youth organization, she immediately set about to organize one.

The same has been true in her work with the woman's auxiliary. She feels no church is complete without this organization and she has been instrumental in organizing a number of auxiliaries in our state. She always emphasizes the purpose of our organization: **missions**, our principal purpose, **devotion**, and **service**, and encourages our women to put these into action.

Mary Lou Britt Jackson has seen other needs in church services. She has served as teacher, choir director, and when necessary as pianist.

One of her favorite verses of Scripture is 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

She affirmed her belief in this Scripture early in marriage when she encouraged her husband to go back to college and finish his education. This was not an easy decision for a man who had a wife and three children. This would mean sacrifices must be made. This she did willingly and lovingly. Surely her task was as great as his. But her being thrifty, as well as having talent to use her hands and good business ability, their goal was achieved and as a result God crowned their labors with success.

Her husband was by no means her only source of interest in the field of education, for she has three daughters in whom she has instilled this principle. They are Mrs. Connie Humphreys, who teaches Home Economics in the Norfolk School System; Mrs. Willa Petrillo, professor of Medical Technology at St. Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater, Florida; and Mrs. Carolyn Price, pub school music teacher in Sampson Cour and organist at Four Oaks Bapti church. Needless to say she is proud her three daughters as well as three fi grandsons.

Mary Lou Jackson served this co vention as its first mission chairman, b her work is by no means ended. She currently serving as president of t Cape Fear District Woman's Auxilia Convention and secretary to the Gene Conference Woman's Auxiliary Conven tion.

Proverbs 31:10 asks a questio "Who can find a virtuous woman? for h price is far above rubies." Surely w have found that woman in the persona of Mary Lou Britt Jackson.

Mary Lou, it is my pleasure to prese to you this certificate and life award fro the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliar Convention. Furthermore, to show ou appreciation, on behalf of the Cape Fea Woman's Auxiliary District Convention. would like to present to you the Woman Auxiliary Pin. Attach them and wear the proudly; they are a treasure to any Fre Will Baptist woman.

May God bless you as you contin your service for Him is our prayer.

## ROBERT'S GROVE YOUTH AT WORK

The young people at Robert's Gro Original Free Will Baptist Church, Rou 1, Dunn, along with their directors: Mr Frankie Wrench, Mrs. Carolyn Tew Mrs. Elgeree Faircloth, and Mrs. Brend Tyndall, are really working hard.

On Sunday, March 23, the churc observed "Youth Sunday" with all th offices filled by members of the AFC an YFA. David Wrench served a superintendent of the Sunday school adult department and Cris Johnson a superintendent of the junior department

At the eleven o'clock worship servic the youth choir and quintet rendere several selections of special music. Th morning message was in the form "Testimony Time" conducted by Conn Strickland, Debra Tew, and Ga Faircloth. The sanctuary was full an when the service was over, there wasn a dry eye in the congregation. Everyon surely felt the presence of the Lord ver real to him.

Then on Tuesday evening, April 29 the AFC and their directors were host t their parents and special guests with

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### MINISTERIAL STUDENTS TO STUDY AT TEEN CHALLENGE



Three ministerial students from Mount Olive College will spend a week in training at Teen Challenge in New York City, June 23-28, 1975. The participating students are (left to right) Dallas Pinkham of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown; Bass Mitchell of Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church; and Charles Hardison of Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro.

Teen Challenge, under the direction of the Rev. David Wilkerson, author of **The Cross and the Switchblade**, conducts Sidewalk Seminar training programs for those who desire to learn how to minister effectively in their own situations, with particular emphasis on one-to-one personal evangelism. The sessions combine in-class lectures by the leaders of this ministry with actual on-the-street involvement with those in need. Wilkerson states, ". . . the Sidewalk Prescott Family of Grantsboro, The Revelators of Fayetteville, The Singing Recharged. We will take you into the mission field."

Any church, group, or individual who wishes to help these three students with the financial costs may send an offering to Mount Olive College designated for that purpose.

### CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL




Saturday, May 3, 1975, is a day that will long be remembered in the hearts and lives of many people. On this day, approximately 2,000 persons gathered at Eagles Nest Conference Center near Mount Olive for the 1975 Christian Music Festival. The theme, "Let's Just Praise the Lord," was surely observed through the songs and testimonies of the people participating in the program as well as through the conversations and attitudes of the people attending the festival. Truly the name of the Lord was honored and lives were touched as He opened up the storehouse of heaven and poured out His blessings upon the people.

The groups that participated in the program were as follows: The Hopper Brothers and Connie of Madison, The Boys of Bethlehem of Jacksonville, The Foundations of Pikeville, The Young and United of Wade, The Messengers of New Bern, The Miles Family of Pink Hill, The Prescott Family of Grantsboro, The Revelators of Fayetteville, The Singing Samaritans of Wallace, The Wise Family of Selma, The Young World Singers of Vanceboro, and the New Creations of Mount Olive College.

Plans for the 1976 Christian Music Festival which is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 1976, will soon begin. If you have suggestions for a theme or groups to be invited to participate in the program, please send them to Miss Caroline Castelloe, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

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### CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION TO BE TAUGHT IN SUMMER SCHOOL

A course for pastors, "Clinical Pastoral Education," will be taught during the summer at Mount Olive College. The first meeting of the class will be July 8, 1975, at 9 a. m., Room 115 in the Henderson Building. The course will meet each Tuesday and Thursday for six weeks. The fee will be $10.

The course is designed to acquaint the minister with the particular needs of senior citizens and their place in the church and society, as well as a study of some specialized areas of pastoral care, including grief and death. The minister will spend time in classroom work, research, and serve as chaplain at Nursecare Center, located in Mount Olive. The course may be taken for college credit or audited.

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison will teach the course. For more information contact Mr. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

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### A CHOICE OF "RICHES"

Some years ago there appeared one day in the same daily paper two accounts, one of an American woman who had just spent $70,000 for Paris dresses; and the other of a woman, a beautiful Christian character, who, being questioned in a legal matter, modestly admitted that she had given many millions of her estate to various righteous causes. "Well," as someone remarked, "it is a matter of taste—Paris gowns or heavenly crowns."—Christian Statesman

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## LANGUAGE IN THE LIGHT OF MISSIONS AND THE WORD OF GOD

by the Rev. Wayne King

The earth today is a planet filled with diversities of languages and dialects. But according to God's Word, this was not always so. Even in the days after the flood when Noah's descendants were repopulating the earth, all people were of ''. . . one language, and of one speech'' (Genesis 11:1). There was no need for interpreters or translators or language schools. Everybody understood each other because all spoke the same language.

### 1. The Origin of Different Languages

The Bible records how a group of these people settled in the plain of Shinar. There they were blessed with materials for making bricks, with which strong houses and walls could be built. When they realized that their city was going to be a strong one, they began to feel very proud of themselves. ''Let us build a great tower,'' they said, ''that will reach up to the sky. It not only will be an eternal monument through which we shall make a name for ourselves—it will weld us all together into a solid group and make us very strong. Then we will not be scattered on the face of the earth and separated from one another.'' But God was not pleased with this; for in their plans were cloaked, the sins of pride and self-sufficiency, which said in effect, ''There's nothing we can't do.'' And as they thought more and more of their own importance, they thought less and less of God.

Now it is an understood fact of history that a common language is one of the greatest forces uniting a people. God stated it so clearly in Genesis 11:6. He said, ''. . . Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.'' So God confounded their language. People began to speak in different dialects, so that those of one family could not understand what their neighbors of another family were saying. Those building the tower could not understand their fellow workers well enough to work together. So they gave up and left the tower without finishing it, moving instead to other places and being scattered over the face of the earth because of the hand of God. The name of that place was called, ''Babel,'' which means ''confusion,'' for everyone had been confused or mixed up because of the many languages.

### 2. A Modern-Day Babel?

I have often felt since coming to the Philippines, that I was in the modern-day land of Babel, for in this one country alone, there are no less than 87 native dialects. All around me there are people uttering strange sounds—speaking a language I cannot understand. I cannot know what they feel, or what they think, or even what they are saying. They speak a language different from mine. Now it is true that many Filipinos can understand and converse quite well in English. But to understand or to be understood by the majority of Filipinos, one needs to be able to speak the native dialect.

### 3. The Missionary and Language Study

For this reason, one of the first priorities of a missionary on the field is to learn the language of the people to whom he is sent to minister. Without this knowledge, how can he work effectively with them? How can he communicate with them? How can he effectively witness the gospel he has come to share? As long as he is bound by the confusion of a strange language, his witness will be severely hampered and he will be unable to adequately work with the people. Even Babel is a testimony to that.

The 87 dialects in the Philippines make it a land particularly difficult to minister to. Fortunately though, most of the people speak either Tagalog (Tah guy' log), the national language of the country, or Cebuano (See bwan' o), spoken primarily by the inhabitants of the southern islands.

Filipino people appreciate foreigners who take the time to learn ''Pilipino.'' An old woman who heard a missionary preach in Tagalog excitedly exclaimed, ''As I heard an Americano preach in our language, it was so fluent and beautiful that gooseflesh rose on my arms!'' It has been said, and I believe with a great deal of truth, ''A person may speak several languages, but usually only one moves his heart. That is the language into which he was born, the language in which his emotional and spiritual vocabulary is richest.''

I think that's what made Pentecost so astounding, so beautiful, and so believable to the multitudes who heard the gospel on that day. The Bible says there were men out of every nation under heaven, dwelling at Jerusalem and that ''. . . every man heard them speak **in his own language**. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? . . . we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God'' (Acts 2:6-8, 11). And the Bible further records that some 3,000 of them got saved that day as a result of each of them hearing the gospel in his own native language.

I suppose that to some Filipinos it may seem equally strange to hear an Americano country boy preaching in Tagalog with a Southern accent. But oh, that Christ may give me this ability and that the result may be the salvation of multitudes through the preached Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit! In the meantime, Deborah and I wait—until language school opens for another season and we can begin our study of the national langauge of the people to whom we have been sent. Someday soon, may their testimony be like that of the 3,000 who declared, ''We do hear them speak in our tongues (language) the wonderful works of God.''

## OUR FIRST TWO MONTHS IN THE PHILIPPINES

by Wayne and Deborah King

Since our arrival, our stay in the Philippines has been marked by a number of things: new faces, new customs, new language, new climate, new experiences. These first few weeks in our new home have been spent in observing the Filipino life-style, learning something of Asiatic culture, learning the administrative details of mission work in a foreign land, getting a better view of the potentials and possibilities for evangelizing here, visiting sites of Free Will Baptist work in the Philippines, and just learning to live naturally and comfortably in an entirely different environment.

Much of our time has been spent in learning and waiting—spending almost whole days at the time in plodding through the red tape necessary to transact business in a bureaucratic society. If you only knew the time involved in simple matters, like getting the mission's car registered, or securing a Philippines driver's license, or simply going across town. Unbelievable! Or consider 15 hours for a 150 mile trip, or trying to communicate with a worker residing in a place which has no post office, no telephone, and no telegraph! Certainly it makes one more appreciative of the efficiency of business, communications, and transportation that we are blessed with in America.

At present, we are anxiously awaiting the day when we can actively preach and teach the gospel here in the Philippines. In these early months there are not many opportunities for evangelizing and winning souls. The language is yet to be learned and there is adjusting yet to be done.

Since we arrived in the country, I (Wayne) have had the opportunity of preaching three times. On April 18, in a service on the island of Cebu with Brother Zacharias Perocillo, I had the privilege of preaching for the very first time in the Philippines! It was also my first time of preaching with the aid of an interpreter. What a thrill it was! What a blessing! How good it will be to have increasingly more and more opportunities in which to share the gospel here in the Philippines!

In the meantime, we are learning to wait. Right now the days don't pass quite as quickly as we'd like for them to. We are busy but not as much in the ministry of the Word as we'd like to be. We are lonely at times. We miss the fellowship with other Christians, and the company of other Americans. But there is much to be done here, and we await the day when other Free Will Baptist missionaries will join us. In the meantime, we are prayerfully waiting on the Lord; for we are promised that those who wait upon the Lord, ''. . . shall renew their strength; . . . they shall run and not be weary; . . . they shall walk, and not faint'' (Isaiah 40:31).

## HAROLD JONES SURRENDERS CREDENTIALS

The Board of Ordination of the Western Conference announces that Harold Jones, former Free Will Baptist missionary to the Philippines, has surrendered his ministerial credentials to the Western Conference Ordaining Board.

Therefore be it known, that he is no longer an ordained minister of the Western Conference and the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

## Coming Events . . .

**June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

**June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks, Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Tommy Evans would like to announce that he is available for pastoral duties. He is a graduate of Mount Olive College and a **magna cum laude** graduate of Atlantic Christian College. He is a licensed minister and a member of the Eastern Conference. He is also a member of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern. Churches interested in his services may write P. O. Box 1105, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; or telephone 633-4758.

## CALLING ALL MINISTERS!

I am calling all ministers to do with me the unusual for a father, the Rev. E. C. Morris, by sending him on Father's Day a check or money (greenback). By all of us ministers doing a little will amount to much. Brother Morris is most deserving and thankful. Just mail your gift to him at Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888.

Thank you and may God richly bless you.—Fred A. Rivenbark

## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS



Mrs. Dorothy Baker of Walstonburg and a member of Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, has been ill for over two years and in the hospital since January of this year, most of the time spent in the intensive care unit. Mrs. Baker is suffering from a disease of the muscles and respiratory system.

Recently the woman's auxiliary of Aspen Grove started a money tree for her. With the help of the other auxiliaries of the church $461 were pinned to the tree and delivered to her at the hospital on Mother's Day, May 11. (The money tree is shown in the picture above.)

Needless to say, Mrs. Baker was happy to receive the tree and the money she surely can use.

Mrs. Robert Oakley, who sent in the article, states: ''I would like to have this picture back so when I get feeling sorry for myself I can look at it and count my blessings.''

Mrs. Baker's pastor is the Rev. Hubert Burress.

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home



*"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"*

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557



MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

## CALVARY CHURCH HAS OUTING AT CHILDREN'S HOME



On Sunday, May 18, a large portion of the congregation of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, visited the Children's Home for an afternoon of recreation. The members of Calvary brought picnic baskets and furnished the evening meal for the children and staff of the Home.

At 7:30 the evening worship service was conducted by the youths of Calvary church under the direction of Mrs. Jane Rountree. The speaker for the evening was 16-year-old Pamela Johnson. The music was presented by the church's youth choir (pictured above), and the Booster Band. The invitation hymn was sung by the girls' quartet, with Wanda Morgan introducing the group.

At the close of the service, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, pastor of Calvary church, conducted a baptismal service.

### SUMMER VACATION

Summer vacation for the Children's Home has been planned for June 6, 1975, through June 22, 1975. For those of you who will be coming after children, they can be picked up anytime after five o'clock and should be returned by five o'clock on June 22, 1975.

Although the children and houseparents will be away during this two-week period, the office will be opened during this time.

### DEAR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

by Judy Warren

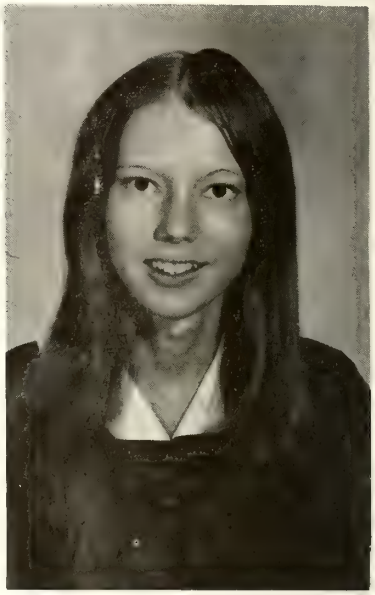
It is really hard to say, "Thank you," to such wonderful Christian people as you. As graduation time approaches I have come to realize and appreciate more and more people like you.

Eight years ago I never imagined that I would even be able to graduate from high school or go to college. But through the love of God, there are people like you who have given me the opportunity of both.

On June 6, 1975, I will graduate, and on August 24, I will begin to further my education at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

Words alone could never tell each of you how very much you have done for me.

I ask you now to continue to pray for me, and mostly for Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, as they continue to serve the Children's Home in their fine Christian way that they do now.



I must also add a special "thank you" to the St. Claire Adult Sunday School Class of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern. They haven't failed to remember me at Christmas and on my birthday during my seven-year stay here at the Home. My love for them, along with every other man, woman, or child that has at anytime contributed in prayer or through funds to "my home," I will always feel.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. C. F. Bowen announces his change of address from 1213 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, to Route 2, Box 489, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530. Mr. Bowen states: "I have assumed the pastorate of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church located on the Patetown Road, off Highway 117. I am no longer in "semiretirement," if I have ever been in it, and am thoroughly delighted to be where God can use me. I ask everyone to pray for my new ministry at this historic and progressive church."

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note the change of address for the Rev. Ed. C. Taylor, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina 27504. He is now pastoring the St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Warden's Grove to Observe Homecoming**

The Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Lowland will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, June 8. Following the morning worship service, lunch will be served by the church. Friends, former pastors, and members are extended a warm welcome to worship with this church on this special occasion.

**Revival Services Announced For Mt. Zion Church**



The Rev. Clyde Cox will be the visiting minister for revival services at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Roper the week of June 9-13. The services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Charlie Overton, assisting Mr. Cox. Along with good preaching each evening, there will be special music by various singing groups.

The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

**Central District Youth Fellowship at Eagles Nest**

The Central District Youth Fellowship met on Saturday, May 24, at Eagles Nest, Mount Olive College's Retreat, near Dudley, for a time of Christian inspiration and fun.

This was the first meeting for the new officers of the fellowship to perform. The new officers are as follows: president, Guyla Corbett, Winterville church; vice-president, Sheryll Eason, King's Cross Roads church; recording secretary, Teresa Hines, Winterville church; corresponding secretary, Shelby Bradshaw, Marlboro church; treasurer, Jeannie Stocks, Ayden church; program chairman, Emerson Hobgood; King's Cross Roads church; pianist, Jeff Riggan, Community church; and, reporter, Debbie Smith, Bethany church.

The theme for this meeting was "Come Alive," and this is exactly what happened. There were eleven churches represented at the meeting as follows: Ayden, Aspen Grove, Bethany, Hugo, Saratoga, Tarboro, Winterville, King's Cross Roads, Community, Grimsley, and Marlboro. Many of these churches were represented with singing groups.

The day began with a view of Eagles Nest. Everyone enjoyed hiking through the woods along the various trails. Then the youths grouped together for congregational singing and lunch. This was followed with a singspiration in the dining hall at Eagles Nest.

Debbie Smith, reporter, states, "This was a great stimulating encounter which created an incentive in everyone to go out and tell others about Christ. The Lord's Spirit could be felt everywhere. Everyone had a wonderful time and we would like to encourage participation by the youths in other churches of our district."

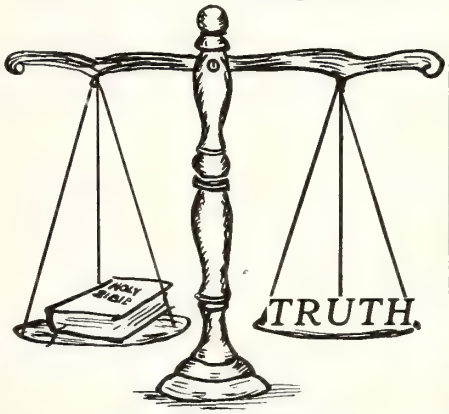
**Homecoming and Singspiration At First Church, Warsaw**

Homecoming day will be observed by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw on Sunday, June 8, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. Larry Benson, superintendent. At the worship hour the homecoming message will be delivered by a former pastor, the Rev. H. M. Minchew. This will be followed with lunch served in the fellowship hall of the church.

In the afternoon a special service of gospel music will be presented by local talent and visiting singers.

The pastor, the Rev. John Raeford Lee, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to worship with them in these services and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

## The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basis: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

**THE YIELDED HEART**

When we talk about the heart of the Christian, we are talking about the central instigator of life and power. As the throbbing, pulsating, physical heart sends life-giving and lifesaving help to all parts of the body, so does the yielded Christian heart perform in the same manner to the spiritual person. The physical heart must use clean, pure blood. The cleansing processes go on in other parts of the body; the kidneys, the liver, and other processing devices see to it that the blood is clean. Likewise, the habits, choices of deeds, and responses to various contacts in life determine the cleansing processes to the spiritual heart.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God;

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## WHY WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN

**Lesson Text:** Jeremiah 26:1-3; Luke 24:44-47; 1 John 1:1-4
**Memory Verse:** John 20:31

### I. INTRODUCTION

A sinister breeze blows across the land today. It sweeps not only through the halls and classrooms of our universities and colleges but also across the pulpits in many a church. It is the subtle teaching that the Bible is less than the authoritative Word of God and, equally as bad, that it is an outmoded and out-of-date book. It is declared to be ineffectual for life as we know it today.

If this were not so ludicrous it might well disturb the established saint. If it were not so tragic it might well be amusing to those who know better. If it were not so dangerous one might well ignore it and brush the thought aside as something from the unregenerated mind of an alien who knows nothing of the truth of God.

We have already seen in two previous lessons that the Bible is the Word of God, written by holy men of God as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. But why was it written? What is its purpose in our lives? These and similar questions claim our attention in this lesson. Make no mistake about it, the Bible is the up-to-date book in the world and has in it the answer to man's myriad problems. But man must first know Him who is the Answer before the answers to his problems can be found.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The message of the Old Testament prophets was a call to repentance. The message of John the Baptist was a clear call to repentance. And the first message of Jesus Christ was a call to repentance. Thus we see that the purpose of the Bible is to call men to repentance.

B. Every book in the Bible gives witness to Jesus Christ as the Messiah. He is the theme of the Bible. This tells us that one of the purposes of the Bible is to give witness to Him as the promised Messiah.

C. John tells us that he wrote his Gospel to help men believe. This tells us that one of the purposes of the whole Bible is to help men believe on the Lord and be saved.

D. Thomas Jefferson: "The Bible makes the best people in the world."

E. God's Word provides all the necessary details which will allow a Christian to become fully equipped for every good work.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We have considered four Scriptures that tell of God's purposes in giving us the Bible. Have those purposes been realized in our own lives? Let each of us ask himself that question. To help, we have a checklist before us. As each item is considered, let's check for ourselves, each one in his own mind, whether or not God's purposes for us have been attained.

| GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE (CHECKLIST) | YES | NO |
|---|---|---|
| REPENTANCE | ☐ | ☐ |
| FAITH IN CHRIST | ☐ | ☐ |
| NEW LIFE | ☐ | ☐ |
| FELLOWSHIP AND JOY | ☐ | ☐ |
| TESTIMONY | ☐ | ☐ |

**Repentance**. Without question the Scriptures call us to repentance. This, as we have seen, involves the heart and mind—our attitude toward wrong. It results in the turning from evil to the righteousness of God. Let each of us check for himself. God's will is that we all may check **yes**.

**Faith in Christ**. John wrote in order that we may believe "that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." Faith is not a leap in the dark; it is the belief of evidence. In the matter of Christ, we have the testimony of eyewitnesses. No one should check **yes** or **no** until he has considered the evidence fairly. It was given that we might have faith.

**New Life**. The overall purpose of the Bible is man's redemption. John speaks of it as life through Christ's name. It is a gift of God that is ours when we accept Christ as our Saviour. If we have so accepted Him, we may check this one **yes**.

**Fellowship and Joy**. First John was written, we have seen, that we may have fellowship with God and with one another, and that we may have fullness of joy. Sometimes we sing, "Blest be the tie that binds." But have the fellowship and joy become the real experience of our lives?

**Testimony**. The Scriptures testify to Christ. The witness to the Lord is to be taken to the whole world. This too is God's purpose. We are called on, therefore, to testify to others of God's saving grace. One's life may be a testimony, but more than this is needed. People need to hear about Christ from our lips. Do I bear testimony of the Lord to others?

If I can check **yes** to all of the above, then to that extent God's purposes for my life are being realized. If I had to check **no** for any—well, at least I know where I need to begin if I would more completely fulfill those purposes—Adapted from **Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. The Bible is the most needed book in the world. It can do for us what no other book can do. It alone has the words of eternal life. If all this is true, and it is, how much of it are we sharing with others?—C. F. Bowen

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## MORAL SUICIDE

In a sermon, the dean of Boston University's Marsh Chapel said, "Forty to eighty percent of college students cheat—some more and some less."

Robert H. Hamill stated, "When college students see public officials grafting from public funds, citizens cheating on income taxes, loose law enforcement, they conclude they must train themselves for sophisticated skulduggery in the future, and the campus seems a good place to practice."

Dishonesty is moral suicide, a disintegration of the moral self. —Christianity Today.

# STORIES

## for our youth



## A DOG FOR PETE

by Jonathan H. Markle

PETE MILLER came running into the house, his brown hair flying and blue eyes dancing. Throwing his books on the sofa, he ran straight for the kitchen where he knew his mom would be.

"Jimmy's Frisky had puppies. He said I could have one just as soon as they get old enough. I'll promise to take care of him, and he won't get in the way or anything. Please may I have him?"

Mrs. Miller walked across the room and put Pete's milk and cookies on the kitchen table.

"How about waiting until your dad gets home from work so we can see what he has to say about it?"

"O. K., but may I go tell Jimmy 'maybe' so he can save one for me? He's waiting outside."

"All right, go ahead; and be sure to wash up on the way back."

That evening when Mr. Miller came home, Pete had already decided what he would name his first dog: "Jeepers." Mr. Miller and Pete had a long talk about Jeepers.

"Pete," Mr. Miller said, "you remember that note you brought from your teacher yesterday? She is very concerned about your schoolwork. She says you aren't really trying, and your grades are low."

Oh, oh, thought Pete, there goes my dog.

"So," Mr. Miller continued, "this is what we'll do. Since the puppies are not old enough to be separated from their mother yet, we will wait until they can be weaned. During that time, if you can show improvement in your schoolwork, you may have the dog. But if you don't do any better, we'll have to say no. Is that a deal?"

Pete sat for just a moment and then shook hands with his dad. "It's a deal," he said.

The weeks went by, and Pete was very busy doing homework and building a doghouse. Three days before Jeepers was to be brought to Pete's home, Miss Richards gave Pete's class a big arithmetic test. She had warned them to study well the week before, but Pete had forgotten all about the test. During the test, Pete couldn't figure out some of the problems. He knew if he failed this test, he'd never get Jeepers. Looking across the aisle, he saw Priscilla Rogers working on her test. She always got good grades. Pete thought for a moment. If I copy just a few of her answers, nobody will know, and I will pass the test.

Inside, he knew it was wrong, but the desire to have Jeepers was very strong. Looking around to see that no one was watching him, he quickly copied a few answers from Priscilla's paper. There, he said to himself, now I won't have to worry any.

After the test was over, it was time to go home. Miss Richards dismissed the class, but called Pete's name and asked him to stay after school.

"Pete," she said, "why did you copy from Priscilla's paper today?"

Very surprised, Pete answered, "B—but Miss Richards, I—"

Miss Richards knew about Pete's desire to have the dog and she also knew about the condition his father had made.

"Pete," she said, "I know you want that dog very much but what you did today was not right. I want you to take this letter to your dad and mom."

Pete walked slowly out of the classroom and home. He was thinking very hard, If Dad and Mom read this note, I won't get to keep Jeepers. He could feel the tears coming. He decided to hide the note until after he had Jeepers. Then one day he would give it to his parents, telling them he'd forgotten about it. Surely they wouldn't make him give Jeepers back. Besides, his grades had improved a lot.

The next day, Pete went over to see the puppies. When he got over to Jimmy's house, Jimmy came running out. "Jeepers is gone," he cried. "All the others are there, but Jeepers is gone!"

Frantically the boys searched the garage for any sign of the lost puppy. "I just knew someone would fix it so I'd never get Jeepers," said Pete bitterly.

"Let's pray as our Sunday school teacher said," replied Jimmy. "God knows where Jeepers is, and He'll help us find him."

Pete felt funny inside. How could he pray when he knew he'd done wrong? "You pray for both of us," Pete said.

The boys bowed their heads, and Jimmy prayed. They continued their search until supper and then until dark. Pete went to bed with a very heavy heart that night. His dad came in to pray with him as usual. Pete knew what he had to do. Slowly he went over to his desk, got the letter from Miss Richards, and handed it to his dad.

"I didn't think anyone would know," he mumbled. "I'm sorry."

His dad read the note and then looked Pete squarely in the eyes. "You knew this was wrong, and I know you are sorry for what you did. But maybe you would like to tell God about it."

They knelt beside Pete's bed, and Pete prayed. "Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for cheating on my arithmetic test yesterday. I'm sorry I hid Miss Richards' note. Please forgive me; and please help us to find Jeepers, dear God. Amen."

The next morning, the phone rang while Pete was eating breakfast.

"It's Jimmy," Mrs. Miller said. "He says they found Jeepers. He must have crawled under the house. He wants to know when you can come to get him."

Pete looked at his dad. His dad just nodded his head. Pete ran for the phone and shouted, "I'll be right there."

—Selected

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

## Black Mountain, North Carolina

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Managers

### OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Cragmont Assembly was formally opened for the 1975 season on May 15, with the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, comanagers, and three assistants on hand to get things in order for the first scheduled weekend group due to come in on May 30. Other workers will be coming in one-by-one and two-by-two as the various schools release them, with the full staff on hand by June 9.

The first sponsored youth conference will be the General Youth Conference, June 9-14, with the Rev. Willis Wilson as director. This conference is already filled up.

Following are the charges set by the board of directors for the services of the assembly during this season:

Board, room, and insurance for the week-long youth conferences, $23 per person, with all sleeping facilities (except the rooms needed for workers) available for use as assigned by the directors.

Rooms for weekend groups and individual guests are as follows: Motel: one person to a room, $4 per day; two persons, $7; over two persons, $9. Main Building and cottages: $2 per person. Meals: breakfast, $1.50; lunch, $1.75; supper, $1.75.

**Change in address:** Please take notice that the post office department has changed the officical address of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., from Route 1, Black Mountain, to 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711. All requests for reservations or information regarding the assembly should be addressed as noted.

### WORK! WORK! WORK!

The first full week after the opening of Cragmont Assembly for the 1975 session will be remembered as "work week" by the skeleton staff of five regular workers and a number of volunteers from Winterville and Greenville.

The Rev. Willis Wilson arrived at the assembly around 4:30 a. m., Monday, May 19, with a big truck loaded with the new tractor-mower and all kinds of tools. Along with him were Kevin Little from the Reedy Branch church and the Rev. Buddy Sasser, pastor of the First church of Greenville. After two or three hours of sleep, the men went to work and put in ten or more hours each day through Thursday: mowing, repairing, painting, and building. They were joined on Tuesday by last year's managers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davenport, who rendered great services in helping the new managers get the "hang of things" for the new season. All this time Mrs. Daisy Tripp, Betty Jean Holland, and Debby Hutchins were busy sweeping, mopping, and generally giving a clean-up to the buildings. Things certainly looked different by Friday night!

**For the pleasure of our workers:** Because we want our staff of workers for the summer to feel like they are appreciated and have a real home, a portion of the old dining room has been partitioned off to make a lounge, or living room, just for them. It has been furnished with nice new furniture and a television for their enjoyment when they are off duty. And, of course, there will be a Chinese Checker Board and a Scrabble Board, along with other parlor games to help the enjoyment of the evenings at times when our workers do not join in with the conference group activities. Those who have seen the lounge have been prone to exclaim, "What a delightful place for young people to get together for group fellowship. We do still need a nine by twelve rug for the floor. Maybe someone will get in touch with Mr. Wilson and say, "I have one for you."

**Weekend groups:** Already a number of church groups have made reservations for spending weekends at the Assembly. We will be prepared to care for most any size group from Saturday morning until Monday evening. For reservations write Cragmont Assembly, Inc., 1233 North Fork Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

### "GOING-AWAY" PARTY FOR MISS ARD

Sunday evening, May 25, after the regular evening worship service, Miss Marla Ard was honored at a covered-dish supper by the members of the YFA and the church members. Miss Ard, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, will be leaving on June 6 for the summer as a worker at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain.

Mrs. Audrey Powell, YFA sponsor, states that Marla is not only a leading YFA member of which she is secretary, but is also pianist for the church's youth choir.

Miss Ard has been instrumental in seeing that the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church is kept up-to-date. She also helps her father, who is pastor of Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, with the bulletins for the Sunday worship services.

Everyone will miss Marla and will be looking forward to her return the latter part of the summer.

### WHAT CHRIST MEANT TO TENNYSON

Lord Tennyson was a humble believer in Christ. To him, Christ was a living reality. One day while out walking with his niece he said, "Christ is walking with us now, just as truly as He was with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus long ago. To feel that He is by my side now as much as you are, fills my heart with joy! There is not a flower beside our pathway that owes as much to the sun as I do to Jesus Christ!"

### WHEN A DAY WAS MISSPENT

John Welch, a Scottish preacher, felt that a day was misspent if he did not spend from eight to ten hours in prayer. Asked why he spent so much time in prayer, he said, "I have the souls of three thousand to answer for before the judgment seat of Christ, and I know not how it is with many of them.—Hyman J. Appelman

## Church Auxiliaries

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Mother-Daughter—Father-Son Banquet in the church fellowship hall. The dinner was served at 7:45 p. m., consisting of country ham, string beans, potato salad, hot rolls, lettuce and tomato, cake, and ice tea. The dinner was delicious.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The tables were arranged in perfect order, and fresh spring flowers were placed on each table.

After the meal a special program was presented by the youth as a tribute to their mothers and fathers. Then came a singspiration time. Those taking part in the singing were the AFC quintet; Susan Naylor, accompanied by Debra Tew; and the adult choir of the church.

There were 89 present for this wonderful occasion, and everyone really enjoyed an evening of true spiritual fellowship.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, and the church membership are indeed grateful for these young people and also for the church choir for their rendering so much of their time and talent in service to the church. They are to be commended for their faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. James Spell

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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" 'Should all the forms that men devise
Attack my faith with treacherous art,
I'd call them vanities and lies,
And bind the Gospel to my heart.' "

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ and His gospel prevail against all odds. We must place our trust and love in the permanence of Christ if we expect to enjoy an everlasting permanent home with God.*

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## The Unmitigated Truth

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and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). This Scripture seems to imply that God is the One who can cleanse us and give to us a clean heart. God is our helper, and without His help we can never be clean. The yielded heart will respond to God's power for cleansing and commissioning us into His service.

A clean heart is the only one fit for Christ to indwell. When Christ comes into our hearts He is no longer a guest—He becomes a permanent part of the household. He belongs in all the rooms of our houses. He will be at home in the bedroom, the den, the dining room, the living room, the kitchen, the bathroom, the utility room, and, of course, the recreation room. He will even go with us to our places of employment. He will go with us on our vacation and when we go fishing.

The yielded heart will seek out and perform in the whole will of God. "Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Ephesians 6:6). I need only to remind you that the will of God cuts down and limits the number of things we are permitted to do or **not to do**! It is God's will that His children be present in all the regularly scheduled services of the church. The Christian who is constantly finding excuses for being absent from these services are not in the will of God. Anything you do which bears upon your own selfish and personal pleasures and which deny Christ His rights in your being is a sin. We should have a longing in our hearts and a desire in our soul to perform in all things to God's honor and glory.

## Questions & Answers

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narrative or putting any other construction on the words than is there implied."

Then the restoration of man to his original glory and beauty could come in no other way than that which God has provided in Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus said that none might come to God except by the way of Himself: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

So God made man as the Bible says He made him. Man fell as the Bible represents him to have fallen, and God has provided in Christ man's redemption as the Bible teaches. There is no other way for man except by God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

## FEATURE

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things through Christ, which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). She is an inspiration to all who know her and does all that she is called upon to do with an attitude of love for everyone. She is a challenge. Therefore, we the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, nominate this lady of our church, as our "Woman of the Year" for the Eastern District.

Respectfully submitted,
Woman of the Year Committee
Irene Jenkins
Mamie Warren
Adaline Gray



Mrs. Lucas was also honored on Ladies' Day, May 4, at the Kinston church, and was presented a beautiful corsage of seven red roses and a plaque on which was engraved her name and "Woman of the Year, 1975" This presentation was made by Mrs. Nina Grace Register, as shown above.

After the evening service on May 4, circle No. 2, of which Daphna is a member, gave a reception in her honor.

At the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Mrs. Lucas was also presented a beautiful silver tray by the convention.

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*The love of God.* ST. J

we do know, and testi[fy] [t]hat we have seen ; and ye
receive not our witne[ss].
12 If I have told yo[u] [e]arthly things, and ye be-
lieve not, how shall y[e] [b]elieve, if I tell you *of* hea-
venly things?
13 And [a] no m[an] [h]ath ascended up to heaven, but
he that came [d]own from heaven, *even* the Son of
man which is in hea[ven].
14 ¶ [h] And as Mō'[sēs] lifted up the serpent in the
wilderness, even so [must] the Son of man be lifted
up:
15 That whosoever [believeth] in him should not
perish, but have eternal life.
16 ¶ [i] For God so loved the world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.
17 [j] For God sent not his Son into the world to
condemn the world; but that the world through
him might be saved.
18 ¶ [k] He that believeth on him is not condemned
but he that believeth not is condemned already, b
cause he hath not believed in the name of the on
begotten Son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, [l] that light
come into the world, and men loved darkness rath
than light, because their deeds were evil.
20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the lig
neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds sho

LOVE THEM INTO HEAVEN OR SCARE THEM FROM HELL?

## LOVE THEM INTO HEAVEN OR SCARE THEM FROM HELL?

Our heavenly Father is a God of love *first* and a God of wrath *second*—right? Then, why do we not try to *love* people into heaven rather than to try to *scare* them from hell?

We have no argument with the fact that more is written in the Bible about *hell* than about *heaven*; nevertheless, "scare-them" tactics never have set too well with this editor, for there is so much love manifested by God and His Word that it is not inconceivable that His love is able to conquer all—even the would-be *unlovable*. We are not blind to the reality of rampant sin on every hand, nor are we deluded to the point of believing that the same method of presenting the gospel will work in all cases. Notwithstanding that, we believe that in the face of too much negativism, many *rebels* have been produced who otherwise may have been made *adherents to the Christian way*.

A negative approach often compels more attention than does the positive, and we dare not deny the fact that earnest, Bible-believing and Bible-preaching ministers have employed the technique well—and with notable results. Still, we would rather be led than driven, and we would rather be comforted by and through His love than scared and tormented by a discourse on His terrible wrath.

We have no statistics to back up this discussion (and really, statistics don't always show a true picture as they are derived by this poll and that poll to the consternation of persons who contend that enough research was not done anyway). So, admittedly many souls *may* have been scared into a saving knowledge of our Lord; but, we cannot help but be a little dubious of "emotional" conversions—especially when the "convert" falls back into his former pattern after the "scare" has worn off. Mind you, we *are not* deriding sincere, tearful conversions which are representative of many persons who, because of their genuine sorrow for their transgressions and because of the realization of their lost condition, sink to their knees in "fear and trembling" and gladly receive Christ as their Saviour from sin. Neither are we criticizing ministers who portray in their sermons a real hell, who disdain to soft-pedal the Word. The Bible *should* be preached straight from the shoulder!

Having said that, let us pose this thought: Heaven is a beautiful place—is it not (according to the Scriptures)? And, is there not a great deal—an insurmountable amount—of joy and comfort to be found in Christ and the knowledge that one day (as Christians) we shall dwell with Him there? "Therefore let us all rejoice and praise our God with cheerful voice!" Howbeit we have to pour more gas on the fire and make the people feel the heat in order to get them to think about heaven! This writer believes that a person should know about hell, certainly; but, at the same time, a vision of heaven is more to be desired and should (and can, if presented properly) bring about as many—if not more—conversions!

We have no bone to pick with evangelicals and "tell-it-like-it-is" preachers and their revival fires. Our main concern is that God is too often presented as a hateful, vengeful villian who relishes casting thousands into the burning furnace, when in actuality *He is not willing that any should perish but desires that all come to Him and receive the love of His salvation*. He said that *whosoever will may come*; in fact, He pleads for all—and only after rejection of His mercy do the jaws of hell gape below those who will be told to depart from Him.

Everything we've said brings us to this conclusion: Too many "scare" tactics are used injudiciously by well-meaning ministers and religious groups. In this category fall the religious films about the horrors of hell. We have known children to have been frightened so by these films that ensuing nightmares became prevalent. Emotionally this is not good, and we fail to see also any spiritual benefit. Surely there will be those who disagree; and, that is their prerogative; but, if anyone is "scared" to the altar, we doubt seriously if his "conversion" is a real one. We will admit again, however, that different individuals require different handling.

Nonetheless, our feeling is that our Father prefers that we present Him as a God of grace and mercy and that we first of all try to *love* sinners to a saving knowledge of Him. If this fails, then and only then should the jaws of hell and the fury of its burning fire be exploited. *Love* first, and *scare* only as a last resort—movie or no movie!

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# ST. MARY'S GROVE HONORS LATE PASTOR

THE Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, paid tribute to the late Rev. Ranton Haywood Jackson Sunday night, May 3.

During the ceremonies the youth of the church unveiled a portrait of Mr. Jackson (their gift to the church) which was placed in the fellowship hall of the church.

Mr. Jackson was pastoring the Saint Mary's church at the time of his death, just a few months ago.

During this service the following tribute was made in honor of Mr. Jackson by Mr. Gary Barefoot, librarian at Mount Olive College.

"To paraphrase an old adage, 'You can tell a man by the books he reads.'" I was privileged sometime ago to go through Ranton Haywood Jackson's personal library and through a great many of his papers related to his work in the Free Will Baptist Denomination and its enterprises. I was very pleased with the diversity and quality of his many books. I was also inspired by the warmth and concern he apparently communicated in his correspondence with others. Truly a part of Ranton Jackson was left in his library and personal papers.

"It is not easy to justly pay tribute to anyone for surely some very important accomplishment or position important to man will be overlooked. Therefore, I will offer to you impressions I have of Mr. Jackson. If you knew the same Ranton Jackson I knew, you would know that he really would not want anyone to remember him for being the chairman of this or the member of that, but only to be remembered through the legacy he left as he went about his work as a servant of God.



"I remember Mr. Jackson in the following ways:

"(1) He was a Christian gentleman, for chivalry, good manners and respect were not dead with him.

"(2) He was a loyal Free Will Baptist: (a) a minister for 40 years, (b) a member of the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association, (c) a member of the North Carolina State Convention Missions Board, (d) superintendent of the Children's Home, and (e) a member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College. Dr. Raper regards him as one of the true, but unheralded, founders of the college—relating his resolution which really formed Mount Olive College and the Board of Christian Education. Unheralded reminds me that Mr. Jackson was one who sought no fame for his work.

"(3) He was a man of noble character—sincere in purpose, a peacemaker, soft spoken—able to calm a heated discussion. He was dependable, simple, and always did his share in a fair and honest manner.

"(4) He was a quiet man, going about his work in an unassuming manner, but with all vigor and depth of purpose of the most vocal leaders.

"(5) Mr. Jackson was a good husband and father. On this I need not elaborate for his and Mrs. Jackson's lives and works are their testimony.

"(6) Mr. Jackson was truly a friend to young people.

"These are just a few impressions I have of the late Rev. R. H. Jackson. You surely could add to them, but I believe if he were here, he would rather be known as simply a 'a good man'; a good man who loved God, his family, and his fellowman. Really that was Ranton Jackson, to whose memory we offer this tribute."




SUNDAY, JUNE 15
Scripture Reading—Genesis 18:19

WATCH YOUR STEP

"Father, there's a call for you; watch your step!
Little eyes see all you do; watch your step!
Little feet go Daddy's way
Follow you from day to day,
Lead, O lead them not astray; watch your step!

"Walk the safe and narrow way; watch your step!
Let the children hear you pray; watch your step!
Would you ways of wisdom teach;
With God's truth their young hearts reach?
Then be faithful, I beseech; watch your step!

"Father, near your journey's end; watch your step!
Let the Saviour be your friend; watch your step!
He will guide your feet aright,
To the land of pure delight;
Would you walk with Him in white?
Watch your step!"

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*As Christian fathers we are responsible for the training of our children. We are to be upright, dependable heads of our households and diligent, God-fearing examples for our children.*

MONDAY, JUNE 16
Scripture Reading—Psalm 18:32

WHAT GOD:

An old godly writer named Flavel has given us wise words on this matter. He said:

"When God intends to fill a soul He first makes it poor; when He intends to exalt a soul, He first makes it sensible of its own miseries, wants and nothingness.—*Watchman-Examiner*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We try harder when we realize how far from perfection we have wandered. This realization causes us to become receptive to God's will in our lives.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 17
Scripture Reading—Jude 6

THE LAST HOUR

The sunset burns across the sky;
Upon the air its warning cry
The curfew tolls, from tower to tower,
O children, 'tis the last, last hour!

We hear His footsteps on the way!
O work, while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
O children, in this last, last hour!

—Clara Thwaites

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus has told us He will return to take His own to live with Him eternally. Prepare for His second coming. If we are not ready to receive Him—it will be too late.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 4:7

THE OPTIMISTIC FROG

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,
One was an optimistic soul;
But the other took the gloomy view,
"We shall drown," he cried, without more ado.
So with a last despairing cry,
He flung up his legs and he said "Goodbye."
Quoth the other frog with a merry grin,
"I can't get out, but I won't give in.
I'll just swim round till my strength is spent,
Then will I die the more content."
Bravely he swam till it would seem
His struggles began to churn the cream.
On the top of the butter at last he stopped,
And out of the bowl he gaily hopped.
What of the moral? 'Tis easily found:
If you can't hop out, keep swimming round.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Don't give up, keep trying. Nothing worthwhile in our lives we achieved without effort and meaningful a tions.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 19
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthia 3:11

IT'S THAT SIMPLE

Somebody said to Talleyran Bishop of Autun during the Frenc Revolution, one of the most astut men who ever lived:

"The Christian religion—what is it It would be easy to start a religion lik that."

"Oh, yes," replied Talleyran "One would only have to get crucifie and rise again the third day."—*Powe*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our religion is not a trite fancy; it i the salvation of our souls. Seek Chris in all His wondrous splendor, accep Him as our Saviour and rest in Hi loving care forever.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 20
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 63:9

LOOKING BACK WE SEE

Who can look back on life and see
Its intricate design;
Its strange and lovely tapestry
Of changeful hue and line.
And, looking thus, can fail to find,
In scenes of dull despair
How, still, some threads of brightness wind
Among the shadows there?

Who can look back and fail to see,
When paths had grown most dark,
Most veiled in sombre mystery,
That still there shone a spark—
A spark that led him on and on,
Once more into the light.
Who can deny God makes the dawn
More fair because of night?

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

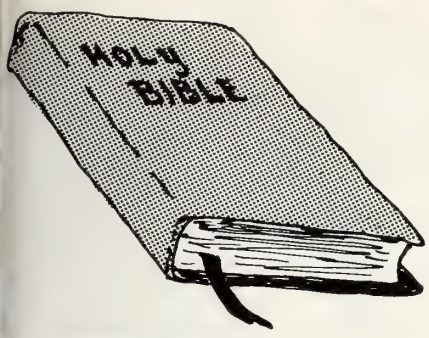
*Through all our lives we can see the wondrous works of God blending endlessly in our times of suffering and strife infiltering us with His wisdom and understanding.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

MADE NEW!

God does not deal in secondhand goods. It is "new" or nothing with Him. So when we bring Him our worthless secondhand lives—our

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
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**uestion**: Please explain, "Whosoever refore shall break one of these least nmandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called the least in the gdom of heaven: but whosoever shall and teach them, the same shall be led great in the kingdom of heaven" atthew 5:19).

**nswer**: The **Wycliffe Bible Commentary** makes the following comment Matthew 5:19: "Those who are not posed in principle to God's law, but ve avoided its lesser requirements will t be cast out of the kingdom but will ve a lesser reward in the kingdom."

Page 1003 in the original **Scofield ble Notes** we find the following scussion of the kingdom which might lp one in grasping some of the truths stinguishing the kingdom of heaven m the kingdom of God. One who has e of the original Scofield Bibles that ve the notes as they were before the cent revision occurred might follow the structions and read each note that is ggested in this quotation, and get ed in his mind as well as is possible e difference in the kingdom of heaven d the kingdom of God in Matthew's spel which, I think, is a valid one and rthy of note.

Here is a summary of the distinction tween the kingdom of heaven and the ndgom of God in line with Dr. James M. ay's Synthetic Study and Scofield's ble notes:

'We rightly distinguish between the ngdom of God and the kingdom of eaven: (1) The kingdom of God is niversal and includes all moral inlligence that keep their will subject to e will of God. These include the angels, e saints of all times including every ember of the true church. (2) The ngdom of heaven on the other hand is Messianic, mediatorial, and Davidic, nd has for its object the establishment the kingdom of God in the earth' (3) The kingdom of God becomes eternal by the new birth. (4) The kingdom throughout the present age is that sphere of profession which can be false or real. This is the kingdom of heaven as set forth in Matthew. (5) The two hold many characteristics in common. This being true many parables with several other teachings are said in Matthew to be of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God in Mark and Luke. (6) When Christ shall have put all enemies under His feet and shall have delivered up the kingdom to the Father the kingdom of heaven is merged with the kingdom of God. There is then one kingdom."

We might note what is said about the kingdom of heavens being the reign of the heavens over the earthly phase of God's kingdom, and as being peculiar to Christ's reign on the earth in the millennium, as the kingdom of God including the kingdom (literally) of the heavens. So as you suggest, and as others have noted, the kingdom of God includes the kingdom of the heavens. The kingdom of God being that righteous realm over which God exercises sovereign control. Of course the Messianic kingdom is included in the realm of righteousness over which God the Son exercises sovereign control. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9); "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrew 2:14). With the power of the devil destroyed, Christ will be able to set up that righteous realm of activities and include all, even every single thing on the earth, in it. This cannot be done while Satan is at liberty to assume the role of god of this present world system that he offered to give Jesus in Matthew 4:8, 9, if Jesus would fall down and worship him.

There is a real sense in which, when Adam and Eve sinned as seen in the third chapter of Genesis, they relinquished their right to dominion of the earth and its creatures, and Satan became the god of this world's system. Of course that is only a temporary control and is confined to that which God in His omnipotent sovereignty allows in working out His purpose through His plan of redemption. When the time is right Christ will come, not to be humiliated as was His case in His first coming, but with dignity and power as Judge and King. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17); "When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day" (2 Thessalonians 1:10): "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 5:4); "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south . . . . And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. . . . And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home



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MR. SAMMY WEEKS, Superintendent — Phone (919) 235-4079

**BUDGET TIME**
**(To All Free Will Baptist)**

Nearly three years have passed since you bestowed upon me the honor and privilege of serving as superintendent of your Children's Home. Each year about this time I write to each church asking that it include the Children's Home in its church budget for the next church year. Most of our churches have responded to my request and, as a result, contributions have arrived at regular intervals and in an adequate amount.

After a careful examination, I have determined that it will take $6.50 per church member to meet our operational costs this next church year (July, 1975—June, 1976). This is the same amount that we asked for last year and you may wonder why we're not asking for more since there has been such a sharp rise in costs of food and utilities. The answer is simply this: We have strived hard to trim our spending and we've accomplished that task.

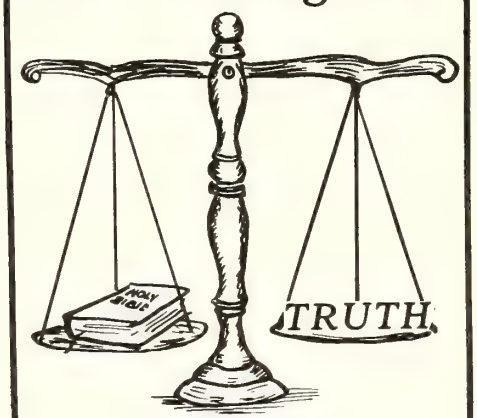
It is important that each of you realize that our Free Will Baptist churches are our primary source of income and we depend upon God working through you to provide us with the necessities of life. I earnestly appeal to you not to lay aside this notice, but to be zealous in your Christian duties and insure that action is taken on this matter in your church.

I believe in the work at the Children's Home; and further, I believe that it is God's will that we, His followers, share our blessings with those less fortunate than we. I am confident that God will continue to work through Free Will Baptist people in providing our needs.

Please remember us in prayer and remember us by including $6.50 per church member in your budget for the coming year. Thank you for your faithful support and may God bless you is our constant, earnest prayer.

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# *The Unmitigated*




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basis: "**Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).**

**THE WHOLE BODY YIELDED TO GOD**

The Christian's whole body must be yielded to God. This is reasonable when you understand the story of your life. In the first place, God made you for Himself. He gave you all your faculties and ordained everyone of them to function in a very particular way. The power of choice (the free will of man) was ordained of God even though He knew that many would use this power to deny Him. God was willing to run the risk of losing many so that the few who chose Him would do so of their own free will, and in these He would have a peculiar people for His own possession.

In the second place, not only did God make man for Himself, but when man sinned, God lost him. This brought on a great problem even for God to cope with. God had to come up with some kind of redemption plan—a plan that could legally reclaim that which was lost. In this plan God had to use His only begotten Son, His most prized possession, the Lord Jesus Christ. The cost was heavy and was all God had that would pay the price of man's salvation to His own satisfaction. So God bought lost man back, making man twice His. made him and He bought him to be h own.

"For we are His workmansh created in Christ Jesus unto good work which God hath before ordained that should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:1( The devil is trying to destroy God workmanship. God will not let the de destroy us. God only lets the devil ha us so that He can win us back Himself. The things He does to win back are the things which make us in the kind of person He wants to ser Him. If we will not accept God's plan a enter into the Christian way of life, th God (not the devil) must banish us eternal separation from Him and all H people. Since hell will be the only pla provided for the devil and his angels an since no other place has been provide for sinful man, God has to designate ma to **hell**!

Now our bodies become sacrific unto God. Paul admonishes us to prese our bodies living sacrifices, holy, a ceptable unto God, which he declares our reasonable service (see Roma 12:1). This means that we (ourselve must see to it that all our abilities an achievements are to be sacrificed God's use and service. This also mean that we are limited in the things we ca do. We must not, under any ci cumstance, allow ourselves to b persuaded to do anything contrary t God's will. The sacrifice simply mean that we know that all we are has bee given to God and we have no right t allow self or selfish motives and pu poses to prevent our complete dedicatio to God.

Finally, our bodies when yielded t God become the temple of the Hol Ghost. He indwells us and is in complet control of our lives. "What? know ye no that your body is the temple of the Hol Ghost which is in you, which you have o God, and ye are not your own?" ( Corinthians 6:19). Every time we tak ourselves out of the authority of God w sin. All of our work, vocation, recreation social, and/or earthly envolvement should be under strict control an supervision of the Holy Ghost. We mus not allow our appetites, desires longings, or passions cause us to leav the sanctuary of God. We belong ther and should never venture out of God' righteous domain. To do so could mea sudden death and everlasting contempt!

## RETIREMENT HOME BOARD MEETS



The Retirement Home Board of Directors met at the Free Will Baptist Children's me, Middlesex, on Wednesddy, May 21. Pictured above are those who were esent for the meeting. The photo was taken by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, who also a member of the board.

## RETIREMENT HOMES NOTICE

A question follows for each Free Will Baptist church to answer: Why not include the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes in your budget for the next church year? If this program of service to the elderly is going to be successful, then it will take **your** financial support. Send your contributions to the Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, General Delivery, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

## oming Events . . .

**ne 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

**ne 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks, Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia**

## Churches and Ministers Available

**lote: This column is provided, when needed, r any church that is seeking a pastor and for ny minister who is seeking a church to serve nd would like to give such notice. Please send e necessary information to the editor of "The ree Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two sues only.)**

Larry Higgins announces that he is ailable for part-time pastoral duties or pply work. He is a licensed minister in od standing with the Eastern Con- rence and a member of the Saint ary's Free Will Baptist Church in New rn. He is a sophomore at Mount Olive llege. If interested in his services you ay write him at 1801 Rhems Avenue, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; telephone 638-4038.

## CRAGMONT TRIP SPONSORED BY ELM GROVE

Pictured below is the first group to visit Cragmont for a retreat this year. The Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Ayden sponsored a Spiritual Life Retreat during the weekend of May 30—June 1. The retreat was led by the pastor and his wife, The Rev. and Mrs. Gary Bailey. Others in the group led in devotions and prayer throughout the weekend.

The group, which consisted of 38 members and friends, traveled to Cragmont on Friday (May 30) after having devotions and prayer in the church sanctuary. A tour through the mountains and to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with a visit to Christus Gardens highlighted the weekend. The two nights at Cragmont, the majesty of the mountain, and the Christian fellowship provided an atmosphere of God's presence.

We thank God for His guidance and

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# GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL SESSION

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will hold its annual session June 24, 25, 1975, with the East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia.

The denomination must never stop putting forth a special effort to keep itself united in the Lord's service. It is hoped that all Original Free Will Baptist churches will be represented at this conference. These annual sessions have proven to be a great blessing and do a lot in keeping the church ties strong.

The East Banks church is the oldest Free Will Baptist Church in West Virginia, being organized on July 19, 1879. The church is located approximately 15 miles east of Charleston, across the street from the East Banks Junior High School. Ask for directions before entering Charleston.

For motel reservations you may call the following places in Charleston: Ivy Terrace Motel, (304) 925-4736; Kanawka City Motor Lodge, (304) 344-2461; Marvin Midtown Motel, (304) 343-4311. There are also two Holiday Inn Motels in Charleston you may call for reservations.

It is hoped there will be a large turnout this year. The church registration fee will be $25. If your church is unable to send delegates, please mail your registration fee and report blank to Taylor Hill, Secretary, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

**PROGRAM**
**GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

East Banks Free Will Baptist Church
East Banks, West Virginia

**Theme:** "Unity in Christian Service"
**Scripture:** "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciple, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34, 35).

**Tuesday Afternoon, June 24**

4:00—General Board Meeting: The Revs. J. B. Starnes, Norman Ard, Taylor Hill, John R. Frame, Cedric Pierce, D. W. Hansley, Fred Bates, Johnnie Bullman, O. B. Jones, Ralph Lightsey, and Burrell Barnette
6:00—Registration, The Revs. D. W. Hansley, Harry A. Jones, and Victor Riggs (Credentials Committee)

**Evening Session**

7:30—Song Service
—Devotions, The Rev. Calvin Martin, East Banks Church
7:45—Greeting, Pastor of Host Church
—Conference Opening, The Rev. Taylor Hill, Secretary
—Business Session:
Committee Appointments
Announcements
8:15—Conference Offering
8:20—Special Music
8:30—Sermon, The Rev. Walter Patterson, Mason, W. Va.
—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Hymn
—Benediction and Adjournment

**Wednesday Morning, June 25**

9:00—Registration
9:30—Song Service
—Reading of Scripture and Prayer, The Rev. Fred Johnson, Hamlet, N. C.
9:45—Moderator's Message, The Rev. J. B. Starnes, Newport, N. C.
10:05—Song Service
—Special Music
—Sermon, The Rev. Arnold Price, Madison, W. Va.
10:50—Intermission
11:05—Song Service
—Special Music
—Sermon, The Rev. D. W. Hansley, LaGrange, N. C.
—Hymn
—Benediction and Adjournment
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:30—Song Service
—Devotions
1:45—Business Session:
Report of All Committees and Boards
Old and New Business
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Treasurer
—Hymn
—Benediction and Adjournment

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Miss Mann Winner Of State Essay Contest**



Miss Theresa Elaine Mann, age 11, and a member of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern, was recently declared the winner in the state youth essay contest. In addition to this honor, part of her expenses will be paid to summer youth camp at Cragmont. Miss Mann attends Brinson Memorial School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Mann.

The Pastor of Saint Mary's church is the Rev. Rod Jones.

**Youth Revival at Sidney Church**

The pastor, the Rev. J. D. Vernelson, the youth, and church membership of Sidney Free Will Baptist Church located at Sidney Cross Roads near Belhaven, cordially invite you to an exciting week of youth revival services, beginning Monday evening, June 16, at 8 p. m., and continuing through Saturday evening, June 21.

Speakers for the week are as follows: Monday, Gregg Paul; Tuesday, David Pierce; Wednesday, Wayne and Ruth West; Thursday, Vernon McCoy; and Friday, Larry Dantzler. Saturday evening, beginning at 7:30, there will be a gospel sing featuring The Gary Webber Singers and The Travelers and Connie.

The youth group of Sidney church has worked very hard and has prepared new choruses to be taught the congregation each night. They will also render a special in song each evening. Special groups from the area will be featured, along with a group from Newport News, Virginia, Friday evening.

As stated before, you are invited to these services in which the youth of the church will have complete charge.

**Miss Wood Named Bryan Scholar at Mount Olive**

Valerie Joan Wood has been selected by the Bryan Scholar Honors Committee as a Bryan Scholar at Mount Olive College beginning in the fall of 1975. This is a distinct honor and is one of the highest honored scholarships offered by the college.

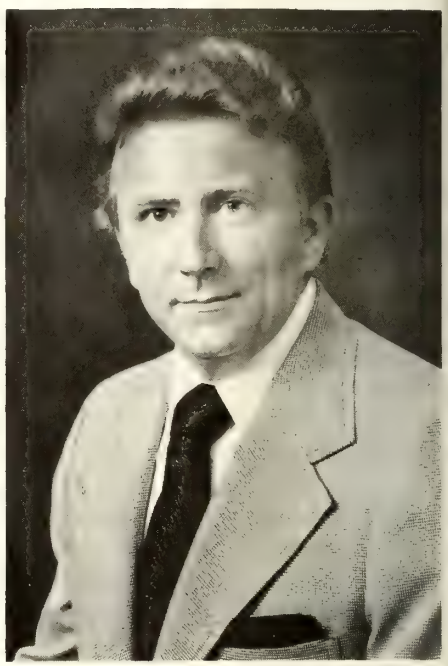
Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Wood of Route 1, Ayden. She is a 1975 graduate of Greene Central High School and is a member of the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill.

Valerie has participated in many school and church-related activities. She has been accompanist for the school chorus for six years. She has also participated in the activities in the Central District Youth Convention, in which she has served as accompanist. She has been pianist for her church for several years. Along with her piano talent, Valerie sings with youth groups, and she also sings with her brother in many local churches.

She plans to major in music at Mount Olive and has been chosen to be accompanist for the Mount Olive College Concert Choir. She will also receive a music service scholarship of $150.

The Bryan Scholarship which Valerie has been chosen to receive is designed to meet the financial needs of high academic students at Mount Olive. She was chosen for this scholarship on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, merit, and citizenship. This scholarship is limited to a certain percentage of the student body at Mount Olive. Under the Bryan Scholar Honors Program, each scholar must take one semester hour of independent study each semester. Valerie has chosen religion as the subject she wishes to take.

**Friendship Church Announces Revival, June 15-20**



The Rev. Jimmy Webster, pastor of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church of Beulaville, will be the guest minister for revival services at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Middlesex the week of June 15-20. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Burnett, will be assisting in the services which will begin nightly at eight o'clock. Along with the preaching there will be special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Revival Services in Progress At Bethel Church**

Following homecoming service which was held Sunday, June 8, at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Merritt, revival services are in progress at the church with the Rev. Lloyd Gore as the visiting evangelist. The services are beginning each evening at

eight o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. James E. Howard, assisting. Special music is also being rendered at each service. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the meeting.

**Marvin Burcham Conducting Old Fashion Church Revival**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Old Fashion Free Will Baptist Church, Denton, with the Rev. Marvin Burcham as the guest speaker. The services will continue through Saturday evening, June 14. The pastor, the Rev. Eddie Jordan, is assisting in the services. He and the church congregation invite the public to attend the remainder of these services.

## MRS. GENEVA HADDOCK BULLOCK [In Loving Memory]

It was about noon January 7, 1975, that the death angel entered the room of our beloved sister, Mrs. Geneva Haddock Bullock, and took her home to be with the Lord. This room was in the Greenville Nursing Home.

Geneva was born in Pitt County on December 23, 1882, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Josh Wright Smits, making her stay on earth 93 years.

Geneva was married to George Haddock on October 28, 1900, and of this union there survive two daughters: Susie Mayo of Washington and Agnes Burrough of Vanceboro; three sons: Leslie of Greenville, Walter Lee of Avden, and George Haddock Jr. of the home.

Mrs. Haddock was married again on January 17, 1952, to Mr. W. H. Bullock. They had several years of happiness together before Mr. Bullock went home to be with the Lord.

Geneva regularly attended and participated in the services and activities of the church. She was particularly active in her support of the Children's Home. She was very dependable, often doing more than her share of the duties and cares of the church and community. She was forever rendering services to those in need, sick, or bereaved. Indeed Geneva was an active church member who was willing to put her faith into action.

She was also a good wife, mother, sister, grandmother, family member, and friend. After years of devoted love and care, she left her immediate family to remember the times with her, to mourn her passing, to adjust to a life without her, and to look forward to a reunion with her in heaven.

Geneva was one of those rare persons who touches one's life and adds a special dimension to it. Her love, concern, involvement, and thoughtfulness were always obvious; and her absence has been difficult to accept and adjust to. However, we believe that God is too wise to make a mistake and too merciful to be unjust.

Yes, Geneva "fought a good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith" (see 2 Timothy 4:7). When God called, she immediately went to be with Him.

Her years had been many here, but few persons have enjoyed life more and lived a fuller life than she did.

God saw fit to take you home,
Where sin and pain no longer roam.
We all loved you so very dear,
And still yearn to have you here.

We know that you loved us too,
But God had a better plan for you.
You'll always be in our memory
'Til someday together we will be.

Respectfully submitted,
Novella Stokes
Pleasant Hill Church
Route 2
Grimesland, N. C.

## MRS. GLENNIE WALLACE ROUSE "Her Ministry Lives On"

On April 4, 1975, Mrs. Glennie Wallace Rouse departed from this earthly life to go to be with the Lord she so dearly loved. She was just a few days short of being 93 years old.

"Granny" Rouse, as she was affectionately known, was born in Duplin County on April 19, 1882, the daughter of the late Thomas F. and Louisa Wallace, and was the widow of David Leslie Rouse. Her father was a well-known Free Will Baptist minister. She was a schoolteacher for many years and lived most of her life in the Pleasant Grove Community of Duplin County.

"Granny" Rouse joined the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, at an early age and remained an active member of all the church's activities until an accident a few years ago prevented her from taking an active part. She did, however, attend a union meeting service and a communion and foot washing service just a few months prior to her death.

Although she was confined to a walker, she remained very alert mentally, keeping informed on current world events. Her main interest and love, however, was the Bible. This she shared so lovingly and enthusiastically with all who visited her. She never tired of talking about Jesus. Prayer was an important part of her life and she maintained a prayer ministry for all members of her family, as well as the community and others.

During the later years of her life, foreign missions became a special project for her in prayer as well as financial support.

At the time of her death, family and friends contributed to Free Will Baptist Missions as a living memorial to her. We hope that her ministry will live on and spread the gospel to all parts of the world as her family and friends plan to continue contributions in her money.

Her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mathews, gave to her church a beautiful altar set of cross and candlesticks in her memory.

Her funeral was conducted at the Snow Hill church by her pastor, the Rev. Bobby Taylor, and a former pastor, the Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Louise Rouse Murphy of Albertson with whom she made her home; ten grandchildren; and, 18 great-grandchildren.

We shall miss her, but what a comfort to know that she is now with Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
Members of Her Family

## LET'S GO TO CAMP!

**It is not too late to sign up for camp at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, so let's get busy and let's go!**

**The Youth Frontier Conferences (YFA week, June 30—July 5, ages 13 and up) and the (AFC week, July 7-12, ages 7-13) still have a few vacant places. So please get your name, address, church, age, and registration fee in to Mrs. David W. Hansley, Route 4, Box 163, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, as soon as possible.**

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 22



## IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT?

**Lesson Text:** Psalm 19:7-11; Matthew 4:1-10
**Memory Verse:** Romans 15:4

### I. INTRODUCTION

Many have asked the question, Is the Bible an up-to-date Book? Some think that the Bible is out-moded and that it really has no message for many today. Others even discredit the Book by pointing out its apparent errors and contradictions.

But men of science today constantly have to admit that the Bible is right. So-called mistakes of the Bible have turned out to be mistakes of the critics. Back in the time of Moses God commanded those who cared for the sick to "bind a cloth across the mouth," and yet the medical world only gained a knowledge of germs in recent years. Critics of the Bible have scorned the idea of "sin," but many of them have come to realize that what is really wrong with society is old-fashioned sin or wrongdoing.

Some have laughed at the preacher when he talked about "temptation" and "sinning," but now these same people are looking again at the teachings of the Bible on these vital subjects. Surely we have come to the place that we must admit that the Bible has a relevant message for our times. Those who have not done so are giving serious thought to it, and they had better do so while there is yet time to repent and turn to God for the help they all so sorely need. This old world is on "greased skids" and hell-bound; we need as never before to see what the Bible has to say to us.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The value of the Bible does not lie in the cost of the materials and time it takes to print and bind the Book. Instead, it lies in what it does for us. Do you know of another book that can do for an individual what the Bible can do?

B. Someone has said: "Sin will keep you away from your Bible or your Bible will keep you away from sin." Of course, we are aware that there are those who read the Bible with a closed mind and do not intend to let it influence their lives, but if anyone will read the Bible with an open mind, his life wiill be blessed.

C. Sometimes those who do not love the Bible accuse Christians who love the Bible of worshiping the Bible. This is not true. We love the Bible because of its Author, because of what it does for us and because of the hope that it gives us for the future.

D. The following story is told of Lew Wallace, a man of Civil War fame. He had great literary talent and ability, but he was not a Christian. One day someone approached him about writing a book of doubt denying the truth of the Bible. He agreed to do so on one condition—that he read the Bible to see what it really contained. As he read God spoke to his heart through its pages, and instead of writing a book of doubt, he wrote "Ben Hur," a story of Christ.

E. As we come to the close of this series of lessons on the Bible, be sure that you understand three things: revelation, inspiration, and illumination. All of these are important. You can never know just how we came to have the Bible and how we can understand it today apart from these things.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The mention of buried treasure usually creates excitement. Just a rumor of such can bring hundreds of seekers. Discoveries have been made, and likely other hordes still lie hidden. But an undiscovered treasure is, practically, no treasure at all. So with the Bible. Its value is real, but this means nothing at all to us if we leave it hidden and buried. A treasure? Yes. But unusable.

"Money in the bank!" Excitement also accompanies these words. In addition banks are the depository of all kinds of valuables. Here is treasure, not hidden and lost, but locked away and safe. So with the riches of the Bible. They have endured and are safe. However, as long as valuables are locked up in a bank, as long as the truths of Scripture are just so many words on paper, their value is only potential. Here is available worth, but it is unused. And until it is used its true value will never be known.

A Bible hidden away is unusable. We must discover it. A Bible safe and undisturbed on an end table in the living room, unused, is of no practical value. We must read it. It takes more than the Word of God in a book to guide us. It must be in our minds. But even more than this is needed; it must be in our hearts. As the psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). It is God's Word in the heart that is daily valuable.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. "Nutrition experts maintain that many teenagers in America, even from affluent homes, are suffering from malnutrition. They allegedly eat too many empty foods such as potato chips and pop, and pass up the more nutritious items like milk and meat.

"There is also a spiritual malnutrition in America notwithstanding the fact that Bibles can be purchased even at a dime store! Many Christians are sadly undernourished because, even though they own a Bible, they seldom read it.

"The Bible was translated into English in the fourteenth century by John Wycliffe, but the people of that time were forbidden to read it. Some people who were caught reading God's Word had their goods confiscated or were imprisoned. Others were burned to death. Also in Bohemia, at this time, it was considered a crime to read the Bible. But the Christians could not live without feeding on God's Word. They buried their Bibles in the ground, taking them out secretly in the middle of the night to read them by candlelight.

"The prophet, Amos, prophesied that there would someday be a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. This is already taking place in the iron curtain countries and could possibly take place in ours.

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# STORIES

## for our youth



## *Trouble School*

by Kitty Miller

JOSE DIAZ buttoned the front of his red shirt, tied the laces f his black sneakers, and slid a comb hrough his dark, curly hair. He looked in he mirror and whispered to himself, "I ope I'll like the new school." He smiled s he thought of his old friend Pedro and vondered whether he would ever find a iew friend in the big city.

"Come, Jose," his mother called. "It s time to take your sisters to school."

Maria and Fulgencia followed Jose down the old wooden stairs of the apartment house. As they neared the school, Maria said, "I'm scared, Jose. I don't know anyone in this school."

"Neither do I," Fulgencia said. "I wish we were still picking fruit on the farm."

"Everything will be all right," Jose told his sisters. "Remember, Papa and Mama told us we must have faith in God's care. Living in the city will be better than going from farm to farm to pick fruit. You will see."

Maria's dark eyes looked worried as she clutched her brother's hand. "Won't you walk me to my room, Jose?" she asked.

Fulgencia looked scared, too. "I hope they'll like me," she whispered.

After Jose took Maria to her third grade classroom, he walked to the fifth grade room with Fulgencia.

When he heard the first bell ring, Jose began to hurry toward his sixth grade classroom. He rounded a corner sharply and crashed into Jumbo Weber.

"Watch where you're going," Jumbo growled as he picked up his pencils and his book. "Are you looking for a fight or something?"

Jose looked at Jumbo and his friends. His heart pounded, and he opened his mouth to speak, but no words came out.

The second bell sounded, and the boys scattered. Jose walked slowly toward Room 107. There was only one vacant seat—right next to Jumbo Weber.

Jose slid into the seat and wiped his sweaty hands on his trousers. He bit his lip to keep it from trembling.

Every few minutes during math, history, and geography. Jose stole looks at Jumbo. He didn't know how to tell Jumbo Weber that bumping into him had been an accident and that he didn't want to start trouble.

When English class began, Miss Lane said, "Since this is the first day of school, I think it would be interesting if each one of you would stand before the class and give a short talk on what you would like to accomplish this year in school."

Ellen Downs said she hoped to make the honor roll. Mark Johnson said he hoped he would get no red F's on his report card. And Jumbo Weber looked embarrassed when he said he wanted to make the school track team.

When it was Jose's turn, he stumbled to his feet and kept his eyes down as he walked up to the front of the room.

Jose's voice cracked when he began, "My name is Jose Diaz." He paused. Then he remembered what he had told his sisters on the way to school, "We must have faith in God's care."

Jose cleared his throat and slowly lifted his eyes to meet those of his classmates. "Ever since I can remember, we were migrant farmers. We traveled all year long, picking fruits and vegetables wherever we could find jobs. A few weeks ago, my father heard of a janitor's job he could get in the city, and we moved here."

Jose looked straight into Jumbo Weber's eyes and said, "Most of all this year, I want to find a good friend. I will try to be a good friend to him. Sometimes it is hard for me to say what I think . I hope my friend will know that I like him."

When Jose came back to his seat, Jumbo Weber leaned over and whispered, "You're so skinny, I bet you'd make a great runner on our track team. See you after school."

Jose grinned and said, "Sure. See you after school."—**Guide for Juniors**



**MY DAD**

He couldn't speak before a crowd;
He couldn't teach a class;
But when he came to Sunday school
He brought the folks en masse.

He couldn't sing to save his life,
In public couldn't pray;
But always his jalopy was just
Crammed on each Lord's Day.

And although he couldn't sing,
Nor teach, nor lead in prayer,
He listened well, he had a smile,
And he was always there.

With all the others whom he brought
Who lived both far and near—
And God's work prospered, for
I had a consecrated dad.

Selected

# THE LESSON

by Tommy Manning



If fortune should ordain it
And place within your care
A soul in need of training,
And one too young to dare;

And if he should grow older
Ere time would run its course,
Could you hope to guide him
Without the use of force?

Yet if you have to tell him,
Then show him how instead;
For wayward souls are driven;
Obedient ones are led.

Whene'er his heart is heavy,
Don't stoop to share his tear;
But offer him some warmth, a smile,
And chase away his fear.



Then teach him to be happy—
To do that which is good;
And let him see in you, good friend,
A man who always would.

But if he chooses wrongly,
Apart from all that's right,
Don't chasten him with whippings,
Nor scold him with your might.

Still love him when your duty
Would make you reprimand;
Speak gentle words—not harsh ones,
And take him by the hand.

But if he grows unruly,
Despite your leading hand;
Take up the rod of training,
And make him understand.

And if he proves unworthy
Of all the things you've done,
Then, only, should you drop your head,
Ashamed of him—your son!

## DOES YOUR BIBLE SPEAK TO YOU?

by Mrs, Rosalene Bass
Nashville, N. C.

In Jeremiah 3:15 we find a promis from God to the Children of Israel, "And will give you pastors according to min heart, which shall feed you wit knowledge and understanding." Thi promise, like many of God's promises t the Children of Israel, was give providing they met certain condition which are described in the precedin verses. The people were to turn awa from their backsliding and acknowledg their iniquity and disobedience. The God would give them pastors to fee them with knowledge and un derstanding.

I believe this conditional promise i also to the Christian churches of today In the Book of Ephesians, Paul tells u that Christ loved the church and gav Himself for it. Naturally He desires th churches of today to be Bible-believing churches with Bible-preaching pastors In Acts 20:28, pastors are told what Goc expects of them as overseers of the flock; namely, to feed the church of Goc which He has purchased with His own blood. God does not want His people t listen to essays, news reports, and book reviews, but they are to be fed the Word of God. People need to hear the gospe preached because it is the power of Goc unto salvation. Christians need to hea the gospel preached that they migh grow in grace and knowledge and become greater witnesses for Jesus.

When we are seeking for a pastor we should pray and make our request known unto God. He knows all about our needs as an individual and as a church. We need to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we seek for the right man for a pastor.

When God sends His man to a church and he faithfully preaches the Word, prays with the people, and ministers to their needs, I believe God expects the people to heed the Word, pray for the pastor, pray for one another and the lost, and give thanks to God for supplying their needs.

How long will God give to us faithfu preachers of the Word if we will not endure sound doctrine and are "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7)?

## S. S. LESSON

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"Now is the time to read God's Word nd store its promises in our hearts. If e do, we will not only be nourished piritually ourselves, but also be able to ourish others."—**Take a Break**, a **Teen uiet Time** book

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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in-defeated, wrecked, worthless ives—for Him to make whatever mprovements He is able to, He has a lad surprise for us. He does not offer o repair or reform; but He offers to reate, "to make all things new." It as been well said that "the only way o mend wicked things is to end hem"—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let us bring our sin-wrecked lives o God. He is able to make us free and ure. Do not hesitate, dawn may find s steeped in sin in the midst of Christ's second coming.*

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## Questions & Answers

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consume away in their mouth" (Zechariah 14:3, 4, 9, 12); "But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of the people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isaiah 11:14-16).

Every saint of God is called unto a holy useful life in God's kingdom; and when obedient to God's teachings, will be both content and happy living as an example unto all who would follow and teach any who desires to respond. Jesus said of this way that it was so simple even the fool and the way-faring man can find it and take it. If you haven't all ready, won't you please take it to enjoy this instant? Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

## CRAGMONT

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the Free Will Baptist people for providing the facilities at Cragmont Assembly for our use. Thanks also should go to those who have worked so hard to have Cragmont ready for the coming summer. It was good to have the Ballards there to care for us and the staff which prepared such fine meals for us. After morning worship, at which "Pa" spoke to us concerning church members, we boarded our bus to return home on Sunday (June 1).

More of our churches should consider using the facilities at Cragmont for such retreats. Spiritual growth as well as an awareness of what Free Will Baptists have done and what they need to do will result. As always, money and prayers are needed for operation and improvement of Cragmont. By using the facilities we have and by providing freewill offerings these needs can aptly be met.

Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Gary Bailey, Pastor

**DEAR LORD:**

I thank you for today—
This day that thou hast made;
I thank you for an answer
To prayers that I have prayed.

I thank you for the sunshine,
And every drop of rain;
I thank you for the beauty
Of trees and flowers and plain.

I thank you for thy Spirit
That dwells within my heart;
I thank you for thy kingdom
Of which I am a part.

I thank you for your promise
That you will come again;
I thank you for the rapture
And the marriage supper of the lamb.

I thank you for eternal life
On that celestial shore;
I thank you for the living
With you forevermore.

—Ruth L. Warrick

### NORTH CAROLINA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

**The annual North Carolina Ministerial Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, will be held June 16-19. The conference theme will be "Giving of Ourselves" with Scripture taken from Acts 6:4, ". . . we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."**

**The conference will open with dinner in the dining hall at 6:30 p. m., on Monday, June 16. One of the highlights of the conference will be three messages by the Rev. Floyd Cherry: Monday, "Free Will"; Tuesday, "Free Grace"; and, Wednesday, "Free Salvation." Also on Wednesday special music will be furnished (morning and evening) by the Vanguard Quartet of Mount Olive.**

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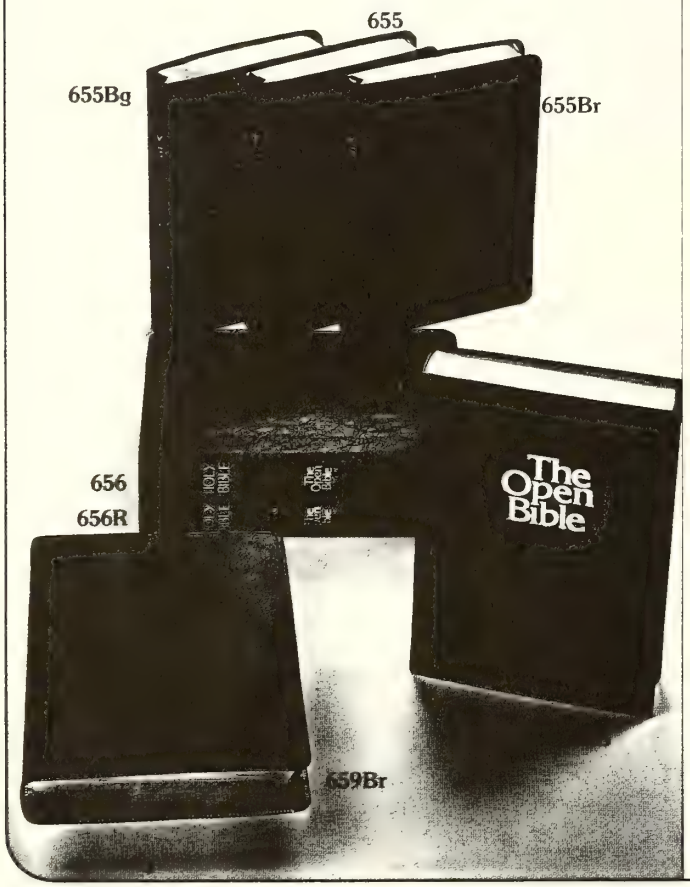
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"I'm Praying for You," but not on Sunday night.
"I am Thine, O Lord," but not on Sunday night.
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**WHAT CONSTITUTES A NICE TIME? PARTYING? LIQUOR? CHURCH? DECIDE FOR YOURSELVES!**

## WHAT CONSTITUTES A "NICE TIME"?

"Did you have a nice time last night?" he called to the attractive young girl who was sitting on the curbing.

"Yeah," she answered; and then she giggled a little, obviously anticipating the next question, as her companion, a girl of about the same age, nudged her as the young man approached them.

Standing and peering down at the two, but directing his attention to the same brunette to whom he had first spoken, he asked, "Did you get drunk?"

Giggling again, and this time shifting her position to allow him to sit next to her, she affirmed, "Yeah."

The same response to both questions! Somehow, having a "nice time" and getting "drunk" were synonymous to the young "lady" and "gentleman"; and, more than ever this seems to be the norm, so far as modern society is concerned. One would think from this conversation that having a "nice time" were contingent upon imbibing enough beer, liquor, or whatever, to intoxicate one—or, in the vernacular—to make one *drunk*. From what we can understand, however, the morning after (and there's "got to be one"—according to the song) usually affords a headache, a sick stomach, or some other hangover symptom.

Though the young girl under discussion seemed not so much out of sorts at the time of the question, we cannot help but wonder how she must have felt earlier. Too, we were made to speculate upon her conduct "last night" when she had had that "nice time" and had gotten "drunk." Was her behavior a credit to womanhood or did she bring shame upon herself and her gender?

Properly, now, no one can say that it's *nicer* for a *young man to get drunk* than it is for a *young woman to do so. Morally speaking*, it is *wrong* for *either to partake of intoxicants*, though this conviction can be, has been, and will be debated ages hence. Opponents to alcohol consumption are the object of scoffers' jokes and are accused of ultraconservativism or narrow-mindedness. Proponents of the right to indulge advocate that as individuals they have the prerogative to drink as much as they want—and when. We beg to disagree—on a spiritual basis if not on a physical one—notwithstanding the fact that everyone who drinks doesn't act like a fool. Most of the time, however, persons who drink to the point of getting tipsy do *not* act as they do under sober circumstances, though some people contend that the relaxing effect of drink is comparable to tranquilizers which some individuals gulp down without a second thought—and with a doctor's approval!

Well! Tranquilizers can be misused too. In fact, a federal commission is now investigating two of the most widely prescribed ones which are thought to be the most commonly abused or overused. Still, we fail to see here any fair argument for the injudicious consumption of beverage alcohol. In our opinion, the *only* acceptable "indulgence" would be with a physician's order—such as was the case in Scripture when Paul said in one of his epistles to "take a little wine for the stomach's sake." This is an injunction to use alcohol only for medicinal purposes, and few of us have enough medical training to prescribe such for ourselves! Therefore, we say, "Steer clear of the beer, despite the cheer!"

Back to the beginning: "Did you have a nice time last night?" the young man called to the attractive young girl who was sitting on the curbing.

"No," she answered, dropping her gaze to the pavement in front of her.

"Why? Didn't you get drunk?" he quizzed as he walked closer to where she was sitting.

"Yeah—and that's the reason I didn't have a nice time. . . ." She got up and walked away briskly, leaving the young man scratching his head in bewilderment.

Good friends, what *really* constitutes a *nice time* anyway? Partying with intoxicants flowing freely may suffice for a while, but after that comes the judgment—even if that judgment is self-applied.

"Did you have a nice time last night?"

"Yes, I did!"

"Did you get drunk?"

"No, in fact *I went to church*. . . ."

Now, isn't this better? You decide.

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# ROLAND CHERRY HONORED BY MICRO CHURCH

THE Rev. Roland C. Cherry, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Micro, was honored by his congregation and family, Sunday, May 25, in a surprise tribute to him honoring his twenty-fifth year in the ministry.

During the service the church choir sang "It Pays to Serve Jesus," and the quartet sang "I Saw a Man." Mr. Percell Holland, superintendent of the Sunday school, interrupted the pastor, asking if he could make an announcement. Granted permission, he asked Mr. Cherry to remain standing and he related to him, "Twenty-five years ago you were licensed to preach by the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Martin County. The pastor of the church was the Rev. Marshall Joyner. One year later you were ordained in the same church by the Board of Ordination of the Central Conference. The board consisted of the late Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel, the Rev. Ralph F. Osborne of Pinetown, and the Rev. N. D. Beaman of Snow Hill. The date of the ordination was March 30, 1961."

"Today, our church here in Micro would like to share with you a part of this tribute since you have served for seven years as our pastor. We, the church membership, would like to present to you this Certificate of Appreciation for your outstanding work and service here in our church and community." A gift of money was also given Mr. Cherry by the church at this time.

Mr. Holland then presented Mr. John Finnell, the son-in-law of Mr. Cherry, as the next speaker of the program. John gave a loving tribute to his father-in-law, relating what he had meant to him and how he had influenced his life as a Christian. John then sang a solo, "One Day at a Time," with his wife, Linda, accompanying him on the piano. Linda is Mr. Cherry's only daughter and this was their tribute to him.



Mr. Holland continued, "Mr. Cherry you were the founder of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Williamston in 1951, and served as its pastor for nine years. You have also served as pastor of St. Paul church in Elizabeth City; the Hopewell church, Route 1, Smithfield; and the Calvary church in Wilson.

Mr. Finnell then presented Mr. Cherry's wife, Monti Bell, who took charge of the program. She presented her husband a red rose boutonniere and asked him to take the honor seat. Mrs. Cherry began her remarks with reference to the flower arrangement on the altar which was especially designed for the occasion and given in Mr. Cherry's honor by his family. She explained that there was a white dove in the arrangement, signifying his special call to the ministry, as the Holy Spirit anointed him to this special task of carrying the gospel. In the dove's mouth were three white streamers. On one streamer was written the word "love," signifying God's love to mankind when a person is saved. On another streamer the word "peace" was written, showing the peace that passeth all understanding. On the third streamer was written "joy," showing the joy that comes from serving God. She stated that the mixed flower arrangement showed God's great creation in all its beauty. Also on the altar were two lighted candles signifying a ministering light in a darken world as this is what Mr. Cherry's life has been through his service to others.

On the other side of the altar was a large, live green fern showing a life growing in the love of God. Mrs. Cherry stated that this plant has no blossoms to bloom and shed off, as it stays green the year 'round. She added, "Roland's life is not a seasonal thing—not one thing one day and something else another—but his life is buried deep in the love of God and people know him by his daily life. Our son, Ralph, expresses his life so well, 'He has deep convictions, strong willed, and is kind and compassionate. He is slow to criticize but quick to praise others. He has self-giving broad shoulders to lean on and love in his life that is like God—eternal.' "

Mrs. Cherry then opened the Bible that was given to her husband at his ordination. She stated, "This Bible is one thing that all our children want. It is worn, its pages are marked in red, blue and green, and it has many personal notes. It shows that many long hours of study have been poured into it. By the use of this Bible many souls have been won to Christ." She read a particular verse of Scripture from the Bible (Matthew 19:8) and stated that it was this verse that changed her husband's whole life. Then she told him she had something very special to share with him and the church congregation.

After making a few remarks about his calling to the ministry, she presented to

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22
Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 22:4

IN GOD'S PRESENCE

An old minister of a small church in a country town had one day in his audience a very distinguished statesman. The service went on about as usual, and the old minister preached with his accustomed earnestness and plainness of speech.

At the close of the service, several members of the congregation gathered about him and said: "Brother, we had a distinguished visitor today, but you did not seem at all embarrassed." Whereupon the old man replied, "I have been preaching in the presence of the Almighty God for forty years, and do you think with Him as one of my constant hearers, any man can embarrass me by his presence?"—*Power*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we admire and acclaim a dignitary, do we ever wonder why we do not afford our Lord as much attention?*

MONDAY, JUNE 23
Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:23

WITH US!

In the silence of my chamber
I may with my Saviour share
All my worries and my troubles,
As I talk with Him in prayer.
When I kneel before my Master,
I can feel His presence there,
And the load of care and sorrow
Seems much easier to bear.
In the silence of my chamber
I find peace, and lose despair,
For the glory of the Saviour
Come to me by way of prayer:
I can feel sweet peace descending
Like a shower from above,
And my heart grows calm and tender
In the blessing of His love.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are quick to go to our Lord in prayer when we are in need. Let us think as much of Him daily.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:6

"TRAV'LING TOWARD THE SUNSET!"

I am trav'ling toward the sunset,
All is calm and all is well;
And the golden tints tow'ring heav'nward,
Are but Nature's crowning spell.
There is quiet midst the shadows,
For the day's turmoil is spent.
Past the noon with all its travail!
Past the hours of stress and strife!
Fleeting ecstacy and triumph,
Mingled in a plodding life.
There is rapture in the sunset
And the pathway, smooth and straight;
I am longing for the sunrise,
Of that glad resplendent day,
Then the climax and the glory
With the earthlife far away.

—Frank Wilford

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are all "trav'ling toward the sunset." God will make our journeys enjoyable and smoother if we will but let Him accompany us.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
Scripture Reading—Luke 19:10

THE PRICE OF REVIVALS

A short while before Dr. J. B. Chapman passed away, he was addressing a gathering of preachers, when he said, "We have reached the place where one man plays a handsaw and another gives a 'Life's Story,' gathering a big crowd and we call that a revival. No! that is not a revival; that is a farce. Tears, sweat, and blood are the price of a revival, and some of us are not willing to pay the price."—*Herald of Holiness*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God is not a court jester and we need not expect to be entertained. He is dead earnest about His salvation for us, and we should be also.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:1-4

A JOYOUS CONFIRMATION

A missionary in Africa writes: "I have dwelt four years alone in Africa, have been thirty times stricken with fever, have been attacked by rhinoceri and lions, have eaten everything from ants to rhinoceri, but I would gladly go through the same experience again for the joy of teaching these people to know the Saviour who gave His life a ransom for them."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We may not all have to eat ants and rhinoceri; but are we willing to do so if God would request it of us?*

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
Scripture Reading—Exodus 15:2

THE SONG THAT CHEERS

Haydn, the great musician, was once asked why his church music was so cheerful, and he replied: "When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap, as it were, from my pen, and, since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be pardoned to me that I serve Him with a cheerful spirit."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Would that we serve God with a lightness in our hearts, brought about by our love for Him and our knowledge of our salvation.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:13

HOW TO LOOK AT TEMPTATIONS

"If only I could see my temptations as I see other people's," said a girl the other day, "they wouldn't be a bit hard to fight. Other people's temptations look so ugly and mean and foolish. But my own temptations come with a rosy light about them, so that I don't see how hateful they are until afterward." There are two ways to see temptations in their true colors. One is to pray about them, to bring them into the clear light of God's presence. The other is to say, "How would this look if someone else yielded to it?"—*Forward*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Often we shy away from airing our temptations before God. We enjoy even our thoughts of these temptations and are not willing to give them up. Seek God's help!*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** When was Cornelius as mentioned in Acts 10 saved?

**Answer:** When he received Christ whom Peter presented. ". . . he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:42, 43). Nothing is said about the Holy Spirit's coming upon any of this company until after Peter preached, presenting Christ as He of whom the Old Testament prophets had preached. Peter gave personal witness to the fact that Christ fitted the word picture of the Old Testament. The prophets had predicted He would come as ". . . witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:39-41).

Notice that in Verse 43 Peter gives the same condition and requirement as Jesus gives as prerequisite to salvation: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). This believing must come as a result of hearing and accepting the Word of God for God's prerequisite to salvation is hearing and believing and confessing. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture said, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

One must have a heart experience, for believing intellectually is not sufficient. The Scriptures say in discussing this subject, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19). The Word of God, God's truth, is that which produces salvation. We are not to add to it nor take from it (see Revelation 22:18, 19) but to preach it faithfully in season and out of season.

We are not required to convert anyone. Peter, nor any other apostle or prophet, nor angel has ever done that. We preach, but the Word works only when it is received by hearers. God and God alone does the saving, and this is what happened at Cornelius' house. Not only was he and his household saved, but the multitude which he had gone "out into the hedges and highways" and brought in to hear the Word were saved also. The Bible says, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). Again we read in the Bible, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2); "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believeth our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:12-17).

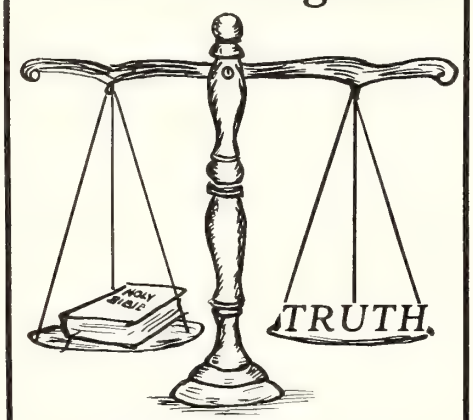
George H. Sandison gives the following interesting discussion on a similar question on Page 85 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**:

"Cornelius is reckoned by Julian and other noted writers as one of the few persons of distinction who embraced Christianity in its earliest stages. His religious position before his interview with Peter has been the subject of much debate. It has been contended that he was a Gentile who, having renounced idols, worshiped the true God, but not after the manner of the Jews, and that he gave much alms. He probably belonged to the same class as Queen Candace's treasurer, and who had benefited by their contact with the Jewish people so far as to have become convinced that theirs was the true God. Cornelius was regarded as having been selected of God to become the firstfruit of the Gentiles, but he was not converted until his meeting with Peter. In Acts 10 we are told of his vision, and of the divine instruction to him to send to Joppa for Peter, who had already been prepared by the noonday vision on the housetop for the messengers. It was not until Peter reached the house of Cornelius and explained his mission that the Holy Ghost fell on all present and they were baptized."

Let us remember that however interesting it may be to give attention to the wonderful story of a sinner's being saved as the record in Acts 10, there may be no good derived from such a detailed answer to a question such as this made by a sinner unless he should give heed to the invitation to all sinners. (See John 3:14-17, 36; Isaiah 1:18.) ". . . they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). That personal, heartfelt belief or faith in Christ is the one essential thing to conversion or

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## The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basis: ". . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live" (Amos 5:4).

### HOW TO SEEK THE LORD

There is a right way and a wrong way to seek the Lord. Men are using more negative methods than positive methods for seeking the Lord. The subject, "How to Seek the Lord," deals heavily with methods, but the word **seek** is most important.

First, how do we seek the Lord? Before we can indulge in any accomplishment we must begin by choosing the right course of action. Not only must we choose the right road, but we must begin by moving down that road. We will need to discipline ourselves and make reservation for definite and precise actions. A wrong turn or a delay in performance may well negate the whole program. Speaking of a program reminds me that our whole life is a program and we move down the schedule of events day by day. Nothing can stop the progress in time and nothing will keep us from terminating the program. Indeed there may be some additions and some deletions, and in many cases, the completed program may come far short of what could be expected. We must work for a full and fruitful program. Many wrong actions will cause delay and will put pressure on other vital parts of the program.

Should you find yourself planning a trip to a particular city hundreds of miles away from where you are now, you would do many things to prepare for the journey, especially if you have never traveled that road before. Our tenure of abode upon this earth is a onetime event. We can never run this life over again! As a consequence, we must make every act and every move in the forward or right direction. If you set out to take a trip, say from Raleigh to Baltimore, Maryland, and you only had enough time and means to arrive and to participate in a particular program, you could not tolerate many detours or expensive mishaps or indulgences along the way. The attitude of some, "O, I've got plenty of time," may not make much difference **if** you have control of your method of travel or if you could dare take a few shortcuts. In any case, "haste makes waste" may need to be noted.

Second, the Lord advises us to seek Him! The word **seek** is beautiful and full of meaning. When once we have chosen the right road, and in case God has given us the medium of the church as a surefire thing, we will need to make every minute of time count for something. God has not mapped out another road. The **church road** is it! The church is the salvation road and on this road we are obliged to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Just remember that the blood of Christ provided this road and made it possible for us to get on it.

Finally, to seek Christ, one will need to unload weighty and unnecessary things; that is, worldly things. Bad habits must go! Things of the world must be unloaded! "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). We must unload all objectionable things and must diligently use all the beneficial means and methods which move us steadily but surely toward God, because that will be the end of the journey and heaven will be ours forever. Therefore, seek Him! Seek Him now and you will live!

## Coming Events . . .

June 23, 24—Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference, East Banks Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks, Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

July 13—Homecoming and Alumni Association Meeting, 10:30 A. M., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Larry Higgins announces that he is available for part-time pastoral duties or supply work. He is a licensed minister in good standing with the Eastern Conference and a member of the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern. If interested in his services you may write him at 1801 Rhems Avenue New Bern, North Carolina 28560 telephone 638-4038.

The Rev. William Littleton announces that he will be available for pastoral duties as of July 1, 1975, full time or part time. He has pastored the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2 Creswell, for two years and ten months. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing P. O. Box 321 Creswell, North Carolina 27928 telephone 797-4828.

## STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE (Change of Date and Place)

**The time and place for the State Layman's League Conference has been changed from the weekend of June 20-22, at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, to August 29, 30, at Eagles Nest Retreat Center for Mount Olive College near Dudley. A more detail report of the program will appear in a later issue of the "Baptist."**

**To have a successful conference a nominee for the Layman of the Year Award is needed from every Free Will Baptist church in the state. Please send your church's nominee's name and a short resume of his services to God and his church for the past year to the Layman's League board secretary.**

**In His service,**
**James A. Meeks, Secretary**
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## In Memory of Mrs. Blanche Griswold

Only a short time ago a wonderful other and Christian worker for the Lord as called home. I will never forget this onderful lady because she meant so uch to my life. She always had time to lk to me and listen to my troubles and hare my happiness. She attended hurch services regularly (the Pleasant lain Free Will Baptist Church of Selma) nd had her own pew. Now when I see er empty pew I am more convinced that he has gone home to be with God.

The wonderful lady was Mrs. Blanche riswold. She passed away April 25, 975, after a long period of illness, at the ge of 76. I had only known her for a hort while, but she seemed like a randmother to me. In rememberance of er I wrote the following poem. To me here are not enough words to express he way I felt and still feel about Mrs. riswold.



I had only known her for a short while—approximately a year or more;
But in that time I found a great friend and wonderful Christian.
She may have been an old woman in the eyes of some,
But in my eyes she was a woman of great experience.
She always had time to listen and talk to everyone.
The most beautiful smile enchanted her face;
So radiant the smile that it appeared angelic.
To be a lady of 76, she had white hair, smooth skin,
With a few wrinkles that only a mother could bear.
To think of her favorite flower, the rose,
A rose bud seemed to bring such great joy to her.
Anything purple thrilled her soul.
She had her favorite pew in Pleasant Plain church
Which she filled so faithfully.
She did not die in the agony that some experience,
But she passed away with an angelic smile on her face.
Her coffin was lined with the most beautiful material;
Her head was laid upon a snowy white pillow,
And clothed in a lavendar gown, with her glasses beside her—
The coffin was closed.
The flowers were beautiful and as the sweet odor drifted across the room,
Sobs were heard here and there while her favorite songs were sung:
"Just a Rose Will Do," "Precious Memories," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."
The Lord has taken her to live with Him,
And for her to claim her crown which she had so rightly won,
And to walk those streets of gold;
For God loved her more than us.
Mrs. Griswold, I will never forget you!
I love you, Mrs. Griswold.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Jones
Pleasant Plain Church

## POWERFUL PREACHERS ARE SCARCE

by Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

Never have I known of as many preachers who are pastoring the various churches of our denomination resigning their pastorate as there were last year. Sad to say, it is difficult for some of our churches to secure a pastor. None of us wants to see a shortage of preachers, and the ordinary preachers are not scarce; but those who will preach the truth of God as pungently as they possible can are the ones that are scarce. It's a disgrace when a church will omit preaching services because the preacher the members preferred could not be secured, when another preacher is available.

Preachers are needed in the pulpits of our churches today who are willing to devote time to go to the people anytime and anywhere they may be. An audience of 1, 10, 100, or more persons has been, and is enough, to compel me to preach. Modernism has taken over our pulpits, and the old-fashioned, Bible-following Christians realize this. We have no right to conceal or belittle any great truth. Preachers are not to use the pulpit to scold, but they are to present God's truth as lovingly as they can so the people will be made to feel that he means it. And that means me!

Christian converts exist in many cities and towns where sharpshooters are posted to pick off the boys and girls the moment they show their faces outside the house. Preachers are suppose to be the leaders of God's hosts. The Divine Book, or Bible, is put in their hands for them to teach the duty and destiny on certain topics so as to arrest the ears of the world. There is to be no change in the character of the ministry.

A new revival would give the preachers a real message and so make impossible the present pointless preaching which seems to be without any perceivable foundation, either in philosophy or experience. Within recent years the material and the organizational side of religious work has been preached and pushed to the forefront with such forcefulness that the spiritual and personal sides are quite overshadowed.

No new gospel is needed for this age, but the simple old gospel restated in the terms of today's congregation to meet the needs of today. When we can enter our churches and hear from the pulpit the thundering and powerful denunciation of sin and the preaching of righteousness then we can discover America's greatness!

## Birth Announcement

The Rev. Billy R. Nowell, pastor of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Erwin, and Mrs. Nowell are happy to announce the birth of a seven pound and six ounce son Wednesday morning, May 14, at 6:35, in the Johnston Memorial Hospital, Smithfield. The chosen name for their son is Kevin Reece Nowell. The Nowells have two other children: Stanley Rufus and Diana Kaye Nowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Nowell are now residents of Erwin. They are formerly from Four Oaks. Mrs. Nowell is the formerly Joyce Kaye Stanley. Mother and baby are doing fine. God has greatly blessed them.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Carrboro Youth Choir**
**At Daniels Chapel**

The youth choir from the Carrboro Baptist Church, Carrboro, will present a Christian oriented program entitled, "I'm Here, God's Here, Now We Can Start," at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located on the old Black Creek road, Route 3, Wilson. The program will be presented Sunday morning, June 22, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. The public is cordially invited to attend this very special service. The group consists of 41 young people with each having a part on the program.

Following the program, lunch will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 p. m. Bring your picnic baskets. An afternoon of games and fellowship has been planned.

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**Youth Sunday at**
**Pleasant Grove Church**

On Sunday, June 1, the youth of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville was in charge of Sunday school and the church services for the day. The day's activities began with Sunday school. Steven Hardy served as superintendent. All the classes of the school were taught by the youth of the church.

During Sunday school a special presentation was made, as is done each year, by the woman's auxiliary of the church to the high school graduates of the church. This year there were four young boys graduating as follows: Steven Hardy, Robert Jones, Danny Pender, and Jarvis Pittman.

The morning worship service opened with the youth choir singing for a call to worship, "Cleanse Me." Prayer was offered by Dee Glover, a junior deacon of the church. Kenneth Gardener then led in a congregation song, followed with a welcome to everyone and made the appropriate announcements. Tammy Hardy and Ellen Parnell sang a duet, "I Believe God Is Real."

The senior citizens of the church (those over 65 years of age) were then honored by the youth. Flowers were placed on the piano by the youth in their honor and Ellen Parnell read a poem she had written and dedicated to the senior citizens. The ushers then passed bookmarkers to the senior citizens who were sitting in reserved pews.

Following another congregation song, the youth choir rendered another selection, "I Can Almost Hear Trumpets." The morning message was brought by Howard Scott of Kenly. The service closed with a congregational hymn and the benediction.

The youth of the church states: "We would like to give thanks to all who took part in the teaching and singing or anything else on this occasion. A special thank you goes to our youth leaders: Mrs. Maxine Parnell of the BYP and Mrs. Maude Pittman of the YFA. But our deepest thanks go to Mrs. Kitty Glover who is our overall youth leader. She has helped us through a great deal and deserves most of the credit. She's a dear friend and one of the best youth leaders any church could have."

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**Fifth Eastern Union**
**At Croatan Church**

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will convene with the Croatan Free Will Baptist Church near New Bern, Saturday, June 28, in a morning session only. The moderator, the Rev. Walter Sutton, will preside over the union. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven"
10:05—Devotions, the Rev. Willie Stilley
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. Raymond Hardison
—Response, Macedonia Church
10:20—Moderator's Remarks
10:30—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:35—Receiving of Church Reports
10:40—Offering for Children's Home
10:45—Appointment of Committees
10:50—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
11:00—Business Session:
Reading of Minutes, Union Clerk
Old Business
New Business
Reports of Committees
Library Book
—Memorial Service:
Song
11:30—Morning Worship:
Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Special Music
Sermon, the Rev. Clifton Styron
—Hymn and Benediction
—Lunch and Fellowship

(Note: The services of the union are dedicated as a memorial to the Rev. David Powell who was chairman of the program committee.)

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**Saratoga Church to Host**
**Fourth Central Union**

The Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church will host the Fourth Union of the Central Conference Sunday, June 29. The union theme will be, "What We Need Now." Scripture will be taken from Deuteronomy 6:6, 7. The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"
—Devotions, Mrs. Judy Moore
—Welcome, Rex Edwards
—Response, Mrs. Sudie Wiggins
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Mission Report
—Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story"
11:30—Special Music, Edgewood Church
—Sermon, the Rev. Larry Barbour
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Edwards Walston

—Special Music, Aspen Grove Youth Choir
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

## Honor Graduates Day Shady Grove Church



*The graduates are, from left to right: Mike Godwin, Pam Parrish, Jeff Wooten, Phillip Butler, Rhonda Warren, Dana Porter, and Keith Jernigan. Their parents can be seen standing in the congregation.*

Sunday, May 18, was "Honor Graduates Day" at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn. Seven graduates, wearing caps and gowns, were ushered into the sanctuary to reserved seats of honor. Graduating from Hobbton High School were Larry Keith Jernigan and Jeffrey Scott Wooten; from Midway High School, Michael Ray Godwin, Rhonda Lynn Warren, Dana Gaye Porter, and Arthur Phillip Butler; and from Methodist College, Pamela Florence Parrish. Each graduate was presented a Bible from the church with his or her name engraved on the cover.

The pastor, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., delivered the morning message entitled, "Working Toward Your Goal." In the message he challenged each senior to make decisions he or she could live with and not to wallow in self-pity over past failures, but to work toward a definite goal. "Life's greatest choice," he declared, "is to receive Jesus Christ as one's Saviour and the choice of a life's mate and career deserves careful and prayerful consideration."

At 5:30 p.m. the church family gathered in the fellowship building for a covered-dish supper honoring the graduates and their parents. The building was decorated in the school colors with pictures of the graduates prominently displayed. A huge cake, also decorated in their school colors, and an arrangement of red roses enhanced the beauty of the table.

Many of the young people were featured in the evening service, giving personal testimonies in words and music. The Westbrook and Midway Granges were special guests for the evening service.

The graduates honored declared that they were sure their church cares about them and they were grateful for the training they have received through the church. Each graduate was challenged to read his or her Bible and to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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### Spiritual Enrichment Revival At Rains Cross Roads Church

A series of spiritual enrichment worship services (revival) will be held at Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, beginning Sunday morning, June 22, at the eleven o'clock worship service, and ending on Wednesday evening, June 25. The evening services will begin at 8 p. m.

The speaker for these services will be the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace of Durham. The pastor, the Rev. Preston Smith, and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, and former members to attend.

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### First Western Union Meets With the Micro Church

The First Union of the Western Conference will meet with the Micro Free Will Baptist Church at Micro on Saturday, June 28. The moderator, the Rev. James A. Joyner, will preside, assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. There will only be a morning service as follows:

10:00—Morning Devotional, the Rev. Clyde Cox
10:15—Welcome Address, the Rev. Roland Cherry, Pastor
—Response, Floyd Newsome
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:20—Report of Committees
11:30—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing and Special Music
Offering for the Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. Leslie Hawley
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

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### Daly's Chapel to Host Cape Fear Union

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Saturday morning, June 28, with the Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, LaGrange. The moderator, the Rev. C. M. Coats, will preside. The local church will render special music with the church pianist playing for the union. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. Floyd Smith
—Welcome, Herbert Alphin
—Response, Elmond Lane
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Hymn, Congregation

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## MISSION WORK IN MEXICO

by The Rev. J. E. Timmons

I wish to talk to you dear readers from my heart concerning missions in Mexico. It has been just about twelve years ago that we moved to this area to begin work in Old Mexico; however, it seems like just yesterday. My, how time has passed by! Also, our lives have been filled to the brim during these exciting years.

First, if I remembered correctly, I spent a month and a half getting acquainted with our brethren in the state of North Carolina, visiting the churches, and speaking in a good number of them. What a great experience this was for me! I not only enjoyed the fellowship of the Free Will Baptists in North Carolina, but also the beauty of that lovely state. The many times I have returned to North Carolina to visit your churches has been a happy and wholesome experience.

During the twelve years we have had the opportunity of serving in Old Mexico, mostly in the state of Coahuila, we have had a part in starting some of the mission churches located in the cities, towns, and rural areas. Today there are some areas where our work is the only gospel witness to these people. Perhaps you are wondering if these new converts appreciate what you in North Carolina have done in supporting the mission cause in Mexico. To this I would like to inform you that the natives greatly appreciate what you have done and are doing to help win their own people to Christ. It has been our happy experience to witness to many of these in this area. The most important achievement for us is to know that today some of these natives know Christ in the full pardon of their sins. They love God's Word and are working in their churches, with their pastors, toward the evangelizing of their own people.

We might mention our new church buildings which we are so proud of. But nothing can compare with the number of persons whose lives we have invested within the precious word of the living God. We indeed have so many things to be thankful for in the challenge before us to perform our duties for God on the mission field. We realize all this has been made possible because God has enabled you to stand by us here on the mission field. We can see the results of united prayer and dedication. May we continue on this course in the days ahead of us!

The Bible Institute here on the banks of the Rio Grande River has been a blessing to our Mexican ministers in that they have been able to prepare for a much greater ministry to their people. Here they have worked together in study and fellowship, and on this level they have had a much better understanding of the gospel ministry and the Free Will Baptist Denomination. All of this has resulted in a much greater consecration of our witness to the regions of the state of Coahuila. As I spend time in our work on the field, I realize how much I appreciate our work in Mexico. True, it has cost us all tears and hard work. But then we think of how our blessed Saviour shed His life's blood for all of us.

Our two churches in Acuna continue to grow. One of the churches is sponsoring two missions: the Gethsemani church, pastored by Brother Lugo, and the Bethel church, pastored by Brother Lopez. This church is growing and ministering to the needy area of Acuna. Our church in Jimenez is the only evangelical witness in this village of more then 2,000 people. Brother and Mrs. Rodriguez continue their ministry in Jimenez and are worthy of our prayers.

Piedras Negras, across from Eagle Pass, Texas, is a city of around 69,000 people. In this city we have one of our largest churches, pastored by Brother Antonio Escobar.



The Rev. Israel Gonzalez discusses his church acitivities with Mr. Timmons prior to services on Sunday morning in Allende Coah, Mexico.

In Allende is one of our newest churches pastored by Brother Israel Gonzalez. This church continues to go forward. They have finished a new building and are winning the lost to Christ. Brother Israel also pastors the mission in the Zaragosa community.



The Rev. and Mrs. Filemon Aguerrero and family standing in front of their home and church in Sabinas.

Brother Filemon Aguerrero is carrying on a great ministry in Sabinas where he is working with people steeped in ignorance and indifference. However, God is blessing this gospel witness made by this pastor and his dedicated wife.

In the capital city of Saltillo our church is going forward in the work of the Lord. This work is staffed by Brother Mendez and his wife. They are dedicated to the task before them and need our prayers for this very needy field.

My heart is burdened for the thousands of people in other areas that are waiting for us to go and tell them of the Christ of Calvary. Please, let's give them the opportunity to hear the old story that continues to change the lives and destiny of the lost. Will you continue to pray for the work in Mexico and help us

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## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS MAY, 1975

### Albemarle Conference

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|---|---|
| Gum Neck | $ 70.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 267.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 40.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 67.26 |
| Auxiliary District | 10.00 |
| Shiloh | 48.64 |
| Sidney | 23.00 |
| St. Paul | 135.00 |
| Total | $ 760.90 |

### Blue Ridge Association

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| Cedar Hill | $ 15.85 |

### Cape Fear Conference

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| Bethel | $ 20.00 |
| Casey's Chapel | 336.85 |
| Faith | 100.00 |
| Goldsboro, First | 100.00 |
| Hopewell | 80.00 |
| Johnston Union | 12.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 1,000.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 10.00 |
| Oak Grove | 200.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 150.00 |
| Powhatan | 30.64 |
| Riverside | 120.00 |
| Robert's Grove | 15.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Shady Grove | 529.45 |
| Smithfield, First | 20.00 |
| Smyrna | 165.94 |
| Tee's Chapel | 643.72 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 139.35 |
| Total | $3,677.95 |

### Central Conference

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| Aspen Grove | $ 228.00 |
| Ayden | 515.00 |
| Bethany | 53.64 |
| Black Jack | 797.00 |
| Community | 33.35 |
| Dawson's Grove | 50.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 197.35 |
| Edgewood | 81.52 |
| Elm Grove | 20.00 |
| Free Union | 287.44 |
| Friendship | 87.58 |
| Greenville, First | 10.00 |
| Grimsley | 136.55 |
| Gum Swamp | 695.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 225.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 215.98 |
| Howell Swamp | 14.50 |
| Hugo | 154.00 |
| Hull Road | 275.85 |
| King's Cross Road | 645.62 |
| LaGrange | 20.00 |
| Little Creek | 20.00 |
| Marlboro | 20.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention District | 34.73 |
| Layman's League | 30.99 |
| Ormondsville | 252.25 |
| Otter's Creek | 418.27 |
| Owen's Chapel | 175.00 |
| Peace | 247.08 |
| Piney Grove | 20.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 200.00 |
| Reedy Branch | 285.00 |
| Roanoke Rapids | 82.00 |
| Rocky Mount, First | 120.00 |
| Rose of Sharon | 125.00 |
| Saratoga | 221.00 |
| Spring Branch | 196.00 |
| Sweet Gum Grove | 35.00 |
| Tarboro | 120.00 |
| Watery Branch | 150.00 |
| Winterville | 225.21 |
| Total | $7,902.91 |

### Eastern Conference

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| Antioch | $ 40.00 |
| Arapahoe | 19.00 |
| Bethel | 326.00 |
| British Chapel | 31.00 |
| Beulaville | 45.00 |
| Bridgeton | 71.00 |
| Christian Chapel | 97.00 |
| Core Creek | 81.22 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Croatan | 100.00 |
| Daly Chapel | 25.00 |
| Davis | 200.00 |
| Deep Run | 4.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 144.04 |
| Faith | 125.00 |
| Friendship | 21.65 |
| Gethsemane | 120.00 |
| Gray Branch | 306.57 |
| Hillsberry | 48.10 |
| Holly Springs | 361.81 |
| Indian Springs | 12.00 |
| Jackson Heights | 2.25 |
| Juniper Chapel | 50.00 |
| Kinston, First | 25.00 |
| Laniers Chapel | 48.13 |
| Long Ridge | 32.50 |
| Macedonia | 50.00 |
| Mays Chapel | 100.00 |
| Memorial | 5.00 |
| Moseley Creek | 722.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 20.00 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 151.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Pamlico) | 27.00 |
| Fifth Union | 75.00 |
| Carteret Union | 50.00 |
| Auxiliary District Convention | 10.00 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 126.75 |
| New Haven | 55.00 |
| Northeast | 73.95 |
| Oak Grove | 10.00 |
| Otway | 30.00 |
| Pilgrim Home | 187.56 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 25.00 |
| Piney Grove | 56.79 |
| Reunion Chapel | 100.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 30.00 |
| Saints Delight | 10.00 |
| Sarecta | 104.11 |
| Sneads Ferry | 45.00 |
| Snow Hill | 200.00 |
| Sound View | 20.00 |
| Spring Hope | 50.00 |
| St. Mary's | 127.00 |
| Vanceboro | 200.00 |
| Wardens Grove | 134.64 |
| Warsaw | 100.00 |
| White Oak Grove | 50.00 |
| Woodrow | 20.00 |
| Total | $5,277.07 |

### Pee Dee Association

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| Emerson | $ 44.49 |
| District Auxiliary | 60.00 |
| Thomasboro | 105.00 |
| Total | $ 209.49 |

### Piedmont Conference

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| Bethany | $ 5.00 |
| Durham | 65.00 |
| E. Rockingham | 25.18 |
| Hilltop | 20.00 |
| Old Fashion | 25.00 |
| Westwood Hill | 10.00 |
| Total | $ 150.80 |

### Western Conference

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|---|---|
| Barnes Hill | $ 340.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 74.17 |
| Calvary | 100.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 108.54 |
| Free Union | 212.70 |
| Fremont | 250.00 |
| Friendship | 5.00 |
| Holly Springs | 530.00 |
| Kenly | 62.40 |
| Little Rock | 365.10 |
| Marsh Swamp | 375.97 |
| Micro | 260.00 |
| Milbournie | 89.61 |
| Mt. Zion (Nash) | 120.92 |
| Auxiliary District Convention | 145.65 |
| Youth Fellowship | 34.35 |
| N ew Sandy Hill | 50.00 |
| People's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Piney Grove | 148.90 |
| Plesant Grove | 365.50 |
| Pleasant Plain | 70.00 |
| Rains Cross Road | 324.50 |
| Rock Springs | 120.00 |
| Rosebud | 105.00 |
| Sherron Acres | 125.00 |
| Spring Hill | 100.00 |
| St. Mary's | 538.23 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 119.05 |
| Stoney Creek | 50.00 |

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## A NEW PERSON IN CHRIST

**Lesson Text:** John 15:1-11
**Memory Verse:** Galatians 2:20

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today is the first of a nine-lesson series on Christian growth. Of course, it must follow that there is one thing that is absolutely necessary before anyone can hope to grow in Christ, and that is he must, first of all, be in Christ. With this in mind our lesson for today is given the general title of "Prerequisite for Christian Growth."

The new birth marks the beginning of the growth process. At this time the Spirit of God enters into the believing heart and transforms the individual into a new creature. In the natural realm children are born as babes, and they must go through a period of development before they become adults. In order to make this development they must be careful of diet, selective in exercise, and take full advantage of all of the opportunities which encourage growth and advancement toward maturity. The same thing is true of our Christian life: we are born as babes in Christ. If we are to advance toward Christian maturity, we must nourish our spiritual life by means of prayer, Bible study, Christian fellowship, spiritual meditation and devotion, and a number of other opportunities of Christian growth that are available to us. As no man would desire to remain a child physically, no man should be satisfied in remaining a babe in the spiritual life.

The background for today's lesson is the city of Jerusalem during the last week of our Lord's public ministry.

The purpose of today's lesson is not only to convince us that we can grow in Christ but to encourage us to do so —**The Teenage Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. For one to try to grow without having been born is like trying to come back from somewhere you have never been. Before we can grow as Christians, we must become Christians.

B. The Scripture today shows two very definite things about the Christian's responsibility. First, God expects us to bear fruit. Second, if we do not bear fruit we will be destroyed. How fruitful is your life?

C. This passage of Scripture which we study today is a great picture of interdependence. It shows that as a branch of the vine each one of us is dependent upon the vine. It also shows that the Lord is dependent upon the branch for fruitfulness. The vine cannot bear fruit without a branch. This is a blessed truth if you will only ponder it for a moment.

D. We have in this lesson one of the great prayer promises of the Bible. However, we should be very careful here. God does not promise to answer our prayers just to satisfy our whims and the desires of the flesh. We are to pray in the will of God and in the name of Christ.

E. The Christ-centered life is the life of joy and peace, but without Him there is neither joy nor peace.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The bond that unites the branch to the vine is love. This is not the selfish desire or the sensuous passion that the world has come to call love, but this is pure, selfless compassion for the welfare and happiness of others. God is our perfect example, and He made His love known to us in His Son. We are to live in the glow of this love and emulate it in our attitude to others. God loved His Son, His Son loved His disciples and gave His life for them (John 15:13), and His disciples are expected to be bound to the true vine by the same love. This love has a sure testing ground. A person will keep God' commandments if he has a true love fc Him. Christ is again our challengin example. Jesus says we must keep Hi commands even as He kept His Father' commands and abides in His love. S actually it is love **and** obedience tha keep us joined to the true vine. Som would inquire, "How can God's love b limited by man's observance of such things as faith, repentance, baptism and the Lord's Supper?" It is not God's love that is limited; it is man's. The question should be, "How can man love God if he is not willing to do what God commands?" It is not that God loves man less, but man in his disobedience shows a lack and severs the bond that gives life to the branches.

One more mark of Christ's true followers is joy. A paradox is a seeming contradiction or something that seems opposed to common sense, though it is true. The teachings of Jesus are filled with paradoxes, and one of them is the joy that belongs to the Christian in the midst of the most tragic circumstances. Jesus could speak of joy on the eve of His death. Despite the pain and disappointment of life, a person can have joy in Christ and confidence in eventual victory. Even in a sinful world with sobering circumstances on every side, the Christian's joy can be made full in Christ and through Christ's example. We are urged to look "unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God". (Hebrews 12:2).—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. There are two prayers, among all others, which all Christians should pray everyday of their lives. The first one should be offered in the morning: "Abide with me this day, my Father, and lead me in thy will." The other should be prayed

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# WORTH GIVING

by
Margaret N. Freeman



ROSE MARIE was helping her mother get out the summer clothes that had been stored in boxes or garment bags all winter.

"Here is a garment bag full of your clothes, Rose Marie," said Mother.

They opened the bag, and Rose Marie took out a blue organdy dress. "I love this dress, Mother," she said. "You made it for my birthday. It's so pretty. I felt happy every time I wore it."

"I was glad to make it for you," answered her mother. "It always looked nice on you."

Rose Marie held the dress up in front of herself.

"How you are growing!" her mother exclaimed. "You won't be able to wear it this summer. Let's put it in the giveaway pile and make some other girl happy with it."

"But Mother! I can't give away this dress!" Rose Marie laid down the dress and searched among the other garments. "Here, I'll give this away," she said, holding up a rose-colored sweater. "It isn't much good, and I don't like it anyway."

"No, that isn't worth giving," her mother said, laying it on the discard pile. She held up Rose Marie's blue and pink plaid spring coat. "This is too small and real good. How about giving it away?"

"Oh, Mother, that's too good to give away." Rose Marie stroked the soft material. "Surely there's something else I could give."

But the "keep" pile grew and the "giveaway" pile stayed small.

The next day was Sunday. Rose Marie and her family went to Sunday school and church. When they got home, Rose Marie was very quiet. She was quiet all through dinner.

Finally she said, "Miss Daily told us in Sunday school today about the floods they are having where she used to live. She almost cried! Many families don't even have homes to live in, Miss Daily had a letter from her cousin who has three children. Their home is gone.

"Miss Daily showed us a picture of the three children. Tommy, the baby, is just learning to walk. Harold is four, and Sandra is just a little smaller than I. All their clothes and toys are gone, too."

"Yes, there are many people who need help," answered her mother.

"Miss Daily is going to help. She is packing a box to send to them. She said if we had anything to give, we could bring it over."

"I'm sure they'll be glad to get Miss Daily's box," said her mother.

"I have many good books I don't read any more that maybe Harold would like, and I have a cloth book that would be just right for the baby," Rose Marie said.

"Why don't you go upstairs and gather some things together?" suggested her mother.

Rose Marie looked around her room with the blue walls and pink curtains fluttering in the breeze, the bed with the fluffy white spread, the pink and white rugs on the floor. There were book shelves, a desk, and a chair—how many things she had! She looked in the box where her mother had packed her outgrown clothes and fingered the crisp blue organdy. "I'd hate it," she murmured, "if someone gave me something just because they felt they had to."

She ran downstairs. "Mother!" she called, "I want to give Sandra my blue organdy dress and the plaid coat and anything else we think will fit. Will you help me wrap them up so I can take them over to Miss Daily's right away?"

"What changed your mind?" Mother asked.

"The more I thought about Sandra, the more I wanted to give her something really worth giving. Miss Daily said that Jesus gave everything for us. So surely I can give something I like, too."

"You're learning what makes a gift worth giving," answered her mother, smiling happily.—**Guide for Juniors**



# Mount Olive College And Its Survival

SINCE 1970, private colleges in America have been closing their doors at a rate of one almost every month, and Mount Olive College would have been one of these if it had not taken bold and corrective actions,'' thus declared President W. Burkette Raper in explaining what Mount Olive, the youngest private junior college in North Carolina, is doing to cope with the current economic conditions which are threatening private colleges throughout the nation.

First, Mount Olive College has intensified its fund-raising efforts. Gifts for all purposes to the College five years ago totaled $233,000; for the current fiscal year which will end June 30, the College anticipates gift income approaching $500,000, for a projected increase of $250,000 over 1970.

''But this increase in gift support alone would not have saved Mount Olive College from financial disaster,'' President Raper declared, ''for during these five years our operating budget went from $730,000 in 1970 to a current budget of $1.3 million, an increase of $570,000.'' In addition, the College completed a chapel in 1974 at a cost of $250,000.

The second economic step taken by the College was what President Raper called ''painful expense cutting.'' Through administrative reorganization, revision in teaching methods, and by the use of student employment, the College has eliminated seven full-time positions with the result that fewer people now do more work.

Rising transportation costs are being held in check by a substantial reduction in travel to educational and professional meetings normally attended by College personnel. Constant emphasis is placed upon economy in utilities and office supplies, and when feasible Business Manager Charles Harrell goes ''shopping and negotiates for goods and services.''

The College has been assisted in meeting the rising overhead cost of operating its services by the increased patronage of local citizens and civic clubs.

For several years, the College has printed its own stationary and is now using its own equipment to produce many of its brochures. In addition, **Olive Leaves**, the College yearbook, which for many years was a prize-winning ''show piece,'' has been reduced to a simple publication at an annual savings of $5,000.

''These economies and other reductions amount to approximately $100,000 annually, and over a period of five years these savings will total one-half million dollars.'' President Raper stated. In addition, faculty and administrative salaries for next year have been frozen.

One area in which the College has not reduced expenditures, however, is in financial assistance to students. In 1969, the Student Aid Program of the College totaled $90,000; but for the academic year just ended, the College administered $280,000 through scholarships, grants, education loans, and student employment. This fall, for the first time in four years, there will be an increase in tuition of $100, but the Student Aid Program will be increased by $40,000. ''Our commitment remains firm that no worthy and qualified student will be denied the privilege of attending Mount Olive College for financial reasons,'' President Raper emphasized.

And he added: ''Mount Olive College is struggling for survival, but our objective is not simply survival but to maintain the academic quality and spiritual values that make Mount Olive College distinctive among the colleges of our state and nation. From this struggle we will do more than survive—we will become a better College!''

## FEATURE

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him personally tributes written by their children. Their son, Eugene, and his wife, Jo-Ann, and sons, Robbie, Chris, and Mike live in Atlanta, Georgia. Their other son, Ralph, is with the Air Force and is stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. They were unable to attend the occasion. However, their daughter, Linda, and her husband, John Finnell, who live in Micro, were present and asked Mrs. Cherry to read the tributes their dad to the congregation.

Many expressions of love and a preciation were shared in these lette telling how his life (Mr. Cherry's) h influenced their own lives because of dedicated Christian life and the trust th had in him. The tributes stated th through their dad's preaching each c had accepted Christ and was baptized him in the church for God's service This was very heart-warming to present.

Mrs. Cherry's tribute to her husba was several selected Scriptures from t Psalms and the Book of Proverbs whi she read. These verses of Scriptur described his life and devotion to G and his desire to serve Him. These we bound in a red leather folder for th special occasion.

Mrs. Janice Taylor, a sister-in-law Mrs. Cherry's from Williamston, h written a special song for the occasio ''Let Your Love Flow Through,'' whi she dedicated to him. Her tw daughters, Gail and Connie, sang th song as Mrs. Taylor accompanied the on the piano.

Another special tribute was read Mrs. Cherry from one of Mr. Cherry former pastorates, Hopewell church. Th membership of this church expresse their love and appreciation for M Cherry.

The service closed with Mrs. Cher thanking their host of friends and th church family for sharing with the these tributes. She then told h husband that he had five minutes make any remarks he desired. M Cherry was very moved by the tribute given to him, and expressed his love an appreciation to all who had a part on th program. He related to the congregatio how God had called him into the ministr and his service to Him. He urged thos present to realize that in these uncertai times in which we are living, the should revalue their lives and make turn back to Christ.

Mrs. Cherry then asked th congregation to stand and join togethe in singing ''O Zion, Haste.'' Th benediction was given by Mr. Cherry.

# WRITERS' CONFERENCE TERMED "SUCCESS"

A conference for writers of Free Will Baptist literature was held at the Press, Tuesday, May 27. The second such conference to held in recent years, the meeting proved beneficial to the writers as improved preparation of manuscripts and new guidelines for e and procedures relative to presentation of material were introduced. After a session with the editor, assistant editor, and mbers of the editorial staff, the group then went to Parker's Barbecue, Greenville, for a dinner meeting. A featured part of this eting was an audiovisual presentation entitled "**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST**—From Writer to Reader" by Celia Hales, a former torial assistant, and an inspirational and informative discourse by Free Will Baptist authoress, Mrs. Joyce Proctor Beaman.

Pictured below are some scenes of the conference and ensuing dinner meeting.



*In session.*



*Reviewing guidelines.*



*Featured speakers: Celia Hales and Joyce Proctor Beaman.*



*The speaker compels attention.*



*A few of the writers line up after dinner.*



*Group splits up after interesting and informative dinner meeting.*

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## Questions & Answers

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salvation. Those who "believe not shall not see life"; and as the old song declares in mournful tones, "Sad, sad the bitter wail" it will be for those who are cast into outer darkness where the fire is never quenched and the worm never dies.

## S. S. LESSON

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at night before retiring: "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide." During the day, between these two prayers, we should remain in the prayerful mood that will lead up to the realization of their answers.—C. F. Bowen

C. "... to abide in Christ is to draw from His fulness. It is not enough that I turn from myself in disgust, I must turn to Christ with delight. I must seek His presence; I must be occupied with His excellency; I must commune with Him. It is no longer a question of my sufficiency, my strength, or my anything. It is solely a matter of His sufficiency. The branch is simply a conduit through which flows the fruit-producing juices, which results in the lovely cluster of grapes. Remember that the branch does not produce, but simply bears them . . . ."—Pink

## MISSIONS

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to go to more areas in the future with the gospel in this great country of people!

As we come to a close, we cannot finish without saying in brief how much we have come to appreciate the fellowship of the Links. It is with great appreciation that we hold the dedication of our co-workers. We feel that God has a great future for them in the Lord's work. Let's all walk together while we can see the way, while the Saviour tarries.

### HOME MISSIONS URGES PASTORS

Fellow pastors, our fiscal year will end June 30, 1975, so I urge you to get your church's home missions contribution to us immediately for two reasons:

First, we are in desperate need. We have nine home mission points depending upon us for support and we have only $1,700 in the bank.

Second, we would like to have all of our churches listed on our annual report with generous contributors to this great commission of faith and evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer
1207 Arsenal Avenue
Fayetteville, N. C. 28305

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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| Stony Hill | 89.25 |
| Union Chapel | 34.00 |
| Union Grove | 160.50 |
| Watsons Grove | 50.00 |
| W. Hillsbourough | 35.00 |
| Wilson, First | 62.00 |
| Total | $5,859.34 |
| **Other States** | |
| Shelby, Ohio | $ 40.00 |
| **Statewide Bodies** | |
| Auxiliary Convention | $ 792.06 |
| Founders' Day | 118.35 |
| Total | $ 910.41 |
| Total Religious Contributions | $24,804.72 |

**Memorial Gifts**

Memorial gifts for May, 1975, totaled $40 and were as follows:

The Rev. David Powell by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Adkins.

The Rev. D. W. Alexander by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Watson.

Mr. Johnnie Shine by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shine.

Mr. Edward Stanley Sr. by Annie Ruth Parrish.

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—Special Music, Host Church
—Offering and Offertory Prayer
—Message, the Rev. David Barrow
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

## MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

There will be a Spiritual Life Conference at Eagles Nest for ministers July 14-16, 1975. The conference will begin wit the Monday evening session at 7:30 p m. The theme of the conference will b "The Person and Work of the Hol Spirit," with the Rev. Floyd Cherr leading the teaching and discussio sessions. The conference participant will have an opportunity to share i study, prayer, and sharing groups focusing around the role and work of th Holy Spirit in the daily life of the minister

The number of participating minister will be limited to 15, and acceptance wi be based on the first 15 registrations The conference will end Wednesday July 16, at noon. All participants are t be present and participate in a sessions, unless called away due t pastoral responsibility.

The cost will be $3 per night and $1.5 per meal. For further information contac Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College Mount Olive, North Carolin 28365; telephone 658-2502 (office) 658-9363 (home).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Lloyd F. Hargis would like t announce a change of address. His ol address was P. O. Box 487, Fremont North Carolina 27830; his new addres is the following: Route 2, Box 241-D Clayton, North Carolina 27520. Hi friends and correspondents are urged t take note of this change.

### AGAINST REGULATIONS

A minister wrote a letter to a friend After he sealed it, he wrote, "Be of good cheer" on the address side of the en velope. A postal employee, seeing the words, stamped beneath them "Contrary to postal regulations."

Some are hesitant to speak words o cheer and encouragement as if it were against regulations or against thei religion.

Why wait until ears are dulled in death to speak words of praise? How worthless is postmortem praise!—Selected



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## VERYBODY SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE GOOD HEART ATTACK!



# EDITORIAL...

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## HEART ATTACKS ARE GOOD FOR ALL!

Everybody should have at least one heart attack. Nothing can do more to jolt the system and help toward a personal evaluation of one's life; and, if one is going to experience such an attack, it should be a big one—not an insignificant little pain-in-the-chest kind, but a real, honest-to-goodness shaking-up kind that will not soon be forgotten. This kind of heart attack will wake one to the reality of *death*, but more importantly, to *life*.

Lest we mislead our readers, allow us here to assure everyone that we wish no harm to befall our brethren. We certainly do not want anyone to suffer physical pain or discomfort, nor do we desire that a foreboding a thing as a heart attack (which could snuff out a life) be hung precariously over one's head, the expectation of which could cause untold frustration on the possible candidate. We know that heart attacks (coronary thromboses, pulmonary infarctions, or whatever) can be debilitating; therefore, let us clarify ourselves now and make it known that we are not speaking of the physical. We are, rather, speaking of the spiritual when we say that everyone should have one good heart attack. That is to say that everyone's heart should be attacked by the *Spirit*. Only when this happens can one properly view his life and its sinful condition. Only then can one reorder his life as the Life-Giver would have it reordered. Only then can the "sick" be made well by the Great Physician. Actually, one seldom realizes how good it is to be well until he has experienced sickness. It all goes back to the old natural propensity of man to take things for granted. . . .

Spiritual things, however, should never be taken for granted. In fact, nothing in this life—physical or spiritual—should be regarded as a matter of course or as an expected part of one's existence. Physically speaking, one is conceived before he is born, and only after he is born and the cord is cut does he begin living on his own. When he is "on his own," living becomes too frequently a chore rather than a pleasure—and death—well, we'll leave that to itself for the moment.

A physical heart attack manifests itself in many ways, as there are many types. A sharp pain in the chest, a feeling of constriction in the throat, sharp, cutting pain in the abdominal region or back, nausea, difficult and painful breathing, a peculiar feeling in the head, jabbing pains and intermittent numbness in the left arm—these and many more discomforts are symptoms of a heart attack.

A spiritual heart attack has its symptoms also; and, these vary with the individual. Sometimes, there is a filling up and a pouring out of tears. Another symptom is a big lump in the throat, a lump that seemingly will not move. Then, for others, there is an inexplicable joy felt within and projected to the outside—smiles through tears, speechless manifestations of a never-before experienced happiness. As joys flood the soul, a peace that passes understanding and an inward sensation that defies description is felt, and the calm bliss of having a load lifted and being "right" gains entrance. How wonderful!

The *initial* heart attack—both the physical and the spiritual—is the most critical (or in the case of the spiritual, we could say the most *decisive*). On the initial attack rests the possibility of having another. The first physical attack is a prelude for others, usually—unless the victim is wise in following doctors orders. The first *spiritual* attack is also a prelude for others; that is, the heart is "tendered" for those "mountaintop" experiences, those special blessings which God pours out freely by His grace to those who have accepted His Son. *Mind you, we are not advocating more than one act of grace.* What we are saying is that after the heart is changed and "conditioned," reception of God's leadership and His manifold blessings comes unrestricted—and this because of an inner change not imposed but deemed by the freedom of will.

No one that we know cares to have a physical heart attack. Having one can kill or debilitate for life. On the other hand, everybody should have a spiritual heart attack which always proves to be *life-giving* rather than *fatal*.

Question: Have you ever had a heart attack? If not, isn't it time you did?



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# NEW BUILDING
# FIRST CHURCH, DURHAM

by W. L. Gibbs

IN this article you have two views of the new structure of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham. These pictures were taken before the landscaping was completed.

The congregation of the First church moved into the new facilities on April 1, 1975, with the dedication service held on Sunday, April 13. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry brought the dedication message with many dignitaries present.

The new building is located in one of the better sections of Durham, on a five acre lot, and has an evaluation of $200,000. The sanctuary can accommodate 400 persons. The needed



funds for the new building were obtained from the Church Finance, Inc.

God has wrought great things in Durham since June, 1974. He made provision for us to sell the old Edgemont church property for cash and for a good price. He has also sent us a great influx of new members by both conversion and statement of faith. But perhaps the greatest blessing of all has been the "molding together" in complete love and unity all the membership of the church. God has also made it possible for us to have this property in an ideal location and at an unbelievable cost.

The Rev. M. E. Cox is pastor of the church and God is using him in a mighty way. Souls are being saved and the church is experiencing new growth in all areas of its work.



The First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham is located at 225 Chandler Road, one block off Highway 98 (the Wake Forest road).

We invite everyone to come by when in this area and visit with us. All of our Sunday evening services are broadcasted live by remote control over radio station WTIK, and reach about a 50-mile radius. We covet the prayers of all Christians for our continued success.




SUNDAY, JUNE 29
Scripture Reading—2 Peter 2:9

OVER THE FALLS!

Stewart Anderson, in preaching on temptation, reminds us that Bobby Leach, the Englishman, startled the world by going over Niagara Falls in a barrel without suffering serious harm. Some years later he was walking down the street, slipped on an orange peeling, and was taken to the hospital with a badly fractured leg. Dr. Anderson adds: "Some great temptations, which roar around us like Niagara, may leave us unharmed. But a little, insignificant incident may cause our downfall simply because we are not looking for it."—K. Morgan Edwards

PRAYER THOUGHT

*One unguarded moment in a Christian's life might cause him to live the remainder of his life in sin and degradation.*

MONDAY, JUNE 30
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

SHAMED BY HIS OX

A farmer who had listened to an exposition of the text from Isaiah 1:3, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider," was giving food to his stock, when one of his oxen, evidently grateful for his care, fell to licking his bare arm. Instantly, the Holy Spirit flashed in conviction on the farmer's mind. He burst into tears, and exclaimed: "Yes, it is all true. How wonderful is God's Word! This poor dumb brute is really more grateful to me than I am to God, and yet I am in debt to Him for everything. What a sinner I am!" The lesson had found its way to his heart, and wrought there effectually to lead him to Christ.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If so-called dumb animals know and love their masters, why do we, as educated Christians, have difficulty knowing and loving our Master?*

TUESDAY, JULY 1
Scripture Reading—John 15:7

A BEDTIME PRAYER

Dear Father, now the sky is dim
With night's blue curtains drawn,
And it is time for peaceful sleep
Until tomorrow's dawn.

Now quietness is everywhere.
I hear the lullaby
Of crickets and of sleepy winds.
The stars blink in the sky.

Now darkness like a downy quilt
Covers me cozily,
And I am in thy loving care
And thou art close to me.

—*Moody Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our pleasurable, sinful past times are infinitestimal in comparison to the pleasure of God's loving care.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
Scripture Reading—Mark 9:23

THAT'S FOR SURE

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment;
Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you;
Trust in money, and you may have it taken from you;
Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it;
But—Trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.

—*Power*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is good to have trust in yourself and your fellowman, but only trust in God will suffice when the going gets rough.*

THURSDAY, JULY 3
Scripture Reading—John 7:38

"UNTIL I LEARNED TO TRUST"

"Until I learned to trust,
I never learned to pray;
And I did not fully learn to trust,
Till sorrow came my way.

"Who deepest drinks of sorrow,
Drinks deepest, too, of grace;
He sent the storm so He, himself,
Can be our hiding place!"

—Selecte

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we put our trust in God th trials of this cruel world becom easier to overcome. In Him we have hiding place.*

FRIDAY, JULY 4
Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1

WITHOUT PRINCE OF PEACE—JESUS!

With worldly wisdom, skilled in guile,
Earth's diplomats assemble;
Ignoring Christ, they plot the while,
And cunningly dissemble.

Peace, peace! they cry; we'll war nc more,
But join the nations fast;
To keep the peace and outlaw war,
Secure we'll be at last.

Without the Prince of Peace, O man,
How shalt thou learn of peace?
While crafty Satan makes the plan,
Sin's wars shall never cease.

Thou Lord of Life and Love and Peace,
I yield my all to thee;
That wars within my heart shall cease,
Forevermore to be.

—John H. Blakely

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Only through a yielded life to God can love and peace be secured. Without this yielded life we can expect nothing but "wars and rumors of wars."*

SATURDAY, JULY 5
Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 2:2

ASTRONOMICAL!

If the cost of World War II could be prorated among two billion people of the world, the amount for each man, woman, boy, and girl would be $1,708. This amount is exclusive of loss of lives and property.—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How foolish and useless to spend so much in wars when Christ paid all our debts with His blood upon the Cross!*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Are Christians of this spensation required to keep the Ten ommandments?

**Answer:** Under this the Christian spensation, or in this the church age uring which time we are living under ace and not the law, we are expected live a more honorable life in love and hristian activities than any were in any her dispensation. We love Him and bey Him because He first loved us. We e free from the carnal law of com-andments that threaten and condemn, ut we are bound to Christ and morally bligated to do for others as He has done our behalf. ''Knowing that a man is ot justified by the works of the law, but y the faith of Jesus Christ, even we ave believed in Jesus Christ, that we ight be justified by the faith of Christ, nd not by the works of the law: for by he works of the law shall no flesh be stified'' (Galatians 2:16); ''But that no an is justified by the law in the sight of od, it is evident: for, The just shall live y faith. . . . Christ hath redeemed us rom the curse of the law, being made a urse for us: for it is written, Cursed is very one that hangeth on a tree'' Galatians 3:11, 13).

Scofield says, ''Christ bore the curse of the law and redeemed the believer both from the curse and from the dominion of the law. . . . Law neither justified a sinner nor sanctified a believer. . . . The believer is both dead to the law and redeemed from it, so that he is not under the law but under grace. . . . Under the new covenant of grace the principle of obedience to the divine will is inwrought. . . . So far is the life of the believer from the anarchy of self-will that he is 'inlawed to Christ' (1 Corinthians 9:21), and the new 'law of Christ' (Galatians 6:2; 2 John 5) is his delight; while through the indwelling Spirit, the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in him (Romans 8:2-4; Galatians 5:16-18). The commandments are used in the distinctively Christian Scriptures as an instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 13:8-10; Ephesians 6:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:8, 9).''—**Scofield Bible Notes,** Page 1245 in the old **Scofield Bible**

George H. Sandison answers a similar question as follows on Page 348 in his book **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

''The Christian is not under the law but under grace. That however does not free him from obligation. More is expected of him in the way of righteousness than if he were under the law. You lay down rules for your child and make him obey, but when he grows to manhood he is free from your rules. Do you not expect that he will behave without rules? That was your object in training him, to produce in him a disposition which would keep him right when he became his own master. Now, which of the Commandments do you as a Christian, free from law, feel that you are at liberty to break? You would keep them out of the love for God, whether you were bound or not. As to commands and injunctions of the Old Testament, when the question was considered in the first apostolic council (Acts 15:5-29) it was decided that Gentile converts were not to be bound by the Levitical law. Christ, also, in His sermon on the mount, said: 'It hath been said by them of old time,' and went on to say, 'but I say unto you,' etc., clearly regarding the law as it stood to be subject to His abrogation. It must not, however, be supposed that the Christian dispensation is less stringent. The man who obeys Christ is under obligations higher than those of the law. As an example, the law forbade murder and Christ forbade the anger that leads to murder. As love is higher than law, so Christ, by setting His people free of law and placing them under the obligation of love, inculcated a higher morality.''

God gives a Christian a new or renewed conscience when he is regenerated which if obeyed may be of untold value to him as he reads his Bible, prays, and otherwise is obedient to God. But if he should become careless in his daily Christian behavior, neglect Bible reading, prayer, and Ephesians 4:30-32; he will soon learn that he has an abused conscience not all together as reliable as when he first believed. Paul called it a ''seared conscience,'' one that's been burned by sin so much that it fails to react normally and becomes unsafe as a deterent to evil thoughts and deeds. So good advice to a young or newly born-again Christian is that he never do anything to sear his conscience, and if he thinks and acts unbecoming to a Christian, hasten to God in Christ and get forgiveness and a restoration of that newly found joy which one misses immediately when he has so turned from God to sin. ''But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness'' (1 John 1:7-9); ''He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief'' (Proverbs 28:13, 14).

## CLOSED FOR INVENTORY

**The Ayden Bible and Bookstore, 811 North Lee Street, Ayden, along with the branch stores at Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1, 2, for inventory. They will reopen Thursday, July 3, at the usual hour.**

# A TRIBUTE TO C. ALBERT JONES

THE following is a tribute written by Miss Velma Gray Morris in memory of C. Albert Jones of the Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro.

This was presented by Miss Morris at the Sunday evening worship service in a special dedication of the baptistry painting that was presented to the church by Mrs. C. Albert Jones and daughter, Mrs. Otis Gatlin, and family in memory of C. Albert Jones.

"When I was first approached about sharing in this special tribute tonight honoring the memory of our deceased brother, friend, and neighbor, Brother Charles Albert Jones, I needed a thought that would most accurately describe him and to me this is it: 'He was concerned for others.'

"Albert, as he was known to his friends, was born December 26, 1913, in Craven County, and departed this life in October, 1973, making his stay on earth approximately 59 years and 10 months.

"He was the son of the late Claude Jones, who preceded him in death in 1968, and Mrs. Charlann Sutton Jones who survived until August, 1974.

"In the year 1927 the Jones Family moved to the Juniper Chapel Community, and Albert started immediately to make friends with the younger people and the older ones as well.

"One of the first places he started to patronize was the church, where I first became acquainted with him.

"On a Sunday morning, very soon after they arrived, a very skinny, shy, blonde young man attended the morning worship service. As he grew in years and in statue he became a part of this same church where he attended that Sunday morning at the age of 14 years.

"On December 24, 1932, Albert was married to Miss Alnita Morris, better known to us as 'Doddie.' To this union was born a daughter, Lue Rhe, the present Mrs. Otis Gatlin. She has two sons—Tony and Jay.

"Albert was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

"In the year, 1941, in the old Juniper Chapel church, after the Rev. Alonza Dail had brought the evening message, the congregation was singing the invitation hymn, Brother Albert came forward making this statement. 'I can't stand it any longer.' He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and he was born a second time.

"He became very active in the work of the local church. He served on many committees, among these was the pulpit committee where I had the privilege of working with him for many years. We might not have been able to always please all the people, but it was our desire to please the Lord.

"Very soon after his conversion he was made deacon, this office he held until his death.

"As he grew in the Lord his concern for people grow also.

"He worked closely with his pastors and had a special love and concern for them.

"He was concerned for his church and gave liberally of his time and finanical support, but his concern did not stop there. He was an obedient son to his parents and was faithful in visiting them and caring for their needs as long as he lived.

"As a husband, a father, and a grandfather, he loved his family very much. He was not only a father, but a pal and a friend, always as concerned about their problems as he was their welfare. He never grew weary in helping them to be able to realize their dream.

"To his brothers and sisters he was their older brother and second father. He was the one they looked to in time of trouble, when they had problems, when there was sickness, when there was a need, and even in their joys and accomplishments, he shared them also.

"As a neighbor, I can't think of a better one. He shared his blessings with those he came in contact with whether they were young or old, Christian or non-Christian, regardless of race or creed.

"In sickness he was one of the first to be there and furnished many miles of transportation to and from the doctor for the poor and underprivileged.

"He headed many drives to secure help for many families when tragedy, disaster, or sickness made it necessary for them to have help in labor, money, food, fuel, and clothing.

"He never forgot the widow and the orphan. We can simply say of him, 'He was a very present help in the time of trouble.'

"Though most of Albert's life was spent in farming, he did pursue other vocations. In his earlier married years he was a mobile merchant. But in the Second World War, because of the scarcity of gas, tires, and other things, he gave this up and once again became engaged in farming. He spent many years as an employee with the Star Planter's Warehouse in Greenville, where he was employed at the time of his death.

"Among community activities, he served on the school board for seventeen years and served many years on the ASC Committee.

"Though we hated to give him up, yet we humbly submit to the will of God, knowing that He never makes a mistake. We believe that our loss is his gain, for we believe for him to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Surely he fought a good fight. He finished his course and kept the faith. It was of such a one as Brother Albert Jones that Christ was speaking of in Matthew 25:35-40: '. . . I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'

"And as a reward for his faithful service we say with praise, 'Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love this appearing' (2 Timothy 4:8).

"So as a tribute to his life and Christian service, we dedicate this beautiful painting tonight."

## The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

### WE SHOULD SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS OMNISCIENCE

(Amos 5:4)

There must be a reason for seeking the Lord. Indeed one must have a reason for seeking anything. The word **seek** implies effort. It also implies ingenuity and skill. The more determined we are to realize the object of our seeking, the stronger are our actions and the more carefully we bring into employ all our skills and techniques.

Perhaps one of the best reasons for seeking the Lord is because of His **omniscience**. ''. . . if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things'' (1 John 3:20). All knowledge belongs to God. There is absolutely nothing but what God knows all about it. He not only knows all about the past and the present, He knows all about what will happen (or be) in the future. Before God made us, He knew us and made us according to His knowledge. God made all things but the devil. However, God made what became the devil. He created Lucifer, sun of the morning, a beautiful cherub (angel) and the cherub turned himself into a devil. The devil was the first created being to oppose God and became an enemy of God. We became the very devil himself. God does not create children of the devil. Men become devils themselves by choosing the devil for their father. This is very simple to understand because, if we do not choose Christ, **we are sons** of the devil, and this is by choice, because if we do not choose Christ we automatically choose the devil. We are sons of God by Christ or we are sons of the devil by choice.

We should seek God because He knows our ways (see Psalm 139:2, 3). God has known us from before the foundation of the world. He knew us when He made Adam. In fact, He put all of us in the loins of Adam. Everyone of us can be traced back to Adam, and that is when God started us on the way. God knew all the wicked sons and all the righteous sons of Adam. But God wanted to use His own method of propagation of His own race; therefore, He allowed evil to become intermingled with the good. In this way He could be selected from all other gods and become the Lord God of all the earth. We must choose Him to be our God. However, God is a good and kind and merciful God and He extends His mercy towards us even if we do not deserve it in order that He may save us from our sins. The children of the devil are what they are by choice, because God has made it possible for them to have a choice. These statements may be confusing to those who are not adept in Bible knowledge and those who have not allowed the Holy Spirit to teach them in the deeper truths of God.

We should seek God because He knows all our words. This means that God knows all about our thoughts and all about whatever language is used by us to express our thoughts. Words are instruments of revelation and communion. It is a method God gives us so that we can understand and appreciate one another. Words are also used (God help us) to communicate hate, confusion, and evil intention or purpose.

God knows all our **words**: ''. . . there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether'' (Psalm 139:4). This proves that all we are or ever hope to be is wrapped up in the fact that God knows all about us and there is nothing we can hide from Him. So, come down out of your cloud and put your feet on the solid ground and you will know the Lord, He is the God!

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. William Littleton announces that he will be available for pastoral duties as of July 1, 1975, full time or part time. He has pastored the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, for two years and ten months. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing P. O. Box 321, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; telephone 797-4828.

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The Rev. James Warren announces that he is available for part-time or full-time pastoral services. He is a member of the Eastern Conference in good standing. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; telephone 527-1648.

Mr. Warren also states that he is available for revival services.

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### I HAD A DREAM

by Tommy Everton

In my dream I could see that I was Christ
And that Christ was me.
At His recognition
I asked Christ this question:
''Could I have gone through for you
What you went through for me?''

Then God brought these things in view:
The times my faith had grown weak;
The times for His glory I failed to speak;
The times I failed to pray;
The things I failed to say;
The times I failed of His words to read,
To give my soul the nourishment it so badly needs.

Though this I realized that
My God is truly wise;
For had I been Christ, and Christ had been me,
With faith that weak, you see,
I would have probably run instead
Of accepting the crown of thorns on my head.

Nor would I have lugged the Cross up Calvary's road
For my faith would have probably buckled under the load.
And when they drove that first nail in my hand
I would have probably called for the angel band
To come and take me away, as well as hope for man.

I thank God, He didn't have to think twice
In order to see that His Son, Jesus, had to be Christ
And that I had to be me.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

## Foundations in Concert- Elm Grove Church



See the **Foundations** in concert for Jesus Sunday evening, June 29, at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, if you really want to receive a blessing.

The Rev. Joe Urich, known as television's "Country Parson," said that the Foundations were the best gospel group in America. How right he is, for the Foundations were first-place winners in a talent contest held recently at a Gospel Music Festival in the Shenandoah Valley. Along with the Foundations, 40 other groups entered the contest, but the Foundations were voted No. 1 out of all the groups.

Why? Come out to Elm Grove church at 7:30 p. m., Sunday night, June 29, and see for yourself.

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**White Hill Revival**
**Now in Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at the White Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Aurora. The Rev. Clarence Bowen of Goldsboro is the visiting evangelist in the services which are beginning each evening at 7:30. The services will continue through Saturday evening, June 28, with the pastor, the Rev. Owen Arthur, assisting. Special music is also being rendered each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services.

**Hugo to Host Second Union**
**And SS Convention, Central**

On June 29, at 3 p. m., the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Grifton, will host the Second Union Sunday School Convention and Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference. A church and Sunday schools of th Second Union are urged to be in a tendance for this meeting.

**The Mays Honored on**
**25th Wedding Anniversary**



The Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. May were honored by the members of the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Ahoskie with a tea Sunday afternoon, June 8, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The affair was held in the May Fellowship Hall of the church. The Mays were presented a silver serving tray by the church members.

Mr. May has been pastor of Hickory Chapel church for over thirteen years.

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**Gum Neck Revival**
**July 6-11**

Revival services are scheduled for the Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Columbia, for the week of July 6-11. The services will begin with the morning worship service on Sunday, July 6, with the Rev. Frank Thompson of Johnson City, Tennessee, as the guest speaker. The services throughout the week will begin nightly at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. Earl Minchew, will be assisting in the services which will feature special music each night.

The public is cordially invited to attend and hear Mr. Johnson who is known as "The Walking Bible."

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**Cape Fear Youth Rally**
**Saturday Evening, July 5**

The Cape Fear Youth Rally is scheduled to meet Saturday evening,

July 5, at 8 p. m., with the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church in Benson. All the youth of the district are urged to attend, and visitors are invited.

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**Fifth Eastern SS Convention Croatan FWB Church**

The Sunday School Convention of the Fifth Eastern District will be hosted by the Croatan Free Will Baptist Church near New Bern, Sunday morning, June 29. The convention theme will be, "A New Person in Christ." The Rev. Clifton Styron is the host pastor. The program is as follows:

10:00—Opening of Convention, Charles Mason, President
—Prayer, the Rev. Clifton Styron
—Hymn, "Living for Jesus"
—Welcome, Host Superintendent
—Response, Vaughan Hill
10:15—Recognition of Pastors, Delegates, and Officers
10:25—Sunday School Lesson, the Rev. Sam Weeks, Superintendent of Children's Home
10:55—Business Session:
Minutes of the Last Convention and Roll Call
Treasurer's Report
Presentation of Awards
—Denominational Reports:
Children's Home
Mount Olive College
11:25—Program, Singing and Testimonies by Group from Children's Home
12:00—Adjournment

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**"The Burning Hell" to Be Shown at People's Chapel**

The film, "The Burning Hell," will be shown at People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Elm City, Sunday evening, July 6, at seven o'clock. This is a religious film prepared and produced for use by Christian men and women to help them to better understand the teachings of the Bible concerning hell.

The church reporter states: "Hell is a place prepared for the devil and his angels and not for man. All Christians should make a special effort to see this film and be reminded that many souls will spend eternity in this horrible place without God unless we, as Christians, do more and more each day to reach them with God's Word."

The pastor, the Rev. Delmas J. Brown, and the church membership invite everyone to see this film and bring someone with you.

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**Albemarle Union, League, and Sunday School Convention**

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will convene with the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, Saturday and Sunday, June 28, 29. The programs are as follows:

**Union Meeting**
(Saturday Morning, June 28)

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Floyd Burkey
10:10—Welcome, the Rev. J. D. Vernelson
—Response, the Rev. Charles Renfrow
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
11:05—Business Session:
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Superannuation, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Press Foundation, via Literature
Report of Cragmont, via Literature
11:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcements of Next Union
11:30—Minutes Read and Approved
11:35—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Robert May
12:30—Benediction
—Adjournment and Lunch
(No Afternoon Session)

**League Convention**
(Saturday Evening, June 28)

7:30—Devotions, Miss Denise Oliver
7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host League
—League Program
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
(Mr. Greg Oliver, Pianist)

**Sunday School Convention**
(Sunday Morning, June 29)

9:45—Devotions, Mr. Isaac Furlough
9:55—Welcome, Mr. Linwood Jones, Host Sunday School Superintendent
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Bobby Phelps
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, the Rev. Bill Gaylord
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
10:55—Business Session:
Reading of Minutes of Last Convention
Treasurer's Report
New Business
Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
11:55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Sunday School
Message, the Rev. J. D. Vernelson
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch
(No Afternoon Session)

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**THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE**

Dr. George Gallup took a poll of a representative group to ascertain which people are happiest. He said, "Our survey showed that the happiest people are those who have had a real religious experience. The most unhappy people are those who frequent taverns."
—Selected

FOREIGN

# MISSIONS

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## FREE WILL BAPTISTS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIA

by Joseph Ingram

". . . we speak the wisdom of God in the mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory" (1 Corinthians 2:7).

How many times have you prayed for certain things to happen, or for God to move according to His will in a circumstance, only to find that when the answer came you were amazed at the hidden mysteries that clothed the answer to your prayers? This is the situation that I would like to bring to your attention in this short article.

During the year 1974-1975, the Foreign Mission Board has become concerned about the work of missions in that we have received and are continuing to receive good support financially from our churches, but there is a lack of workers coming forth yielding themselves to service. Thus, on many occasions we have requested prayer concerning this matter. It had been discussed among the board members, and our prayer is that God will give the answer.

About the middle of February, we received a letter from the Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden. Inside the envelope was a letter from India. The letter was addressed to: The Pastor, Free Will Baptist Church, c/o Eureka College, Ayden, North Carolina, U. S. A. The letter was from the Rev. Fred William Paul, an Indian minister. After reading the letter, we felt obligated to write Brother Paul and ask some questions concerning the work he represented. The following questions were answered:

1. How old is your work and how many members are represented in your work?

**Answer:** Our work is as old as 1947, after graining independence of the country; but the work gained momentum in 1970. There are about half a million people who are members of our organization in the country. We have reorganized churches in rural and urban areas.

2. Are you associated with any other mission board from the U. S. A.? If so, why was there a break from that board?

**Answer:** We are not associated with any other mission board in the U. S. A. In fact, we have come in contact with you as being the first mission board abroad. So far, unfortunately we have not been able to write to other boards or missions abroad for paucity of funds, etc. Now since we have met you, we do not intend to create further contact there or anywhere else.

3. From what sources did you receive previous support? Give the approximate amount.

**Answer:** We have been getting support for the work from individual members of our organization here within the country. Since it is utterly inadequate, owing to poor income of our members, the growth of the work is greatly hindered. At the moment, the work may be carried out with the approximate amount of $7,000 in U. S. currency.

We also asked the following questions about doctrine. Doctrine of God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, justification, sanctification, eternal security, and the second coming of Christ. These were answered to the board.

After writing several letters concerning the work, the Foreign Mission Board decided to take action in the following ways:

1. The board decided to invest in a summer evangelism program that had been planned by the Indian ministers in the amount of $1,000. This money has been sent and reports of the efforts are coming in and will be shared in other articles as they are received. In brief, there are 25 volunteered young men that are working on an evangelism journey foot through the hill country of No India. Our first report in part reads follows: In the area of Haldwa Kathgodom, Bhowali, Almora, Phatg and Didihat, so far visited by these young men, they have distributed 9 Bibles, 204 full New Testaments, 1,4 Gospel portions, 697 other books a literature, 4,605 tracts, and 112 cop of the Sermon on the Mount. The W has reached over 60,000 peop (**Editor's note:** Praise God for such effort and allowing Free Will Baptists have this part in His work.)

2. The Foreign Mission Board al decided to bring the Rev. Dr. E. M. La D. D., to North Carolina to discu furture plans and involvement in Ind Dr. Lall will come to North Carolina July 23, 1975, and will be the featur speaker at the Mission Evangelis Conference on July 25, 1975, at the Fi Free Will Baptist Church of Greenvil We will say more about the Evangelis Conference in later articles.

Please pray for Dr. Lall in his travel North Carolina and his visiting of o churches while here. He will be he about three weeks and we plan for him visit as many of our churches as possib during this time.

## EASTWOOD MISSION HOMECOMING



The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Missi of Fayetteville held its first homecomi on Sunday, May 25. The mission h been progressing very well under t direction of the Rev. Alton Howard. the homecoming a picnic lunch w served on the church grounds, followe with a program of singing in the a ternoon. Visitors from other church along with those from the mother churc the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church Fayetteville, were present for t homecoming. There were also visito

rn the Victory mission of Hope Mills, West Clinton mission, and the Faith sion of Four Oaks.

## HOME MISSION BANQUET

by Taylor Hill



On May 17, a home missions banquet as held in Fayetteville. The purpose of e banquet was to give the home ission workers a chance to become etter acquainted and to have fellowship ith one another. The occasion proved to e a blessing to everyone. The banquet as conducted in a very informal anner and was very relaxing and efreshing. Every mission point with the xception of one was represented.

## NEW MISSION NEAR EDENTON

by Taylor Hill



*Left to right: The Rev. Johnnie Sexton, Bill Gurganus, and Lloyd Jones.*

A new mission (our ninth in two years) has been endorsed by the Home Missions Department. The mission is located in the Cape Colony area of the old Navel Base near Edenton. There are approximately 500 families living in this area.

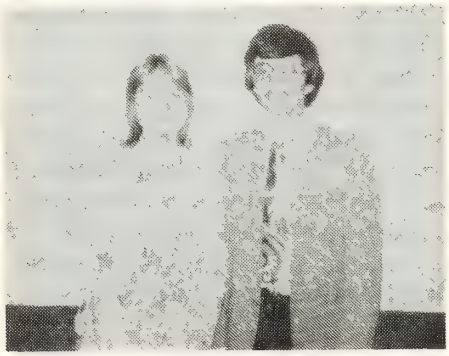
Many Free Will Baptists have looked upon this area as a spot that has been neglected by us for many years.

The brethren who met with the Home Missions Board and have undertaken the mission challenge there are the Rev. Johnnie Sexton of Union Chapel church, Bill Gurganus of Union Chapel, and Lloyd Jones of Mt. Zion church. The mission is presently meeting in the home of Mr. Luke Daniels and is located east of Edenton, on Highway 32, on the Albemarle Sound. There are no other Free Will Baptist churches in this area.

The pastor, the Rev. Johnnie Sexton, can be contacted by writing Route 1, Box 254, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962; telephone 793-2782. The brethren connected with the mission are in good standing with the Albemarle Conference.

All home mission contributions should be sent to the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305. Home mission funds are dangerously low. We have less than $2,000 on hand at the present time.

## WEDDING BELLS



The Rev. Stanley Slaughter, pastor and director of the Henderson mission, was married to Miss Debbie Ellis on June 7, in the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Mr. Slaughter, along with his wife, is still serving as pastor of the Westwood Hill mission in Henderson.

## Coming Events . . .

June 24, 25—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, East Banks, Free Will Baptist Church, East Banks, West Virginia

July 13—Homecoming and Alumni Association Meeting, 10:30 A. M., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

### THE CORNERSTONE

Joseph Ernest Renan, French historian, said, "Jesus is the cornerstone of humanity. If He were taken away, it would shake the world to its foundations."

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

## CONFERENCES BEGIN AT CRAGMONT

The first of the big youth conferences, the General Youth Conference, has just ended, and the 126 campers and twelve counselors have ridden away in three of Mr. Rouse's big buses to spread the news far and near that we had a wonderful conference, and to begin dreaming of returning next year. We had right much rain during the week, but there was little complaining. It takes a lot to dampen the spirit of Cragmonters! We enjoyed plenty of good singing and other kinds of music and joyful noises. Some of us who felt the need of sleep were inclined to think there was noise to spare on the last night, but remembering the experience of years and years of the past, we endured it with patience, because we knew that it was Cragmont.

Most likely by the time this is read our preachers from over the state will have been here, preached their preaching, enjoyed their fellowship, finished their theological arguments, and gone back to their churches with a little more faith and courage to the tasks assigned them by their Lord.

The Christian Cadet Conference, under the direction of Rod Jones, is scheduled to follow the annual meeting of the ministers, and then will come "Ma" Hansley and her AFC and YFA Conferences. We have confidence to believe that these conferences will be the same kind of glowing successes as that experienced by the General Youth Conference. Later there will be other conferences which we will tell about in later Cragmont news.

We have had two fine weekend church groups here already, and more than half the weekends for the season have been assigned to groups expected to range from forty to seventy people. It certainly looks as if 1975 is going down in history as one of the great years at our mountain retreat.

We have a wonderful staff of workers here for the season. They are among the finest of North Carolina's young people, plus our dietitian, Mrs. Daisy Tripp. We invite readers to ask anyone who has been to Cragmont so far this season

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## CHRISTIAN GROWTH IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-4; 2 Peter 1:3-11
**Memory Verse:** 2 Peter 3:18

### I. INTRODUCTION

When a contractor wants an old building torn down to make way for improvements he puts a gang of unskilled laborers to the task. Men do not need to be skilled to tear things to pieces. But when the site is cleared and the construction of the new building is begun, skilled mechanics are put to work.

This illustrates a fact in Christian growth of the individual. To tear his life to pieces his evil companions don't have to know much, nor do they have to have religion, principles, or character. But if we are to help build that life, or to build our own, we must study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed. Mere goodness is not quite enough; if we grow in Christ or help others to grow, we must acquire the Christian skills and the ways and means which enable us to reach our desired goal.

The world is changing with such a dizzy pace as to leave us numb and astounded. What was stable yesterday is shaky today. Institutions, even the schools, the home and church, are being shaken to their foundations by social, racial, economic, and governmental changes. Can a child of God grow in such a world today? What are the hindrances to it? What are the assurances of it? What is required of us to be cultivated and developed in spiritual upbuilding?—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. When we fail to grow, our own lives are blighted. This is not all, we create problems for all of these who have to live with us. Have you ever seen a home where there was an abnormal child? Then you know that the abnormality of one member of the family affects all the other members of the family.

B. The Book of 1 Corinthians was written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth to deal with certain problems that existed in that church. If you will study the book closely, you will see that all of these problems were caused by the fact that some of the Christians did not grow because they were carnal.

C. God has given us everything that we need to help us grow; therefore, if we do not grow it is not His fault. Can you think of anything that one needs to grow that God has not made available?

D. One of the great incentives for growth is the second coming of our Lord. He will come suddenly and unexpectedly; therefore, we must be ready at all times. The only way that we can be ready is to grow in the Lord.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Growing spiritually has its clear similarities to growing physically; both are gradual processes; both come as a result of well-balanced diets supplying special needs.

When growth stops, death begins. The Christian is ever drawing closer to full maturity in his faith and life, or he is regressing in carnality toward spiritual death.

The damning consequences of carnality should be very evident; but they are sometimes disguised so as to deceive the unwary among God's very elect.

Unity is of God; division is of the devil. "Divide and conquer" is no new theory; Satan invented it in Eden.

The Spirit of God resides within us as long as we allow His encouraging, rebuking, strengthening, interceding—working every good thing in us to aid our growth in Christ. —**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. "The process of growth is a remarkable thing. You can hold in your hand a tiny seed that is capable of becoming a tall plant with beautiful flowers. You hold a baby in your arms and you think of the potentials of that life as it grows and develops. There are various directions in which a person's character and personality must grow.

"Like plants and trees we must grow in depth. We must become more deeply rooted. This requires that we learn to know ourselves better, gain insight into our strengths and weaknesses, and seek to find out what must be our place in this world.

"We must also grow in an upward direction. We must always be seeking new heights for accomplishment, new goals for living, and new ideals for advancement. The Bible tells us that we must become more like the image of God as seen in Christ.

"We also need to grow in breadth, reaching out in an ever-widening circle to others. Some people live very small lives because they find it hard to make new friends, or to live with people of a different race, national background, or religion. They have a stunted social growth.

"In the process of growth we also have to outgrow some of the things that restrict us. Children outgrow their shoes or clothes. We must outgrow our childish behavior, immature reactions to life, our temper tantrums and hostilities, and our fears and anxieties. All of life must be brought under the control of the higher powers of the soul.

"Various agencies help us to grow—the home, the school, and the church. Often these agencies are not as effective as they should be. The basic responsibility for growth, however, lies within ourselves.

"I get the feeling that for some people it is very painful to grow up, for this means accepting the responsibility of facing life as adults, and it is easier to continue to be like children. Growth in one area of life—the spiritual—can be a great help in all other areas. To grow in the 'grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' gives us a sense of direction, but it is also a motivating force that will enable us to reach constantly to newer and more satisfying ways of living."—**Where Are You Growing?**

# STORIES for our youth



## HOW JACK PACIFIED A "BRUTE"

Raymond L. Cox

I WISH I'd listened to Mother, Jack Bailey mused ruefully as he dismounted from his bicycle. His hand involuntarily brushed his jaw, still smarting from the sting of a pebble from a slingshot.

"You'd be wise not to venture too far from home," his mother had warned, hardly fifteen minutes earlier. "I hear that some tough characters hang out in this neighborhood."

The Baileys had barely unpacked their belongings and temporarily arranged them in their new home when Jack proposed a bicycle ride. After coasting down the driveway, he smiled at his mother's concern. "I can take care of myself," he had muttered bravely.

But now he was not so sure!

Jack had pedaled several blocks from home when he turned down a dead-end street. His enjoyment of exploring the neighborhood came to a sudden end when he spied a fellow about his own age taking aim with a slingshot. Jack ducked too late. The pebble pelted his jaw.

Then the assailant advanced boldly toward Jack, who suppressed a temptation to run away.

"I hear you're new in the neighborhood." The attacker scowled belligerently. "It's time you find out who I am!"

"Well, who are you?" Jack chuckled nervously.

"Kids your age around here call me 'Brute' Briggs," glared the eleven-year-old, "and I can be brutal."

Jack stood in silence. The Briggs boy continued, "Yes, sir, the guys who live on this block get tougher the farther down you go, and I live in the last house!"

Jack smiled. Then he said, "Well, 'Brute,' one of these days you're going to meet someone who is tougher than you. Then what will you do?"

Briggs took a menacing step toward Jack. "Do you think you're the guy?" he demanded.

"Time will tell," Jack replied, without yielding an inch to Brigg's advance. "I'm going home now, but I'll be back! And if I want to ride down this block, I expect to do it without being ambushed again!"

"Brute" glared as Jack pedaled away.

"What happened to you, son?" Mrs. Bailey exclaimed when Jack tramped into the kitchen. "Where did you get that red bump on your chin?"

Jack explained his run-in with "Brute" Briggs. "I may be just the fellow to put him in his place!" he threatened.

"How will you do it?" his mother asked auxiously.

Jack clenched his fists and muttered, "Maybe with these."

After dinner, the Bailey family, as usual, followed their custom of family worship. But resentment surged in Jack's mind, robbing him of the benefits he had generally felt as the Scripture was read, and the family prayed in turn. He stammered through his own prayer. Then he retired to his room.

The next morning found the Baileys visiting a Sunday school in their new neighborhood. As the class continued, Jack squirmed. If this teacher knew me, I'd say he was talking right to me, he thought. The lesson concerned Christ's teachings about reacting to personal injustice. "Resentment is wrong," Mr. Nelson said. "You can't get ahead of an enemy by getting even with him. The best way is to make him your friend!"

How can I make "Brute" Briggs my **friend?** Jack wondered as he walked home from church with his family. The question echoed in his mind the rest of that day and all the next.

After school Monday, Jack rode again to the dead-end street. Sure enough, he saw Briggs. "Brute" was playing with his slingshot. This time Jack ducked the missile. It whistled harmlessly past his ear.

"I don't believe you're a brute at all," Jack exclaimed as he marched boldly up to young Briggs. "What's your real name?"

"Brute" stared at him in silence. Jack proceeded. "I said, what's your name?" He asked with authority. Young Briggs had hardly ever been addressed in such tones. "What's the matter? Aren't you talking today?" pressed Jack.

There was still silence. "Come on, speak up!" Jack blurted. "Let's be friends."

"I don't have any friends," Briggs boasted.

"Well, you could have if you wouldn't try to boss others around," Jack declared. "Let's go for a ride together and get really acquainted. Go get your bike!"

"I don't have a bike," confessed "Brute."

"Well, then, I'll let you ride mine," Jack volunteered. "Take a spin around the neighborhood. I'll wait for you at your house. You said it's the last one on the block, didn't you?"

When "Brute" returned ten minutes later, he said, "You're the first guy who ever offered to let me ride his bike! I've **made** others lend me their bicycles. But you **asked** me to use yours!"

"Why not?" Jack replied. "Sharing is fun once you get into the habit. Now I don't want to have to call you 'Brute.' Tell me your real name."

"The folks call me Randolph," the Briggs boy admitted, "but I don't like that name."

"It may be a bit stuffy," agreed Jack. "I'll call you Randy. Now how about our riding togther? You pedal. I'll climb on the paper rack over the back fender."

That night, Jack told his parents, "I made friends with 'Brute' Briggs today. Only his name is Randy. I let him ride my bike. And he's promised to consider coming to the youth party Friday night!"—Selected

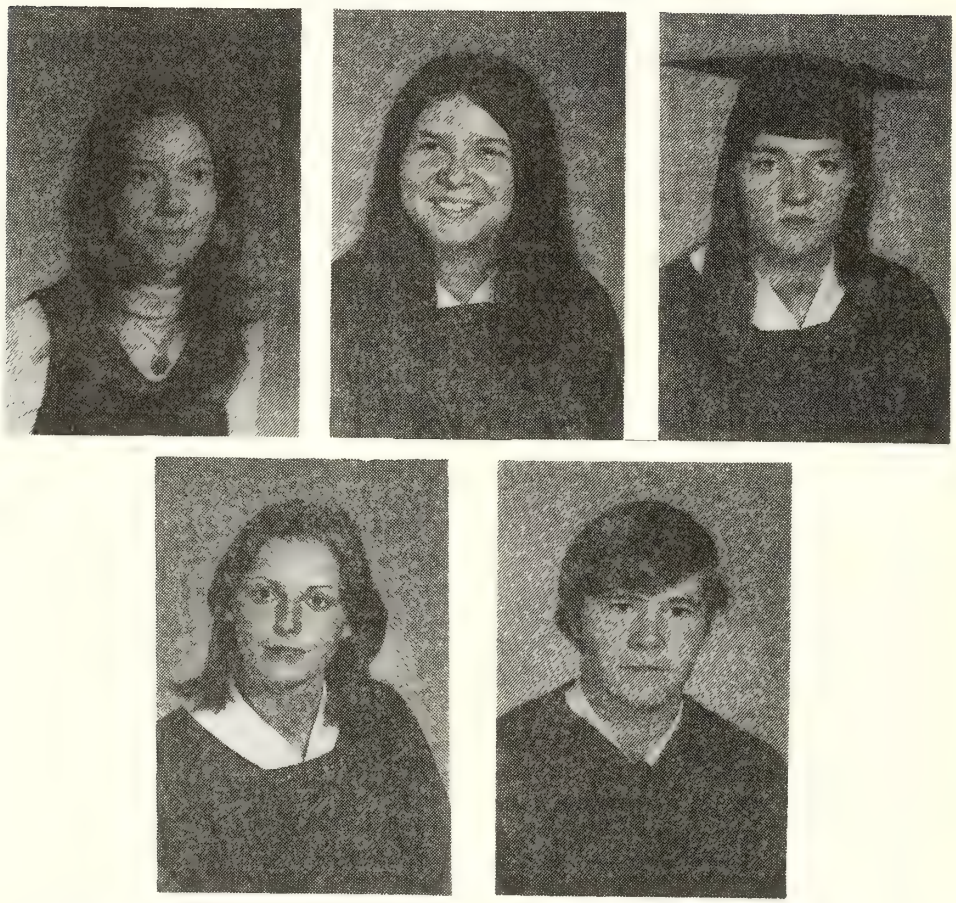
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### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



*Pictures from left to right: Judy Warren, Julia Woodard, Cindy Patterson, Brenda Weeks, and Randy Faircloth.*

Congratulations to our five seniors who graduated from Southern Nash Senior High School on June 6, 1975. Judy Warren and Brenda Weeks are going to Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, this fall. Julia Woodard plans to attend Lenoir Community College, Kinston, Cindy Patterson is going to work with the Public Office Service in Rocky Mount, and Randy Faircloth will be going to East Carolina University beginning in the fall.

We are proud of these fine young people and this important goal they have achieved. We ask you to remember them in prayer as they begin new steps in their lives.

### CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Many years ago our denomination made an important decision which was to provide a Christian home for homeless children. A few years back another decision was made, and that one was that our denomination was willing and able to provide all the funds, or nearly all the funds, necessary to operate our Children's Home. This we have done faithfully and adequately for the years 1971, 1972, 1973, and 1974; but, how about 1975? Let's take a look at the comparison on Page 15 of religious contributions and decide for ourselves:

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### POND SPONSOR NEEDED

We are searching for someone who i willing to provide the necessary mone for a fishing pond at the Home. As mos of you know, we have one pond at th Home which was dug years ago and i named the Eva Hinnant Lake. We no have a chance to dig another four acr pond in the cow pasture, but we nee $3,000 for dirt moving and to stock i with fish. Perhaps there is someone wh would like to finance this project i memory of or in honor of a loved one. I we can find a sponsor or donor for thi project, we will certainly memorialize i by placing a marble pedestal monumen at the pond site. If anyone is interested and would like further information please contact the superintendent b phone or letter.

### NOTE OF THANKS

It has been said, "A true friend is th best earthly possession of man." Afte spending several weeks of being bedridden, I heartily agree with this statement. During these weeks I have had much time to think of you and thank God that you took the time to remembe me. With each card, letter, phone call bouquet of flowers, or any other way in which I was remembered, there was a special blessing tucked in that God had for me.

With your prayers and God's marvelous healing power, I am now recovering very nicely. I returned to my flock and the pulpit on Sunday, June 1. Each day finds me a little stronger and a little more determined to do God's will.

Again, a very special thank you for your many deeds of kindness. I pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Starnes

### THE ESSENTIAL THING

**Henry Drummond said, "You can take nothing greater to the mission field than the reflection of the love of God in your own character. Real love is the universal language—understood by all. You may have every accomplishment or give your body to be burned; but, if love is lacking, all this will profit you and the cause of Christ nothing."—Selected**

## Children's Home

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| Month | 1974 | 1975 | Increase or (Decease) |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | $ 9,589.79 | $ 9,458.07 | ($ 131.72) |
| February | 8,821.55 | 7,352.73 | ( 1,468.82) |
| March | 12,372.87 | 11,940.52 | ( 432.35) |
| April | 12,288.98 | 13,859.75 | 1,570.77 |
| May | 26,270.52 | 24,804.72 | ( 1,465.80) |
| Total | $69,343.71 | $67,415.79 | ($1,927.92) |

As one can readily see, contributions from our Free Will Baptist churches have decreased over the same period last year. This should not have been and has seriously hindered our ability to provide quality care for our children or to make much needed imporvements. Everyone is personally aware that it costs more to buy food, clothing, and pay for utilities than it did a year ago, yet we received less to do it with. Also, we've been faced with paying off debts incurred in our cottage building program of 1974. These debts, coupled with the increased cost of living while receiving less money, have certainly had an effect upon our ability to successfully operate the Children's Home.

We sincerely ask each person and church to examine your record of giving and see if you can help us more. You've given us a job to do and with God providing us the wisdom and strength and with Him providing the monies through you, we'll certainly realize continued success. Remember to pray for us daily.

In His service,
Sam Weeks
Superintendent

## CRAGMONT NEWS

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about the service being rendered. We are confident that you will get a good report. Please pray that the Lord will supply our needs and keep us able to humbly boast of Cragmont and what it is able to offer our Free Will Baptist people.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard
Managers

## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of May, 1975:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance May 1, 1975 | | $13,318.44 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $ 1,131.34 | |
| Sunday Schools | 28.85 | |
| Missions | 5.00 | |
| Youth Fellowships | 25.00 | |
| Auxiliaries | 2.00 | |
| State Woman's Auxiliary | 862.24 | |
| Individuals | 25.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | 2,079.43 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 15,397.87 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Operating Expenses | $ 322.45 | |
| Burress Insurance Agency | 269.45 | |
| Plumbing Repairs | 202.88 | |
| Furniture for Workers' Lounge | 322.70 | |
| Building Materials, Paint, Miscellanous Supplies, and Equipment | 234.63 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 1,352.11 |
| Balance June 1, 1975 | | $14,045.76 |
| **Earmarked Funds** | | |
| Debt Retirement | | $ 2,016.31 |
| Renovation of Main Building | | 3,416.09 |
| Chapel Fund | | 3,231.54 |
| General Fund | | 5,381.82 |
| Total | | $14,045.76 |

## Note of Thanks

The Rev. John Gilliland left for Germany on Saturday, June 21, from the Fayetteville Municipal Airport. Mr. Gilliland has served as a minister in the Cape Fear Conference for the past three years. He is now serving in the United States Army and will be stationed in Germany for the next three years.

The Rev. Mr. Gilliland and Mrs. Gilliland wish to thank all of their friends for the many kindnesses shown them during their stay in the Fayetteville area. They ask that everyone remember them in prayer and write often. Their new military address is Sp. 6 John Gilliland, 423 68 9351, HHB 3rd BN, 17th FA, APO New York 09093.

## AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR HAL L. EDWARDS

The Ayden Bible and Bookstore is having an autograph party for the Rev. Hal L. Edwards, an ordained United Methodist minister, on Thursday, July 3, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., in the Press building.

Mr. Edwards has written a book, **The Gift of Wholeness**, which is the story of one man's search for himself and for wholeness.

Those who knew Hal as a boy growing up in Ayden will enjoy seeing him again and perhaps will identify, with Hal, the struggles as related in the book.

## FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVES

by Miss Debbie Knight

There are three aspects of the Christian life that is very important to the individual: **faith**, **hope**, and **love**. Without these three characteristics a Christian would hardly be worthwhile.

**Faith** is important in the sense that the Christian walk is entirely by faith. From the moment he accepts Christ, until the moment he leaves this earth, he has no concrete proof to hold on to other than the joy and peace of mind he has. He holds on to his belief in an unseen, but very real God, though attacked from every side by the more realistic persons who demand evidence for his beliefs.

The next important aspect which goes hand in hand with faith is **hope**. Hope has been a foundation for the Christian life throughout the years. From the time God cast Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, to the present, there has been and is hope. Now we who are living in this generation have hope for His return.

The greatest aspect of the Christian life is **love**. Love is what makes faith and hope possible. It was through an act of love that God created us. Though man has failed, God, through His Son Jesus Christ, has given man a second chance to dwell within His presence through all of eternity.

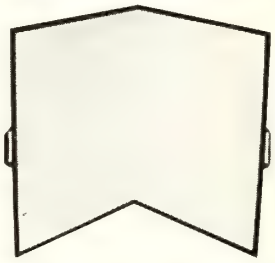
It was through love that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for our sins; and with love, He will return someday to gather all His children and carry them to their heavenly home.

So it must be with love that Christians unite themselves together to further God's kingdom on this earth.

Therefore we conclude that the individual in the Christian walk needs **faith** to accept the unseen **hope** to look and wait for the **love** to help overcome the things that are seen.

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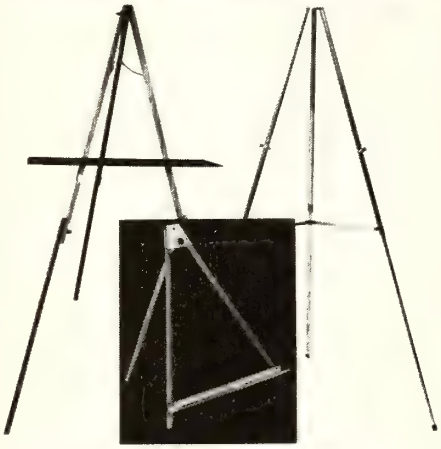

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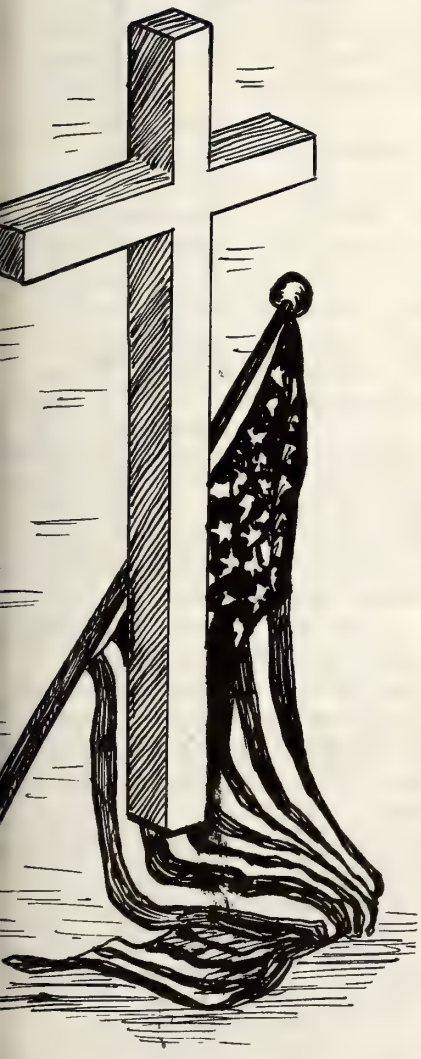


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## WHAT IF GOD WERE TO WITHHOLD HIS GRACE FROM THIS BLESSED AMERICA?





## "GOD WITHHOLD HIS GRACE FROM THEE"

This God-blessed America (and that expression is not meant sacrilegiously) has received more grace than she deserves. "From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam . . ." this America has been a home sweet home for millions who were granted the good fortune to be born within its borders of native parents. It has also become the refuge for thousands who have fled political oppression and religious persecution. Further, this land of plenty has drawn thousands of the homeless, the sick, the poor, the destitute to what they considered the answer to every problem, only to have disappointed them when they found that ours is not indeed a perfect land.

And, as a none-too-perfect land, America *has done* her "good" and "bad"—and sometimes both at the same time! She has rallied to the defense of little nations suffering under the mean whip of imperialism. She has exported foodstuffs to countries suffering in the wake of famine. She has given her resources freely in what has been termed "loans," little expecting to be repaid except in oral or written communications, which, all too often have been expressed thusly: "Thank you, but give us more lest we become your enemies." In short, America has had a bad time of it. In trying to be compassionate, generous, helpful—and the all-inclusive word "good"— she has been slapped in the face, and, more often, stabbed in the back.

In doing her "bad," America has tolerated more than she has chided. She has fanned away the smoke and has increased the flow of alcohol. Ads for liquor, wine, beer, and other intoxicants have precluded cigarette commercials, and the smoking room has become acrid with the smell of alcohol. Patriotic moments in history are flashed on TV and aired over the radio, but often these tidbits present our forefathers as villians rather than heroes. Whether they were heroes may indeed be debatable; but their motives, nonetheless were noble, and "little moments in history" should not depict so much of the bad. We certainly would not suggest dishonestly. Everything should be in the open and on the up-and-up; still, too much negativism is much to blame for the anti-Americanism expressed even by her own citizens.

Watergate nearly drowned us. For the first time in American history a president resigned while in office under the pressure of probable impeachment proceedings. High-ranking officials were caught in the web of political crime—some perjured themselves and were given prison sentences. The might of power vied with honor and won. Still, honor has a way of raising itself above derogation and disrepute. And America's honor, though tarnished, nevertheless manifests a redemption of itself in the fact that just recently we saw our form of government prosecute the great as well as the small for crimes committed. Big men suffer with little ones; and though the world has been led to believe that the big boys could do what they wanted without reprisals, the contrary was proven to be true. For this we are glad, because without honor neither a nation nor a person is anything. Even if one has nothing left but his honor he is rich indeed. *Honor cannot be taken away; it must be forfeited.*

This editor remembers, in high school declamation contests, that he would often speak for democracy—the American way. On one such occasion (and the words come to memory as though it were yesterday) we stated: "I am an American, and as such I believe that God ordained that all men be free to make their own decisions and at the same time *to be responsible for the consequences of those decisions.* . . . From out of the past echo the voices of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin. These great men of history united themselves in a forceful declaration of the rights of men. With concerted efforts they strove for a better way of life, and as a bequest for future generations they sought to make ours a land of the free, as well as a home of the brave, where individual liberty, with honor, would be the rule rather than the exception. . . ."

Something happened. The dream became a reality, but the picture faded to the extent that the "clear print" of Americanism was no longer so evident. America took God and His blessings and flaunted them before the world much as one would flash in ostentation a fortune secured overnight by whatever means available, questionable or unquestionable. Somehow the virtue of humility was clouded by pride, and genuine dignity lent itself to something quite different. . . .

What would be our reaction if His grace were withholden from us? Even with sins committed and atrocities perpetrated daily, God chooses to look upon us with favor; but, how long will this be a God-blessed America? Can you tell us?

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# Our Flag—Symbol of Freedom

by Reuben L. Musey

FOR nearly two hundred years our flag—symbol of freedom—has been a banner of hope for generation after generation of Americans. From its natal day, when it was born amid the flames of our nation's fight for freedom and independence, precious memories and dramatic moments are associated with the flag.

Betsy Ross, a flagmaker of Philadelphia, is credited by some historians with having been given the assignment to make the first flag to represent the new nation.

From that moment on, the stars and stripes, **old glory**, the nickname so proudly associated with the flag, has proved an inspiration to untold millions—a symbol of a country that has grown from a small band of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.

The silent sentinel of freedom waved over the well-won battlefields of the Revolution and over the towns, hamlets, and cities which they, the brave men, rescued from despotic rule.

Through clouds of dust and smoke has it passed! What storms of shot and shell has it heard! What scenes of fire and blood has it witnessed! Not only at Yorktown, Concord, Valley Forge, Manila, but also at Chateau Thierry, Iwo Jima, Korea, and Vietnam—it has been an inspiration for which American patriots faced the foe and many gave their lives upon the altar of freedom for humanity's cause.

Wherever the flag has gone, it has been the herald of a better day; it has been the pledge of freedom, justice, order, civilization, and Christianity. Men have followed the flag into battle with unwavering courage. Men have looked upon the stars and stripes as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men.

Brave hands proudly raised it above the eternal regions of ice in the Arctic seas. Proud men set it up on the lofty mountains of the West. On man's conquest of space—the first moon landing—after the immortal words, "one small step for man, one giant step for mankind," were spoken on the satellite of the earth, our flag was proudly placed on another planet!

The red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation; . . . The white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons. . . . The field indicates God's heaven under which the flag has flown. . . . The stars, clustered together, unify fifty states as one, for God and Country!

Tyrants only have hated it! The enemies of mankind alone would trample



it to the earth! All who sigh for the triumph of truth and righteousness love and salute it!

Just as we today experience a just pride of patriotism when we see our flag, we can only imagine the feeling and sense of patriotism a young American had when he rowed out to the British flagship to plead for the release of a prisoner friend. The date was mid-September, 1814. Baltimore lay under British siege. However, that particular moment was an inopportune time for pleading. The enemy ships were preparing to go into action for the bombardment of Fort McHenry. "Keep your eye on that flag!" stated the stern English commander to the young American as he pointed to the tattered American flag on top of Fort McHenry, exclaiming, "for you won't see it in the morning."

With straining eyes he watched it all through the night. Through ". . . the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, . . ." he watched and he prayed. Until, with the dawn's early light, his taut eyes piercing the darkness, he looked anxiously at the flag of his beloved country. ". . . O say, does that star-spangled banner still wave o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?" These words of hope came to him in the dawn. The flag was still there!

Francis Scott Key was the name of the young, brave man who penned those words that morning using the back of an envelope to record his words of praise to the emblem of his native land.

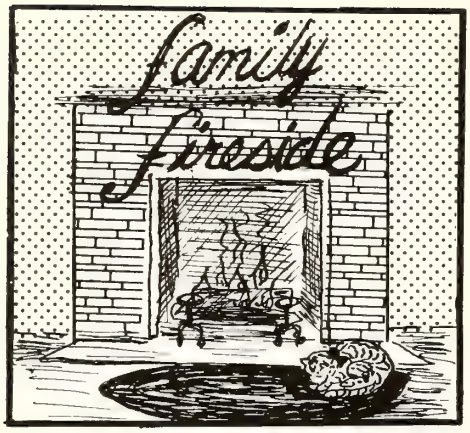
"The Star-Spangled Banner," set to music, became the war song of the nation. From the moment of its conception, the inspiring words of the poetic composition stood as the ringing watchword of the independence of the American people. In 1931, Key's masterpiece was adopted as our national anthem.

We should pause and pledge anew to rededicate ourselves to the basic principles symbolized by our flag—freedom and justice. These principles have sustained us throughout our history. They have enabled us to renew our faith when in the past our freedom and our security were threatened. They strengthened us when we faltered, gave us courage when we were afraid, united us when we were divided.

When we observed Flag Day, June 14, when we saw **old glory** displayed from homes, business establishments, and public buildings, were our hearts filled with a sense of pride, honor, and respect? May we, our children, and our children's children continue to love it, cherish it, respect it, and display it proudly! May we prize it as we should—the emblem of progress and political and religious freedom. May it inspire us to keep alight the fires of patriotism, and strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Look beyond the horizon. There is still promise in the future. Our children will know things undreamed of by us.

May we never see any enemy tear down our flag from its lofty position. In its nearly two-hundred-year history, amidst peace and war—strife and prosperity, it has been, and by the grace of God, will continue to be **Our Flag—Symbol of Freedom!**—Adapted from the Magazine of **Ruritan National**




SUNDAY, JULY 6
Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:13

HOW TO PLAY
THE GAME

We can't all play a winning game,
Someone is sure to lose,
But we can all play so that our name
No one may dare accuse.

For when the Master Referee
Scores against our name,
It won't be whether we've won or lost,
But how we played the game.
—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We know the rules; we often refuse to heed them. Rules were not made to be broken. They were made to help us obtain the fullest enjoyment out of games and life.*

MONDAY, JULY 7
Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:9

WHEN FORGIVENESS
WAS SOUGHT

A young man who had sinned against his mother became convicted after she was on her death-bed. He went to her room, knelt, and sobbed for forgiveness. With her last departing strength she drew close to him, placed her lips near his ear, and said, "My dear boy, I would have forgiven you long ago if you had only accepted it." Jesus has made atonement for the sin of the whole world, and we all would have been forgiven long ago had we accepted His pardon.—*Arnold's Commentary*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Accept Jesus' loving sacrifices and become truly sons of God. Our belief and acceptance are an absolute necessity.*

TUESDAY, JULY 8
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:13

FRIENDSHIP

The kind of friend you have been to me,
Is the type of friend I would be to thee;
Your faithful spirit, your radiant face
Has added just a touch of grace;
When trouble came and things looked drear,
'Twas then your helpfulness would cheer
Never a murmur, always a smile,
Friends like that are sure worthwhile;
So gladly a friend I would be to thee,
Yes, the kind of friend you have been to me.
—F. Sumner Ettinger

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We do not make our ways through this life alone. No one ever has been able to achieve this and no one ever will.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9
Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1

GAIN BY GIVING

Of a lake in Central Africa one writer says: "When this lake was first discovered there was no outlet, and the water was brackish. When Cameron and Stanley visited the lake it was commencing to dribble into the Lukuga, and thence into the Congo. Shortly afterward it burst the barrier and flowed out in a full stream, which it has maintained ever since. Eighteen years ago, when I first lived on the shore, the water was still slightly mineral; today, however, it is pure and wholesome. Fish abound, and afford sustenance to many of the people, as well as to innumerable birds."—P. H. Advocate

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many lives are suffering for want of an outlet. Beneficence to others reacts upon the quality and happiness of our own lives.*

THURSDAY, JULY 10
Scripture Reading—Leviticus 27:30

WOULD YOU GIVE MORE?

The story is told of a visitor in a large, wealthy New York City church. When the time came to take the offering, he reached into his wallet and selected a five dollar bill, and waited for the usher. He observed that the man taking the offering in his aisle was none other than a certain multimillionaire of nationa reputation. Wishing to make a goo impression, he exchanged the fiv dollar bill for a one hundred dolla bill, and placed it on the plate. I instead of the deacon in your churc the one who passed up and down th aisles receiving the offering was th Lord Jesus Christ himself, and th hand that passed the offering baske to you was scarred with a nailprint would it make any difference in th size of the offering you con tributed?—*King's Business*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If all of us tithed as the Maste would have us do, it would be un necessary to be concerned about ou offerings being acceptable*

FRIDAY, JULY 11
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:6

MY DAILY PRAYER

If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.

If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.

If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how.

If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can give a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part,
Lord, show me how.
—Grenville Kleiser

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let us keep our hearts and minds alert and in tune with God so that when He "shows us how" we will understand and do His will.*

SATURDAY, JULY 12
Scripture Reading—Galatians 1:3, 4

SAMPLES

A Jewish legend tells us that during the famine in Canaan Joseph ordered his officers to throw wheat and chaff upon the waters of the Nile that the people below might see that there was

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** In what way was the bodily appearance of Adam and Eve altered when they sinned? We know they were naked and ashamed after they sinned, but what of them before?

**Answer:** Having been created in the image of God would, I think, suggest they possessed some of the characteristics of God. The Bible says of Him, "Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain" (Psalm 104:1, 2); ". . . God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:26, 27).

So the glory of God evidently shone forth from the persons of Adam and Eve before they sinned. One looking upon them would behold the glory of God. Such an appearance was beheld by those who looked upon Moses' face when he descended from his position on Mount Sinai where he met with God and received the tables with the Ten Commandments. Also such was beheld by Peter, James, and John when they accompanied Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration, beholding Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Evidently the Shekinah glory was manifested from the countenances of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah; and it may have been that in which Adam and Eve were clothed, or that which eminated from them before they lost this Godlikeness in committing the first disobedience. So I think, when Adam and Eve looked at each other before they sinned they saw the glory of God or the Shekinah glory.

You know that we who are saved are not only to have a body like Christ's glorified, ressurrected body when we shall stand before Christ, but we shall be clothed in Christ's righteousness. " . . . we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Dr. Louis T. Talbot gives an interesting answer to a similar question on Page 66 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained**, as follows:

"If Genesis 2:25 is to be understood as referring to an absolute nakedness, we must have an odd idea of Adam's and Eve's knowledge, or rather, of their ignorance, at being naked and not knowing it; for according to this supposition, they were not ashamed because they knew not that they were naked; but only after they had sinned, 'the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.'

"It is an inconceivable thing that Adam and Eve should be as naked before the fall as they were afterwards, and yet be so blind as never to see this, or so ignorant as not to know it. It is unthinkable that their sight in this regard should come with their apostasy from God. Such is unreasonable.

"The meaning, therefore, of the words must be this: That although Adam and Eve had no such material garment before the fall as they had afterwards, when God clothed them with the skins of animals (Genesis 3:21); yet they had no reason for being ashamed, because they were clothed with a luminous garment that more than made up that want. The whole story of the fall is suggestive in this regard. They evidently lost something in the way of clothing because they immediately began to make themselves a covering.

"Just one word further in regard to the statement that Adam and Eve were clothed with a garment of light before the fall: Psalm 104:1, 2 reads: ' . . . O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: . . .' And Genesis 1:26, 27 says plainly: '. . . God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, . . .' Does it seem farfetched to take the Word of God literally on this matter? Only after man sinned was he afraid of God—ashamed to stand in His presence. But made in the image and likeness of God, he clothed himself 'with light as with a garment.' How beautiful and majestic must man have been when he first came from the hands of the Creator!"

## PLEASE HELP!

**Deperately needed mattress covers have been purchased for Cragmont Assembly by a much concerned person who took it upon herself to seek information as to the cost of such and the number needed. Purchased were 18 full-size zip type mattress covers at a cost of $4.49 each, totaling $80.82. Also were purchased 150 single mattress covers at a cost of $3.99 each, totaling $598.50. Shipping costs on these covers amount to $18.70. The grand total is $698.02.**

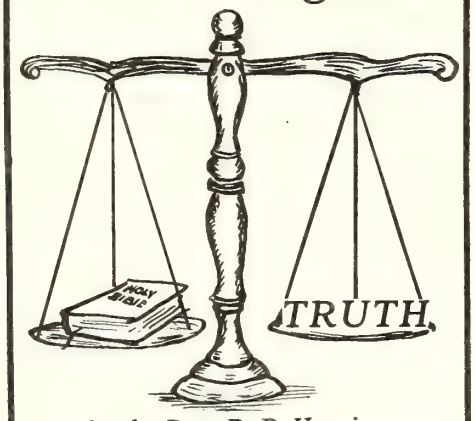
**Please, churches and individuals, help toward this project by sending your generous contributions to Mrs. Margaret Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. These covers were sorely needed as many of the mattresses were suffering damage from moisture and abuse of other kinds. Inasmuch as Cragmont and its facilities are used by all of our people at various times, the mattress covers will benefit all Free Will Baptists; therefore, everyone is urged to send your donations for this project to Mrs. Ard.**

**When the full amount has been met, Mrs. Ard will contact the people through THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, and any overage (if there should be any) will be designated for the general fund. Again, please help with your offerings for this worthwhile cause!**

## NO "BAPTIST" JULY 9

**In accordance with our policy of printing only 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" each year, there will be no issue of July 9. The next issue of the "Baptist" printed will be the issue of July 16, 1975.**

# The Unmitigated




by the Rev. R. P. Harris

Scriptural basis: ''. . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live'' (Amos 5:4).

### WE SHOULD SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS OMNIPOTENCE

God is not only **omniscience**, He is also **omnipotent**. Power is a tremendous advantage in every part of our earthly existence. Power to live, power to work, power to use people, events, and things is the ambition of every sensible person in the world. God has given power to men, angels, animals, and all of His creatures. There is one thing—**one thing**—we must remember: Jesus said, ''. . . all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth'' (Matthew 28:18). Jesus Christ who is God came to earth and bought salvation full and free for all who would seek it. When this great work was finished, heaven announced that all things had now been turned over to God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God has indeed committed all things unto Christ, our Redeemer. Now all power is His. He is **omnipotent**!

God had power to create the universe: ''In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth'' (Genesis 1:1). God made everything from nothing. He brought all things into existence by the power of His hand. Man had nothing to do with creation. Man does not now have the power to create. The animals, the angels, no one but God himself can create. Surely there is nothing new under the sun. Every thing about this earth was and is ordained of God. The devil has no power of his own. God gives him power and he cannot have more power than God allows him to have.

Not only does God have power to create, He has the power to destroy. God alone can destroy! He has all power over nature. It is He who controls the wind, the rain, and all performances of nature. He alone allows natural disasters like famines, earthquakes, destruction of things by storms of every kind, upheavals, catastrophes, and even wars. God uses these things in His own way for His very own purposes. God has absolute control of all nature—all of His creatures including man whom He created in His own likeness.

This urges me to make the following statement: All we have and all we are belong unto God. It's about time for man to learn that all he is or ever can hope to be rest completely and altogether in the power of God. Since this is true, and it is, we should plan all our hours, days, and years in doing exactly everything God wants us to do.

''I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee'' (Job 42:2). God has the power to do everything. Knowing this to be true, I am convinced that man, every man, should resolve to live unto God at all times. We should do all our work as if it were for God. We should plan all our social and recreational activities in doing the will of God. We should eat, drink, sing, play, and work to the glory of God at all times. All our desires, longings, passions, and ambitions should fit into a pattern designed to praise, honor, and glorify Almighty God! We should be ashamed of ourselves if we ever discover that what we are doing or what we plan to do in the future is done, or is about to be done, in a selfish and ungodly manner. Praise God, He is the Lord! He is the Lord of all or He is not Lord at all.

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### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

(Genesis 1:31)

by Taylor Hill

I suppose the thing I want most of all in this world is to be happy all the time. However, it seems that the ingredient for continuous happiness is overlooked by most people throughout the world. I have come to the place that I believe happiness and beauty are closely woven together. It seems obvious to me that the most cheerful people I meet are those who have a keen sense and appreciation for all the beautiful things around them, whether they are made by the hands of man or the hands of God.

Some people seem never to cease to be amazed at the beautiful world in which they live and are always so very quick to be complimentary. I am persuaded that some of my happiest moments have been when I have been able to blot out all the ugliness from my mind and concentrate soley upon all the beautiful things around me; but I must admit I have to look for them. I never have to look very far; in fact, I can usually see something beautiful and fascinating without even moving from where I'm sitting or standing. It might be found in a small potted plant, a bird perched on a bush outside the window, or the picture of a loved one hanging on the wall.

There are many other forms of beauty also; such as, the sound of music, the beautiful white clouds against the dark blue sky, the stars at night, and the smile of a compassionate and understanding friend. When beauty captures our attention, even for a moment, it seems never to fail to create a twinkle in the eye and a distinguishable expression of pleasure and approval upon our faces, even during moments of pain.

The more I look for beauty, the more I find it. There is something else that I have observed: it seems to me that beauty in its fullest sense must be spoken as well as seen. The spoken word seems to bring it to life. A person might be driving by some beautiful scenery and never notice it unless someone else brings it to their attention.

I have overlooked many beautiful things during my life time until someone else brought them to my attention; so, when we look upon beauty, it always seems to stimulate our sense of joy and happiness.

I am persuaded that God is beautiful in that there is beauty in everything that He has made. Once we have become keenly aware of the beauty of life and learn to express our appreciation for it, then I believe we will find ourselves joining hands with God in doing our part in helping others to find the beauty of living.

I sincerely believe and am persuaded that the people who hate ugliness and do these things along with turning to Jesus Christ for their soul's salvation, are the happiest people in all the world and also helps to make the world a more beautiful place in which to live.

# THANKS,

# MOUNT ZION'S LADIES QUARTET

# AND JUNIOR CHOIR

by
The Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor

OCTOBER of this year (1975) will make thirteen years that I have pastored the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Roper. I am proud to say that in this church we have some real dedicated Christians—the young as well as the old. These dedicated Christians are faithful and dependable. You expect to see them at all the church services. Yes, they are to be commended for their work for the Lord!



*Ladies Quartet*

I want to thank God for the Ladies Quartet of the Mount Zion church. These four ladies are very loyal in their support to our services and they have supported me and the services in every way possible. Whenever I call on them to sing for God's glory, they are always ready. They sing at all our services; such as, morning worship, evening worship, Wednesday night's prayer services, and all special occasions. Due to a lot of practice, they have a wide range of songs and do not have to sing the same songs over and over again.

This quartet sings at our revivals as well as revivals at other churches. They are often invited to sing at singspirations. The Woodmen of the World, of which I am a member, had this group of ladies to sing at its district meeting this spring at the Ahoskie High School. These ladies have also supported me in my radio ministry.

Yes, I am very proud of these fine ladies and they need more praise than I have mentioned. However, God will reward them for their faithfulness.



*Junior Choir*

In our praise we cannot overlook our Junior Choir. This group of young people is very faithful in attendance of all the church services. They sing for us every Sunday night, as well as sing for our revival services. This fine young choir has within its midst two quartets and a sextet of girls. This Junior Choir also plays a great part in our midweek prayer services with their singing, testimonies, and reading God's Word for our devotions. They all get a pleasure out of singing for God's glory. Truly, they are all worthy of our praise!

Again I say thanks to our wonderful Saviour for all these fine Christians who get a great joy out of serving the Lord and His church.

## QUESTIONABLE "MASSAGE" PARLORS

Communities that want to get rid of questionable "massage" parlors which are commonly known as a front for prostitution and other deviant sexual practices now have a green light.

The city of Fayetteville recently enacted a local ordinance which provides the legal weapon necessary. This ordinance was upheld by state courts, including the North Carolina Supreme Court, and was finally appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which wouldn't hear the case. The high court's decision not to rule on the matter let the ordinance stand.

The provision in the ordinance that provides the necessary clout is the **restriction from giving a massage to a person of the opposite sex** (unless by a written order of a physician).

What is the best way to get this ordinance enacted in your community? Procedures followed by counties such as Rowan and Cleveland, and cities such as Shelby, that have already enacted a version of the Fayetteville ordinance, can provide helpful guidance.

Have a small delegation of interdenominational church leaders (three or four) to contact the chairman of the county commissioners or the city mayor. Express your concern and offer to assist the elected officials in the route that is necessary to have the ordinance enacted. Provided copies of the Fayetteville ordanance that are available from the North Carolina Christian Action League, P. O. Box 2126, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

The commissioners or the mayor may want you to circulate a petition among the churches or the pastors. They may just be waiting for some concerned churchmen to make the initial contact. This was the case in Rowan and Cleveland Counties. Most commissioners have already discussed this issue because these all-girl staffed massage parlors have been well advertised in practically every community across the state. Most of the elected officials have already had complaints from concerned citizens and law enforcement officers.

If elected officials in an area like Fayetteville wanted something done, the climate will be favorable practically everywhere else in our state. However, someone must carry the ball, and if church people are not concerned about "houses of prostitution" operating in their front yards, why should anyone else? They will not disappear overnight. While we have the legal weapon and the support of the courts, let's use them to protect the general health, safety, welfare, and morals of our communities.

What do you do if you encounter opposition from the elected officials? This may make it necessary to have a public hearing, and usually there will be some sympathetic member of the elected board who can arrange for the public to express its wishes. However, it will be necessary to pack the meeting place with concerned citizens so the message will get across that you really mean business.

Really applicable to this area of concern is Edmund Burke's statement: "All that is necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing."

COY C. PRIVETTE, **PRESIDENT**
**N. C. CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE, INC.**

## CORRECTION PLEASE!

In our report of the "May Contributions" to the Children's Home at Middlesex we made an oversight of two of our churches. They were as follows: Pleasant Hill, Western Conference, $190; and Mount Zion (Wilson County), Western Conference, $20. We apologize for this error.

Sincerely,
Sam Weeks, Superintendent

## LOST AND FOUND

A set of four keys, one a Ford car key, was found at Eagles Nest Retreat Center Saturday, June 7. If you are the owner of the keys, or know of someone who might be the owner, please contact Jeff Daughtry, 104 Strickland Drive, Smithfield, North Carolina 27557; telephone 934-8946.

## CLOSED JULY 4

**The Ayden Bible and Bookstore and the printing department at 811 North Lee Street, Ayden, along with the branch stores at Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The bookstores will reopen Saturday, July 5, at the usual hour.**

## OUR PASTOR AND HIS WIFE

(The following poem was written by Mrs. W. F. Brown in honor of her pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Harrison Jr. Mr. Harrison resigned the pastorate of the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church of Selma, June 24, 1975.)

If I could live to see the time
When my hands could pen a rhyme,
There's many things I'd like to say
About the Reverend and Mrs. Ray.

No matter how dark and dreary the night,
To them God always gave the light
To heed the call of someone in need,
As off they went in rapid speed.

Around the bedside they would stay
Until they had time to kneel and pray.
No matter the distance or the weather,
These two were there to serve together.

It would be hard to name a comparison
To the Reverend and Mrs. Harrison.
To the church that called him for pastor,
I'd say, "You have a man who loves the Master."

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note the change of address for the Rev. Robert L. Rollins from Route 2, Box 407, Wilson, to Route 2, Box 317, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572; telephone 298-3936. All future correspondence should be to his new address.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Business Meeting for Cape Fear Youth Officers and Sponsors**

A business meeting has been called for all the youth officers and sponsors of the Cape Fear District. The meeting is to be held Sunday, July 13, at 3 p. m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. All officers and sponsors are urged to be present.

## MY MOTHER

On July 4, 1974, my mother left me here;
I guess I will never forget that day or that year.
All my life, she was always there
When I needed her, for she showed me that she cared.
It was a hard life my mother lived,
But she taught us five kids the proper way—our love to give
To all those around us.

As I look back now, I seem to see
Her, as she had us all around her, and one child on her knee,
She would read to us from God's Holy Word
And pray, asking God for our needs. He heard,
And somehow, they were always met.

While growing up—we were always told
That we must trust God, forever, even when we grew old.
She took us to church on each Lord's Day,
And we grew up thinking this was the only way—
To observe Sunday—our dear Lord's Day.

As the years crept by, Mother's health got real bad;
Oh, how it made us all so sad!
She was an invalid for over six years—
But we never complained as we waited on her, sometimes through tears;
For we could not do enough for this precious mother
Who had taught us the right way to live with each other.

But, finally, God saw fit to call her home
And we knew it to be best, although I felt so all alone.
With Jesus—and also with me—as I strive
To live the way she taught me.

(The above poem was written by Mrs. Hazel Casey of Goldsboro in memory of her mother, Mrs. Clyde D. Whitley, who passed away on July 4, 1974.)

## DISCOVERIES

by
Ruth Langley Newsome

I discovered a mountain pool
So clear, fresh, and clean;
And a crooked path
By a little stream.

I discovered violets blue
By a water fall,
And a lady's slipper
By a mossy wall.

I discovered the ocean
With its mighty roar,
And the tiny pebbles
On the sandy shore.

I discovered music
The little birdies sing;
The joys of a sunrise
And a bubbling spring.

Then one day I discovered
Jesus paid it all for me,
When He died the cruel death
On the Cross at Calvary.

## MRS. C. B. HANSLEY HONORED

by Mrs. Woodrow McCoy

The Woman's Auxiliary of Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, honored our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. B. Hansley, with a going-away seafood dinner, Tuesday evening, June 17, at Holton's Restaurant in Bridgeton. Just before the meal, the auxiliary presented to Mrs. Hansley a book, "Leaves of Gold." Each member of the auxiliary had autographed the book with words of appreciation to Mrs. Hansley who was president of the auxiliary.

In receiving the gift, Mrs. Hansley remarked: "The cover of the 'Leaves of Gold' could be made of most anything, but it takes the leaves to make the book complete, just as it takes the members working together with the president to make an auxiliary."

We all had an enjoyable evening with the following in attendance: Mrs. Jennifer McCoy, Mrs. Gail Wilson, Mrs. Jackie McCoy, Mrs. Nellie Hawkins, Mrs. Lillian Heath, Miss Rebecca Heath, Mrs. Theo Heath, Mrs. Estelle Johnson, Miss Jimmy Hawkins, Mrs. Myrtle Mae McCoy, Mrs. Mildred Hansley, Mrs. Jeanette Avery, Mrs. Catherine Wood, and Mrs. Edith McCoy.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow, former missionaries to Rhodesia, who are now living at 3909 Swiss Avenue, Box 316, Dallas, Texas 75204, announce the birth of a son, Jared Randall, on Tuesday, June 17, 1975, weighing in at eight pounds and 10 ounces.

Mr. Barrow, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barrow of the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, is a seminary student at the Dallas Theological Seminary. Mother and son are doing fine.

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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plenty above. God puts upon the river of life some of the wheat from the heavenly fields in order that we, having a taste of it, may desire more, and seek things that are above.—A. C. Dixon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The glories of God are displayed all about us. With reverent love and fervent endeavors, we shall become heirs to all God's splendors.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

*Editor's Note:* Due to our policy of printing only 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" each year, there will be no "Baptist" for next week and thus no Family Fireside. Please use other inspirational readings to continue your family devotions.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Carol B. Hansley announces a change of address from P. O. Box 125, Cove City, to Route 1, Box 611-B, Newport, North Carolina 28570. All future correspondences to Mr. Hansley should be to his new address.

### AGE

I venerate old age; and I love not the man who can look without emotion upon the sunset of life, when the dusk of evening begins to gather over the watery eye, and the shadows of twilight grow broader and deeper upon the understanding.—Longfellow

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## GOD WORKS WONDERFULLY

by Pramod March

Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel, with the promise that He would always be with them. Jesus chose twelve men (disciples) and prepared them to preach, teach, and heal. His earthly ministry was one of the teaching, preaching, healing, and meeting spiritual and physical needs of the weak and the poor. This being the burden of the Rev. William S. Paul, minister and chartered priest of the Indian National Church of North India, and the Rev. Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall D. D., general secretary of the National Christian Association of India and the effective member of the Executive Board of the All India Federation of National Churches in India, they were striving for the growth of the church in India after Independence, more effectively since 1960, having been greatly inspired with the meeting of the late His Eminence, Mar Athanasius Joel S. Williams, Archbishop and Primate of India. Dr. Lall was successful in calling for an All India Conference of National Christians at Bareilly in November, 1972, the first of its kind after Independence, discussing therein ways and means for the upliftment of God's work on the soil of our birth called India. They lay more emphasis on evangelism being the life and breath of the church.

Closely related to the mission task of the church is the evangelistic responsibility of everyone who calls himself a Christian—a follower of Jesus Christ. They at times felt disappointed for "the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." The economic set back in their plans was also responsible to a great extent that they could not do as they really desired and planned. However, they never ceased hope and lost their faith but upheld them as high as to the throne of grace, and consequently their prayers were heard.

As God works wonderfully, they came in contact with Brother Joseph H. Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Missions of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, who is a great devotee of God for His concern. He appeared to be a person of great conviction and vision of whose help and guidance was lacking here. The sympathetic attitude adopted by the honorable members of the Board of Missions seemed to be fulfilling the promise of God made to us in prayers, which indeed has a great strength, thrusted into the harvest field of our country the true laborers so that everyone knows that forgiveness of sins and eternal life is freely available through God's Son—Jesus Christ.

### I. Church's Involvement in the World

As in Genesis 1:26-36; St. Luke 12:49-57, the church is shaped in and out of the realistics of human historicity and sociality. Therefore, the church is not some ideal community existing in any abstraction from the affairs of man. The time has come to allow the church to shape around the needs of the world. The church is a foretaste of God's kingdom. It is a part of Christ's work in the world. The church cannot be in Christ without being in the world. She, in her visible form, exists in the world, with the world, and for the world. The ministry of the servant-church is servanthood within the world. Hence the church will meet Christ only when she moves out of her own confines to serve Him on the altar of human needs.

### II. State of the Church in India

The Christians are only a tiny minority in India; namely, about 14 million out of the 600 million people. They are divided into dozens of large and small denominations. Most of them live in villages as our church, like the country, is predominantly rural. More than fifty percent of our people live in villages where life continues to be unchanged and where economic backwardness is still a potent, influencing factor on the growth of the church. Usually one ill equipped preacher looks after several villages. He has to walk long distances to reach his congregations. The result is that regular Sunday worship services, weekly services, Sunday schools, and even other Christian activities for our poor village people in most parts of the country are very difficult. The Christian community in India is fellow sharer in the dispossessed and powerless. They are not very well organized, under well-defined structures. They need a good organization of Christ under a proper structure and discipline.

### III. Evangelism

Evangelism is the life breath of the church. A witnessing church is a living church. However, for lack of resources the task remains very far from satisfactory. When the religious sect of Jehovah Witnesses today boast of 90 percent evangelism through its members and the Mormons have more than 20,000 young men on the field, the lagging behind of other Protestant church denominations in this respect is definitely questionable. We are proud that our land is wide open and free for Christian evangelism while there are hundreds of countries closed for the task. In case we get inspiration and material resources under the banner of the Free Will Baptists, we shall do wonders so pleasing to God. We undertake to evangelize the remaining 586 million people of our great land of India.

### IV. Present Activities and Summer Programme

The summer programme is meant to reach the Word of God in Utter Pradesh. Christians make only 2.60 percent of India's total population and where only 0.15 percent of the people in Utter Pradesh call themselves Christians. And up in the hill districts only 0.01 percent are Christian. Utter Pradesh occupies only nine percent of India's total area and yet has more people (ninety million) than any European or African nation (excluding USSR). Even though it is one of the poorer states, annual per capita income was Rs:504.00, it has nevertheless produced all three of India's Prime Ministers. Hinduism, the religion

f 84 percent of the population, has articularly deep roots in U. P. The acred river, Ganges, and the various ilgrimage centers attract devotees from he length and breadth of the nation. The reat epics, the Ramayana, and the Mahabharatha seem to have been inpired by the U. P. Islam, with an stimated 14 million followers within U. ., is also stronger there than in most ther Indian states. Lord Budha preached his first sermon in U. P. and aid the foundation of his order. Mahavira, the founder of Jainism, passed away in U. P.

With the kind help of the Board of Missions initiated on the efforts of Brother Ingram, the summer evangelistic compaign got into full swing from the beginning of June. The motto of the compaign is "To Be with Him" and to be sent out (see Mark 3:14). One of our objectives is to where the churches are! Other objectives include promoting existing church programmes and to provide intensive, personal training in Bible study, prayer, and personal witnessing. It also promotes the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospel portions, tracts, and other religious books. Open air meetings, under tents, are being organized at different places by the 25 young men who have offered themselves for assisting the pastors.

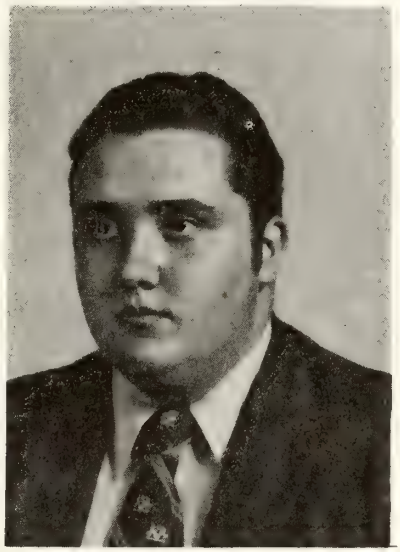
June is the hottest month in India which tolls many lives by sun and heat strokes, which is mostly a holiday month for Indians and is considered to be the fittest month for evangelistic compaigns! The Bible says, ". . . we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9), and we need not doubt.

What we need is your prayer. Pray for us—not that we might be strong—but that we might be weak enough to know His strength.

**V. Be Prepared**

We, children of God, seek fellowship with one another for we know that it strengthens us. When we are **one** with each other, the Word of Jesus is fulfilled upon us: ". . . where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Let us always remember this when we gather in the house of God; for here the Lord wants to speak to us through the mouth of His messengers. The mystery of the church of Christ is that it is always given the right word from the throne of God through the Spirit of truth. No child of God has ever entered the house of God in vain, if he was filled with a sincere longing for salvation and help. Every soul baptized with the Spirit must be aware of this. Only then will he be able to resist the temptations of our time.

## AL MARKUSON RESIGNS MISSION



The Rev. Al Markuson has resigned his position as pastor-director of Victory Free Will Baptist Mission at Hope Mills, to join the well-known Swordsmen Evangelistic Gospel Singers. Brother Al will do the preaching. The Swordsmen travel throughout the United States preaching and singing and usually stay booked up for several months ahead.

Brother Al does not consider himself to be leaving the Free Will Baptist, in fact his membership will remain at Victory mission.

Any minister who is interested in serving the Victory mission should contact Taylor Hill or anyone of the other Home Missions Board members: Noah Brown, Grayson Spencer, Ray Wells, or Jack Mayo.

## WEST HILLSBOROUGH OFFERS THANKS

The Rev. Grayson Spencer reports that the West Hillsborough Free Will Baptist Mission work is still very encouraging. The mission members send a note of sincere appreciation for what we are doing for them. They sent along a check for home missions in the amount of $100.

## VICTORY MISSION BUYS PROPERTY



*Bill Hill, Charles Reep, Al Markuson, and Floyd Ellis*

The Victory Free Will Baptist Mission at Hope Mills has negotiated for a building site. A loan was arranged through the Church Finance Association, Inc., by the Home Missions Department and members of the mission. They expect to have the loan paid off and in a building program within one year.

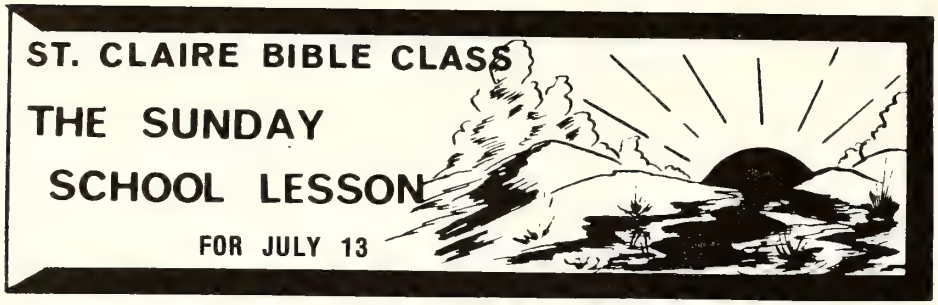
## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. James Warren announces that he is available for part-time or full-time pastoral services. He is a member of the Eastern Conference in good standing. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; telephone 527-1648.

Mr. Warren also states that he is available for revival services.

The Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, is seeking a pastor for full-time services. Any minister interested in serving this church contact Mr. Robert C. Phelps, Route 2, Box 158-B, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; or telephone after 6 p. m., 797-4336. Until a full-time pastor can be secured, any minister interested in supplying for this church may also contact Mr. Phelps.




## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MATURITY?

**Lesson Text:** Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 John 3:1-3

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 4:15

### I. INTRODUCTION

No one desires to remain as a babe throughout life, but all are anxious to reach maturity. The reason why we thus strive for maturity is that each of us quickly recognizes that adulthood offers many more opportunities for accomplishment than do the years preceding it. It is also common knowledge that the adult is better qualified to cope with the problems of life than is the immature person.

It is only natural that believers should also strive for this maturity. It not only offers them better opportunities of rendering valuable service, but it also gives them the assurance that they are better qualified to serve. Another incentive to Christian growth is the fact that the scale of growth is not limited as it is in the physical realm. The Christian can continue to advance toward that perfection which is found in his Lord.

The setting for today's lesson is the city of Ephesus and the Christian church located there about the middle of the first century B. C., and the city of Philippi in Macedonia at about the same period.

The purpose of today's lesson is to encourage our Christian growth by informing us of the worthiness of the goal which we seek.—**The Teenage Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Every child of God has a desire to grow, to become more and more like the Master. If you do not have this desire, there is something radically wrong with your Christian experience. Do you really want to grow as a Christian?

B. God has given special gifts to the church to help it grow. There are other gifts that God gives to individuals to better enable them to serve Him as they ought, but these gifts were given to the church that it might grow and become the kind of corporate organization that God wants it to become.

C. The immediate goal of growth is that we may become more mature. Paul realized this when he spoke about reaching forth toward perfection. But he also realized that we can never completely attain it here in this world. We are to keep growing and maturing as Christians as long as we live.

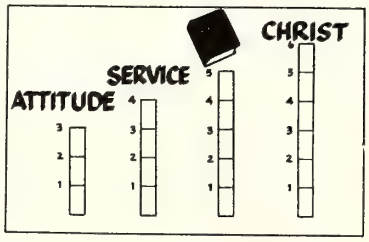
D. The ultimate goal of Christian growth is that we become like our Master. Even though we cannot attain it completely in this world, we will attain it when the Lord comes because we are given the promise that we will be like Him. Then we will be able to glorify the Lord perfectly.

E. The question that should concern each one of us as we study these lessons on Christian growth is this: Am I growing as I should? Am I becoming a little more like the Master each day of my life?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Somewhere in the home where you grew up there may be a series of marks like these on a wall or in back of a door. They indicate your growth, in height, from a young child to an adult. The feet and inches of the yardstick are carefully marked off as a guide for measurement.




Most of the responsibility for the "grown-up" adult's spiritual growth is left to himself. No one is going to mark his progress on a chart, unless he does it himself. It's up to each of us to make our own marks, our own inventory of our growth as Christians.

Our **attitude** is one measuring device of our Christian growth. Answers to such questions as these indicate whether we are growing as Christians: How often do we put Christ's work before something else that we want to do? Can we sacrifice gladly to help His work? Do "others" occupy a greater part of our time than ourselves?

Christian **service** is another indication of Christian growth. Is this something that increases daily and yearly? Do we try to see how much we can do for Christ, instead of how little?

The **Bible** provides advice and rules by which a Christian lives. We can measure our own lives against the word-pictures of Christian conduct and attitudes given by inspired writers.

The life of **Christ** gives us a perfect ideal, next to which we can stand our own attempts to be like Him. How well do we succeed? Where do we fail?

Only by analyzing and correcting our failures in all these points can we continue to grow as Christians. —**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. God never places us in any position where we cannot grow. When we are not sending branches upward we may be sending roots downward. When everything seems failure we may be making the best kind of progress.—E. Prentiss as quoted in **Three Thousand Illustrations for Christian Service**

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**FOR JULY 20**

## WHEN THE GOING IS HARD

**Lesson Text:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16

**Memory Verse:** Philippians 4:13

### I. INTRODUCTION

No congregation caused Paul greater hardship and emotional concern than did the church at Corinth. Situated on a narrow peninsula between ancient Greece and Sparta, Corinth was a thriving, commercial city of about 300,000 at the time Paul organized a church there. It was a rank, sinful, pagan city and filled with evil of every description. Much of this evil crept into the church and was a source of grievous agitation to the apostle as well as to the devout followers of Christ there.

It was hard going for the earnest, dedicated Christians in the Corinthian church. It was equally hard for Paul, as he saw their anguish of spirit upon the

occasions of his visits there. We are sure many of them wanted a good church and wanted to honor their Lord, but when unsaved men come into the church and leave their blight upon it all must suffer together.

But the going was not too hard for God. Paul and his friends knew that there was a source of power far greater than that of evil. So must we know that, if we are to manifest faith in the supremacy of God's power over that of Satan's. Most of the trouble churches suffer does not come from without, but usually from within. Too often the wounds inflicted by unregenerated church members remain to leave their scars for years to come. The question our lesson asks today is, What can we do when the going is hard?—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

**II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. Growth seems to be the law of life. When a person stops growing, he stops living. This is as true in the spiritual realm as it is in the physical realm.

B. Paul came to Corinth with a determination to preach the gospel of Christ. He did this because he realized that the gospel was the only thing that would save men from their sins. There is a power in the preaching of the Cross that man cannot reckon with.

C. God is interested in our bodies because He wants us to let the Holy Spirit reproduce the life of Christ in our mortal bodies. God gets glory out of our lives if we live in our mortal bodies as He wants us to live. A good question for each one is this: Am I living the Christian life in such a way as to bring glory and honor to God?

D. Some of us seem to have the idea that God is not interested in our bodies. We seem to think that He just wants to save our souls for eternity. He does, but He also wants to give us victory in our bodies so that we can live for Him in this world in such a manner that He will be glorified.

E. As we grow older our bodies deteriorate, but our spirits may be renewed in the Lord. Physically we will grow old and deteriorate, but spiritually we do not have to do so.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

**II. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A. It was evident to Paul that the Lord was with him, not only to protect him as he went about his ministry, but especially to provide resources adequate to the situation. He had complete confidence in his message, that it was a divine revelation of vital truth that men could not learn in any other way. The central fact of it—that the Son of God was crucified for men's sins and that He had arisen from the dead—was a climactic expression of the love and the justice of God. As such, it was the power of God, sufficient to remake the lives of believers.

The church still has that power inherent in its message. As long as the church maintains its confidence in the Word and proclaims it faithfully, there will be no reason for it to be despondent or become weary in well-doing.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Liquor poses a serious threat to our national strength today. If we are to overcome this threat, we must as individuals resist the pressures that are concentrated to thrust alcoholic beverages upon us. The late Senator Richard L. Neuberger once remarked about these pressures: "I am never called upon to explain why I don't eat oysters or calf's liver or Swiss kale. I don't have to give an account of why I never go hunting or play polo. But whenever I turn down a martini or whiskey sour, the host is likely to ask sympathetically, 'Ulcers?' And if I shake my head and say, 'Never touch the stuff,' explanations are immediately and persistently demanded." Yet the Senator went on to say that whenever he asked for a limeade or tomato juice instead of a highball, invariably others would change their orders to soft drinks also.

We could use a few more letters like this which are set to resist these social pressures.—**Light for Living**

## Coming Events . . .

July 13—Homecoming and Alumni Association Meeting, 10:30 A. M., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina

July 25—Mission Evangelism Conference, First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

**DEATH**

by Debbie Kight

(Written While in High School)

As a certain poem goes:

"Death be not proud,
For thou art not so;
For those whom thou thinkest.
Thou dost overthrow.
Die not poor death,
Nor yet canst thou kill me."

But what is death? Everyone seems to be afraid of dying. They would rather stay in this wicked world than to be taken out of it.

But truly there are those of us which death has no power over. To these people death is like a small chick coming out of his shell into a new world before him. After he has cracked his way through his once secure home, he walks off and leaves it behind for a more comfortable home.

Death to these people is just the same. When the hour comes for them to die, their souls and beings leave their shell of a body and go to their new, more comfortable home: These people do not die, they just begin to live through all eternity.

Who are these people? These people are God's children—the ones who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Master of their bodies, souls, and spirits.

Of course, we all want to live. This is just our human nature. But these people should have no fear of dying. For what can this death bring? Peace, life, and happiness.

However, there are others in this world who should be afraid of dying. Death will bring to them eternal torment. Their souls will leave their bodies also; but for them it would not be a relief to die, but a torture. These people are the ones who have rejected Jesus Christ all of their lives and refuse to follow Him. Just for a few years of what they call pleasure, they will end up spending eternity in hell.

Does death have any power over you? How will you spend eternity—in happiness and peace or in torment?

# JERRY LEARNS TO BE PROMPT

by
Raymond L. Cox

JERRY GREEN and his neighbors were playing soldiers in his back yard. The battle was going satisfactorily for "General" Jerry until his mother appeared at the backdoor and summoned, "Jerry, please bring in a load of wood for the fireplace."

"O. K., Mom," the boy answered cheerily. "I'll do it in a minute."

But Jerry's minute dragged into ten. Mrs. Green called again, and again her son consented.

After a third summons failed to get Jerry away from his play, Mrs. Green herself fetched the firewood. As Jerry saw his mother struggling up the stairs with a large load, he left the gang and dashed to help. "I'm sorry, Mother," he apologized, holding open the door. "I would have come in just a few minutes."

"By then the fire would have been out, and we'd have had to chop some kindling," Mrs. Green remarked.

"Well, I guess you don't need me any more," Jerry said. "I'll get back to the gang."

When Jerry appeared for lunch, His mother said, "Hurry and get washed, Son." Again Jerry was sluggish in obeying. Mrs. Green had to prod him several times before he applied the soap and water. After the meal, his mother said, "Jerry, I think we should have a little talk."

"O. K., Mom," he agreed good-naturedly. "What about?"

"About obedience," Mrs. Green replied.

"Oh," answered Jerry, his face assuming a more serious look.

"Did you ever hear of General Lee?" the parent asked.

"General Robert E. Lee?" the boy replied. "Of course I have. He led the Southern armies during the Civil War."

"And did you ever hear of Stonewall Jackson?" his mother continued.

"You know I've studied about soldiers, Mother," Jerry answered. "Jackson was another Southern general."

"Well," Mrs. Green proceeded, "the other day I was reading a true story about those two men. It seems that General Lee once sent a message to General Jackson, stating that he wanted to talk with Stonewall, at his convenience, about some matters which were not very important."

"Yes," Jerry drawled.

"How long do you think General Jackson waited before he went to see his commander in chief?" demanded the parent.

"Well, he probably went when he found time," Jerry guessed. "After all, General Lee told him the matters were not urgent."

"But Stonewall Jackson, as soon as he heard the message, jumped on his horse and rode to Lee's headquarters."

"He did?" asked Jerry in surprise. "Why?"

"That's just what General Lee asked Jackson," Mrs. Green smiled. "The commander in chief called attention to the stormy weather through which his general had ridden and stated that he hadn't expected Jackson so soon, as he'd made clear in his summons that there need be no hurry."

"What did General Jackson answer?" Jerry inquired with interest.

"Jackson said," Mrs. Green told her son, "that General Lee's slightest wish was a supreme command for him. Then he added, 'I always take pleasure in prompt obedience!' "

"Maybe that helped make Stonewall Jackson a great soldier," commented Jerry.

"Do you understand what I'm driving at, Son?" Mrs. Green then asked her boy.

A sheepish grin curled across Jerry's face. "I get the message, Mom. If I'm going to amount to anything, I ought to obey promptly!"

Mrs. Green patted her son on the head and asked, "Do you think you can do it?"

"It won't be easy," confessed Jerry "but I can try."

"Do you think it's important?" pressed his mother.

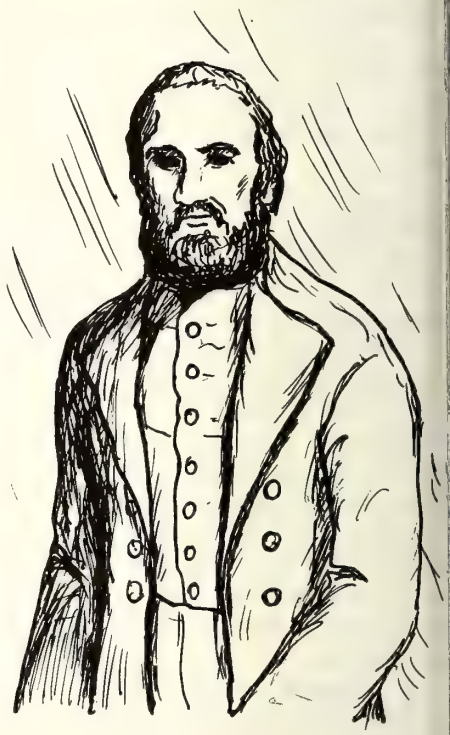
"If Stonewall Jackson thought it wa important, I guess it really is," replie the boy. "He was a great soldier."

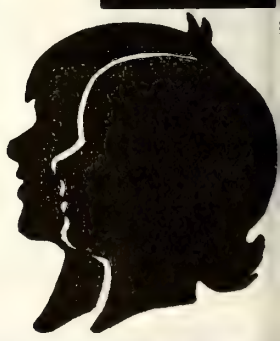
"God thinks it's important, too," Mrs. Green pointed out. "In His Word H tells children to obey their parents and a of us to obey Him."

"Then I was keeping God waiting a well as you when I didn't bring in th fireplace wood!" Jerry exclaimed.

"That's the idea," agreed his mother

"Well, I'm going to try to be promp from now on," Jerry resolved. "If being slow to mind you is being slow to obey God, I'm going to do my best to obey immediately. Is there anything you wan me to do right now, Mom?"—Selected





**STORIES**

**for our youth**

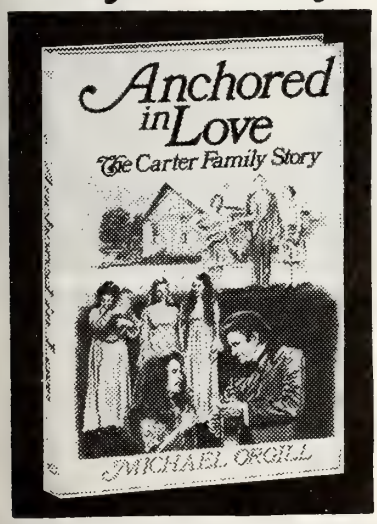
## A MAN WE ALL KNOW

Even when I was but a very small child,
I remember a man by his big friendly smile.
I recall the way he'd shake everybody's hand,
Can any of you tell me the name of this man?
As time went on, he grew quite a bit older,
But his faith in God grew no colder.
He always sat on one of the very front pews,
He didn't stop at the back like some Christians do.
And still time went on and he began to grow feeble,
But he still went to church whenever he was able.
His perfect attendance pin hung about a foot in length;
Some folks wondered where he got all his strength,
For he was getting mighty old and he had slowed down a lot,
But his love for the Lord never slowed down a drop.
Farming and fishing were his two favorite games;
Have you guessed by now this man's name?
He gave a lot of his money and a lot of his time,
But he was doing it for the Lord so he really didn't mind.
I remember him telling me one Sabbath Day
That when the good Lord saw fit to take him away,
He hoped he'd be farming or fishing one;
Or in church worshiping God's Son.
And that was the very way that it all happened,
And every heart in his church was truly saddened.
Our Sunday school now will never be the same,
Can you tell me now this man's name?
Who's going to go to the union meetings now?
Who's going to go to his farm and plow?
We have no one that can take his place;
Where he always sat, there's an empty space.
If serving the Lord will get you into that kingdom,
This man has surely heard the angels singing.
It was our great loss but God's great gain,
Can you tell me now this man's name?
His belief in the Lord was as solid as a rock—
This man's name was Mr. Nathan Tadlock.

—Bobby Best
Northeast Church
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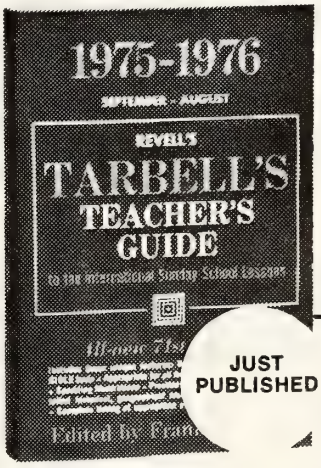
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*The Carters and Johnny Cash: Country music's "Royal Family"*



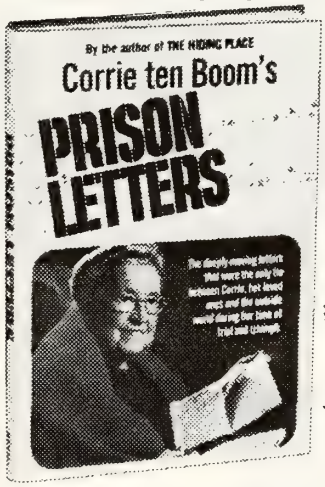

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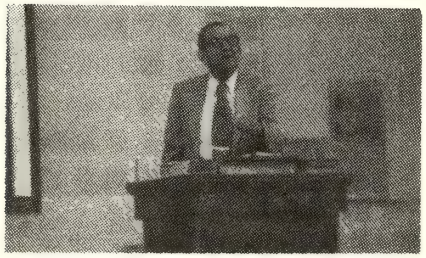
The 1975 North Carolina Ministerial Conference was held the week of June 16-19, at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, with approximately 70 Free Will Baptist ministers in attendance. The Rev. David C. Hansley, president of the association, presided over the conference which proved to be very successful.

The week was spent in Christian fellowship and the renewal of old acquaintances. The chapel services were very inspirational with everyone receiving a blessing.

However, with all the joy there was a feeling of sadness, as a few familiar faces were not present, they having been called home to be with the Lord.

Everyone left with great anticipations of returning for the 1976 conference next year.

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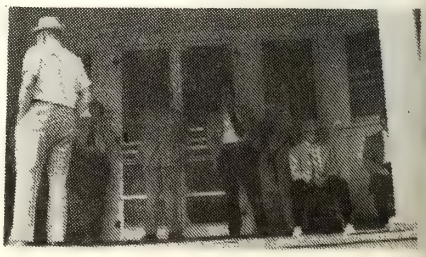
*The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry delivering a message in the chapel.*



*The Rev. Walter Sutton delivering a message in the chapel.*



*The Vanguard Quartet singing during a chapel service.*



*A group fellowshiping on the porch of the Main Building.*



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**Don't let your confidence make you ride too high a horse! Some people need to harness that confidence. . . .**

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## TO FALL OFF A HORSE

You have confidence, you say? Well, what is it? That unrelenting will that keeps *some people going* and *makes fools* out of *others*! Confidence is self-reliance and a feeling of self-sufficiency—and sometimes an overinflated ego in disguise.

Webster says (in its usual connotation) that confidence is ". . . the state of feeling sure of oneself." Just *how sure* is another basket of potatoes. . . . You see, confidence (so-called) is sometimes a cover-up for a feeling of *inadequacy*—though you can get few self-styled professors to admit such.

As opposed to *class* or *dignity*, some types of confidence are undesirable. True confidence has nothing whatsoever to do with culture or prominence. Some of the most cultured and socially prominent people in the world lack that all-important ingredient that makes mountain climbing child's play. Others have so much confidence in themselves that they see no need to climb because, at least to their way of thinking, it is just too easy. On the other hand, others have such a *lack* of confidence that they don't even attempt to climb. Our problem is to decide which category we fall in (or perhaps which hole we fall into if we haven't any confidence at all).

It *is* logical to believe that everyone *possesses* confidence of a sort or *hasn't any at all*. More logically, one could measure confidence by degrees; that is, this fellow has too much, while this fellow has too little. Neither fellow in this comparison can be completely happy, for the one who is overconfident often projects a "better-than-you-are" attitude and gains few friends (and loses many he had to begin with). The person who is "underconfident" isn't happy either, for he is afraid to venture out for fear of failure. He is, in the true sense of the word, *insecure*. Still, that doesn't make him any less a genuine person—though improvement is certainly needful. Most anybody can act as though he has all the confidence in the world; it takes a *really honest person* to admit that he *hasn't*. . . .

Confidence can be displayed with such preponderance that it becomes more than a pain in the neck. It sometimes becomes, like its possessor, *overbearing* and *burdensome*. In like manner, too little confidence possessed and displayed can make a really *good* and *capable* person appear *quite to the contrary*. A lack or deficiency of confidence in oneself can make an underling out of a superior person, if not to others—certainly to himself. To strike the proverbial "happy medium" where one has just enough self-confidence to succeed in his endeavors and maintain favorable interpersonal relationships would be the desired level to attain. Few, if any, ever reach the epitome. Why? Because of overconscientiousness in some cases where persons "overplay" themselves, and because of indolence in other cases where the "I-don't-care" attitude prevails and one is too lazy to do anything about his plight. . . .

One's confidence is shaped and developed early in childhood, and some of the could-be greats become underachievers because of their having been put down so frequently in the formative years. Similarly, overachievers pop up right and left with a badge of confidence a mile wide because somewhere along the way they were commended, patted on the back, and made to feel that they were really "something." When one views this fact honestly, he is not so prone to scoff at the insecure nor to applaude the big shots too loudly. The insecure (or underconfident) and the big shot (or the overconfident) may be alike in all aspects except in that one trait which makes them appear as different as black and white or day and night. Both may very well possess the same IQ's, equal compassion, leadership capabilities, spiritual wholeness, and social graces; but, one may outshine the other—not because of his superiority, but because of his well-developed confidence in his own abilities or whatever—and, if he is honest with himself (and others), he has *someone other than himself to thank for this*. You see, confidence is not self-induced; it is instilled by and through a myriad of circumstances, the least of which not being the receiving of praise in early youth. *Mind you, this is no attempt to excuse the person who feels sorry for himself and gives up before he even tries to better himself or reorder his life toward more confident living!*

Having confidence in oneself and others is good, certainly. Having confidence in God and trusting Him for all things is far better. Romans 12:16 advises us to be not wise in our own *conceits*. Further, Psalm 118:8 says, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put *confidence* in man" (or ourselves, even).

To relate the title of this editorial to this discussion, we feel compelled to say this: If you're riding high, well and good—but, if you haven't had a lot of

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# NOTE BURNING DEDICATION SERVICE at Stony Hill Church

Mrs. Mary Strickland, Church Historian

SUNDAY, April 13, was a happy day at Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex, as it was a day of dedication and note burning for the building improvement program completed in the last three years. This program was under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser.



*Participating in the Note Burning Service, left to right: Mrs. Reba Hogg, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, Mr. John Strickland, Mr. Dewey Boykin, and Mr. Elmer Hopkins.*

The building program improvements included the following:

1. Acquisition of one and one-half acres of land. Part of this was a gift by Miss Repsie Ferrell in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ferrell; and part was secured by payment by the church. The land provides room for future growth and expansion of the church for years to come. Plans include the construction of a parsonage, the building of a fellowship building, and improving and enlarging the church cemetery.



*The Original Stony Hill Church*

2. Installation of air-conditioning and heating system for the church and education department. The system includes two separate units to provide the best service at the lowest cost.

3. Brick veneering the church and the building of another Sunday school room. This project also included the insulation of the church plant, the construction of sidewalks, and the planting of shrubbery and grass.

In the note burning and dedication service, it was pointed out that over 75 percent of the cost of the improvement program had been raised since the improvement plans were made in the fall of 1972.

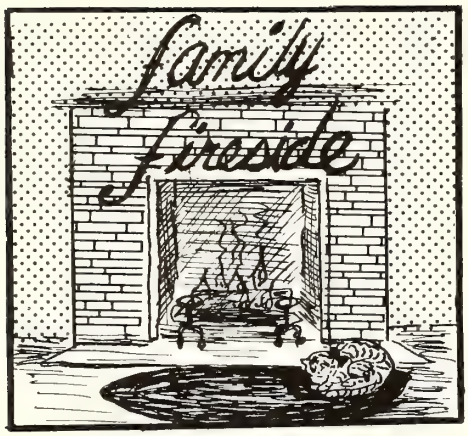
Sunday, June 22, was a sad day for the church as it was the last service for our pastor and his wife who have served us so faithfully for these past three years. Mr. Sasser resigned this pastorate in our business meeting on April 23.



*The Renovated Stony Hill Church*

Much and lasting good has been accomplished through their ministry here with us. We praise God for sending this dedicated couple our way at a time when we needed the services of a pastor team with their qualities and qualifications so badly. Mr. and Mrs. Sasser were not only our pastor-wife team, but our friends as well. Though they leave us in person, their love and dedication to Christ, their example, and their friendship will long remain in our hearts.

We heartily recommend them to any church needing a pastor and pray God's richest blessings upon them wherever they go.




SUNDAY, JULY 20
Scripture Reading—Psalm 7:1

"OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE TO DELIVER US"

A man was compelled one night to cross a wide, frozen river. Notwithstanding the assurances of those who were thoroughly familiar with the region and repeatedly crossed on the solid ice, the traveler feared to undertake the trip, but finally began to crawl his way over. When near the middle of the frozen stream he was startled by a sound in the distance, and caught sight of a negro driving a heavy team of horses pulling a great load of pig iron; yet there was not the least sign of a crack in the ice.

What a foolish thing to fear and crawl like that! Will the Word of God hold? Some fear to trust it. Why, man it can't fail!—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We all too often fear and crawl, when, as Christians, we should walk proud and fear only the wrath of our God.*

MONDAY, JULY 21
Scripture Reading—Psalm 112:4

WHO WALKS WITH GOD

Who walks with God must take His way
Across far distances and gray
To goals that others do not see,
Where others do not care to be.
Who walks with God must have no fear
When danger and defeat appear,
Nor stop when every hope seems gone,
For God, our God, moves ever on.

Who walks with God must press ahead
When sun or cloud is overhead,
When all the waiting thousands cheer,
Or when they only stop to sneer;
When all the challenge leaves the hours
And naught is left but jaded powers.
But he will some day reach the dawn,
For God, our God, moves ever on.

—*Heart and Life*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God is with us at all times. Pray that we shall walk in such a way that God will not be ashamed to walk beside us.*

TUESDAY, JULY 22
Scripture Reading—Malachi 3:10

HOPELESS, CONFUSED

Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago, said, "The world we have created is too much for us. The intelligence of the race has failed before the problems the race has raised. We cannot tell who or what is responsible for anything. We have more money, more food, more things, more power, than at any time in history; yet, we are poorer, hungrier, more helpless, and more confused than ever before!"—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Without the love of God in our hearts, the praise of God on our lips, and the truth of God in our minds, we are hopeless, confused, and definitely lost.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:21

WHEN GOD FORGIVES, HE FORGETS

How different God's pardon is from ours! So often we forgive as did the aunt of the little girl who had been good a whole week, and asked some favor. "I know," was the answer, "that you have been good all this week, but you know you were bad last week." In a passionate burst of feeling the little one exclaimed: "Oh, Auntie, you are not one bit like God. When He forgives He doesn't keep throwing it up afterward."—*Christian Endeavor World*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We pray for God to forgive us as we forgive others. Do we really realize the request we are making?*

THURSDAY, JULY 24
Scripture Reading—Luke 6:35

THE GOLDEN RULE

A war was raging in southeastern Europe more than two centuries ag
It was not strictly a religious wa
nevertheless, many Turks who we
Moslems were on one side, and ma
Christians on the other. At the fir
the Moslems were getting the bett
of the conflict, and it so happened tha
among those taken captive was
least one Christian, who was made
prisoner of a Turkish official. Th
Turk treated the Christian with th
utmost cruelty. A little later th
fortune of war changed, and th
Turkish officer fell into the hands
his enemies. Just then word was se
him by his former Christian prisone
assuring him that he could be at peac
and that revenge would not be take
So surprised was he, and so gratefu
that he renounced his former faith
declaring, "I will not die a Moslem
but I will die a Christian; for there i
no religion but that of Christ whic
teaches forgiveness of in
juries."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Retaliation and recrimination ma
lead us to a retribution in th
hereafter that we will find most un
pleasant.*

FRIDAY, JULY 25
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthian
4:12

THERE MUST BE NO BITTERNESS

We admire Saul's magnanimit
toward his enemies. There are thos
today who have shown a lik
magnanimity. Madame Chiang Kai
shek's Christian words admonish us
"There must be no bitterness in th
reconstructed world. No matter wha
we have undergone and suffered, w
must try to forgive those who hav
injured us, and to remember only th
lessons we have gained thereby."
Booker T. Washington once said, "
am determined to permit no man t
narrow or degrade my soul by makin
me hate him."—*The Teacher*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Bitterness can consume our mind
and eventually our very souls. Lov
cannot exist in the presence of bit
terness.*

SATURDAY, JULY 26
Scripture Reading—Leviticus 27:3

MONEY NEED

A rummage sale and an oyster stew—
(The pastor's salary is overdue!)

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Please explain, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; . . . Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:44, 48).

**Answer:** The type of love set forth here is that kind which God loved the God-hating people of this evil age in which we have been since our first parents sinned and He gave His only begotten Son to die on the Cross for their sins. (See John 3:14-17.) He so loved as expressed in the Greek word **agapao**. We read "God is love"; not that He has tender and personal affections only. He does have such, but also much more than that for being love. His nature is such that His whole being reaches out in a perpetual controlling desire to seek in any legitimate way our greatest good. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received that atonement" (Romans 5:8-11).

Christ died for a hostile world of sinners, making full provision for our salvation in spite of the fact that the whole world, including us who are now Christians, were at enmity against Him. Furthermore, He says to us, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). Again it is written of us, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

So you may see from the Scriptures that we are free from the law of sin and death, being alive in Christ and no more dead in trespasses and sins of which we were bond servants. We are now bond servants of Christ. Christ tells us His followers, "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" (Matthew 10:25). He also said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16).

This indeed would place us under obligation to Christ to treat His, which are our enemies, as He in a forgiving spirit took us who were His enemies (even offsprings of His arch enemy the devil) into His sheepfold, reconciling us to Himself by His shed blood. Being now on His side and being His offspring, with His nature, we are to be like Him—love our enemies and be the medium in reconciling these to Christ as His ambassadors. We should represent Him and His government to an alien people—those who despitefully use us.

In fact, the whole reason why we are remaining here after having been reconciled to Christ is that we may serve as mediums of reconciliation to the lost of the whole lost world. It is a part of that through which we are prepared, which God has prepared for us in heaven. It behooved Him to become like unto one of His brethren so that He might reconcile us to God. It also behooves us to become like unto Him so that He can use us in the reconciliation of the lost.

On Page 19 in **Wycliffe's Bible Commentary**, he makes the following comment on these verses:

". . . **Love your enemies**. The love (agapao) enjoined is that intelligent love which comprehends the difficulty and extends itself to rescue the enemy from his hate. Such love is akin to God's loving action toward rebellious men (John 3:16), and thus is a demonstration that those who so love are true sons of their Father. **Publicans**. Jewish collectors of the Roman taxes, hated by their countrymen because of their flagrant extortions and their association with the despised conquerors. The command **Be ye therefore perfect** is to be restricted to the matter of love in this context. As God's love is complete, not omitting any group, so much the child of God strive for maturity in this regard (cf. Ephesians 5:1, 2). This cannot mean sinlessness, for Matthew 5:6, 7 shows that blessed ones still hunger for righteousness and need mercy."

It seems to me that Matthew 5 contains some vital teachings in the line of biblically required Christian living in such a selfish and ungodly age as the time in which we now live. While the world with a materialistic concept is madly rushing downward to the brink of dispair and final ruin we need to manifest more and more of the Christlike spirit while we obey Jesus' directive: ". . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

For further information on this subject we refer you to Page 79 on John Trapp's **Commentary on the New Testament**.

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## EVANGELISTIC NEWS FROM INDIA

by Michael W. Swynenkug

Special prayers and gratitudes were offered in all churches today, June 8, in the morning worship service for Brother Joseph Ingram, his family, and his associates of the Board of Missions who got the vision to uplift the work of God in India and to support the evangelistic movement in this time of need. It is believed, beyond doubt, that it is God's will that His work which is so slow in the country, should gain momentum which is the call of the day from hundreds and thousands of seekers here. Our prayers have been answered as in 2 Corinthians 1:11.

In the two-day Youth Conference on June 6, 7, more young boys than were expected participated, numbering 72. They were greatly inspired with the messages and challenges thrown to them to come forward and make known the Word of God to the millions who are waiting to hear about God's forgiveness and eternal life. Many gave testimonies and accepted the challenge and have promised to help the church in this great task ahead. Groups have been made up and deputed to certain places for preaching and distribution of tracts and Gospel portions. As there is a great problem of conveyance not easily accessible and available a lot of time is wasted on the streets in the hot sun waiting for transportation to the plains which are burning with heat. Kindly pray for this team which will be on the field until June 14. The Bible Society is being requested to help supply adequate literature and contributions have been sent to the office.

Information has been received from Brother Pramod March that his team has yielded very good results so far. He reports that there are hundreds of people in the interior of the Kumaon hills that have never heard about Christ. In the areas of Haldwani, Kathgodam, Bhowali, Almora, Phatgali, and Didihat, so far visited by the 25 young men, they have distributed 9 full Bibles, 204 full New Testaments, 1,461 Gospel portions, 697 other books and literature, 4,605 tracts, and 112 copies of the Sermon on the Mount. Through this method the Word has reached over 60,000 persons.

It has been through God's grace that the interior and intensive parts of the Kumaon hills, where there are great dangers and opposition, that the way was made straight for the preaching of God's Word by this team of young men. By God's help they have been able to reach village after village on their horses.

Brother March writes that the choir is rendering a wonderful service. They have a harmonium (reed organ), tabla (a pair of small drums), and khanjaries which they play along with the music which attracts the gatherings and inspires them to listen to the team patiently.

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## CONCISE REPORT ON DELHI, INDIA, SEMINAR

by Joseph B. Singh, MA

Seminars on evangelism are rarely held in India. The Delhi seminar was the accomplishment on the National Christian Association of India, under the leadership of its general secretary, Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall. Gratitudes go to God for providing such an opportunity in the history of our free and independent nation. All sessions were presided over by the Archbishop Victor Singh of Bombay and Mrs. Modak, secretary of All India Federation of Indian Churches, who was also the secretary of this seminar. People from all over the country had gathered, numbering 74, with a major part of it being ministers and the rest laities who nave the burden of Christ.

The subjects discussed were as follows: "Aim and Purpose of Evangelism," "The Mode of Evangelism in India in the Time to Come," "The Church," "The Church in Retrospect," "State of the Church, the Laity, the Women, and the Youth in Indian Churches," "Evangelism Through Educational Institutions, Medical Hospitals, and Other Allied Institutions," "Evangelism Through Social Concerns and Publishing Interests," and "Stewardship and Missionary Obligations of the Church."

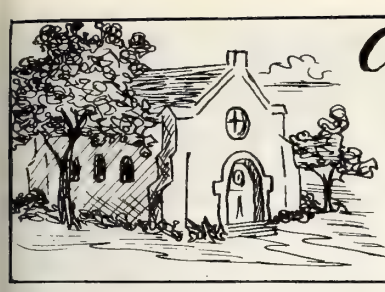
Dr. Lall presented a paper on "Evangelism, the Life-Breath of the Church," emphasizing that the responsibility of the 14 million Christians in India, in a population of 600 million, is to evangelize the remaining people of the country and to convert them to Christ. He exhorted the participants that the number of Christians on the North Indian frontier is only 0.01 percent while the Christianity in India exists from the very first century which came with Judaism. Why it could grow was a matter of serious attention of everyone who claimed himself to be a Christian. Besides, many thought-provoking papers were presented and discussed. It was finally decided that evangelism in India should be given priority, and that cooperative efforts be made to launch campaigns. A meeting of the elected committee made out a plan in June to circulate to all participating churches in India so the work may be undertaken and time to time reports are to be made for inspiration to the community. The expenses of this seminar were met out of the generous donations of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, who made it possible to review this and to prepare for the great task ahead.

Greetings and thanks were offered to the devotees of God for such a timely awaking lest we were caught asleep.

### The Mission of the Church

We are very much grateful to God for the wonderful opportunity provided to our church with the sheer kindness and love for the Lord by the saints of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina who, with a team of twenty-five persons, are scheduled for evangelism in the Kumaon region of North India during the current summer and was brought under operation under the leadership of Brother Pramod March. The entire support for this special mission is being met from the

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# Our Church Auxiliaries

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DAY AT MOUNT ZION CHURCH

On Sunday, June 15, Woman's Auxiliary Day was observed at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist near Nashville. During the morning worship the choir was filled with auxiliary women. The remaining auxiliary members sat together in reserved seats. The choir sang the auxiliary theme song, "In the Service of the King," and Mrs. Earl Bass read a brief history of the auxiliary. The charter members of the auxiliary were recognized and introduced by Mrs. Melton Manning. The history report was as follows:

The records of the first Ladies Aid of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church have been lost, but the memory of some of its charter members gives us the following information.

The pastor, the Rev. R. N. Hinnant, and Mrs. Hinnant invited Mrs. George Frost Barnes, an active worker with the women, to visit Mount Zion church and help with the organization of a Ladies Aid. The first meeting was held one Sunday, after church services, during the year, 1937. The first officers of the auxiliary were Mrs. Tom Matthews, president; Mrs. B. H. Matthews, secretary; and Mrs. Henry Matthews, treasurer. Some of the other charter members were Mrs. G. D. Bass, Mrs. Luther Matthews, Mrs. Monroe Manning, Mrs. W. E. Matthews, and Mrs. Alvin Matthews.

The records show that in 1939 there was a membership in the auxiliary of 22. At this time the dues were 10 cents per month. The women had very little money, but from the very first the Ladies Aid was known for its benevolent work. The women gave of what they had. One month 15 quarts of milk were given to the sick. Monthly reports were made of food trays, butter, eggs, milk, and flowers being given to the sick. The ladies sold chickens to get money for special projects, such as gifts for the Children's Home. Bundles of clothing were also given to the Home—one bundle being valued at $90.

All through the following years the women of the auxiliary cleaned the church and placed flowers in the church each Sunday. They also visited the sick with as many as 15 to 52 visits per month.

In November, 1939, the Ladies Aid took a stand against being a begging group. The ladies voted not to beg tobacco to sell in order to receive money, but all pledged to pay 50 cents each the next month. The women voted in 1941 to start paying birthday dues in order to receive extra money.

The name of the organization was changed from Ladies Aid to Ladies Auxiliary in 1943. Still later the name was changed to Woman's Auxiliary.

A motion was made and carried in 1943 to write letters of encouragement to our boys in the armed services and to pray for them each day. In 1944, the auxiliary voted to buy Bibles and send to our boys in service for the country.

The number of chapters read from the Bible were reported by the members through the year, 1951. One month's record shows 629 chapters read. From 1951 to June, 1970, the number of daily Bible readings was recorded.

The Woman's Auxiliary continued to extend its arm of service. In May, 1952, it voted to have an organized plan for serving meals in the homes of the bereaved in the church and community. About 1950 youth auxiliaries were organized. Prior to this time the teenage girls had been actively involved in the Woman's Auxiliary.

Today we have about 40 women in our auxiliary. We strive to fulfill its threefold purpose: **missions**, **devotion**, and **service**.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Bass

## THE REV. DANIEL PELT

The Rev. Daniel Pelt was called home on January 22, 1975, to be with the Lord. Brother Pelt had pastored the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Shellman, Georgia, for 24 years.

Of Mr. Pelt, we at Bethlehem church, can only say, "God sent him and when his work was finished, He took him."

It was during a revival service 24 years ago in which Mr. Pelt was the evangelist, that the Lord saw fit to call our pastor, the Rev. W. T. Wiley, to be at home with Him. Brother Wiley had served the church faithfully for fifty years. Mr. Pelt finished the revival and accepted the call to pastor our church and served as pastor until his death this year.

Living in another state, Brother Pelt and his wife (Miss Ruby) came to us year after year. Seeing his camper parked in our church yard made our community a brighter place. Mr. Pelt served two Georgia churches and spent much time living among his flock.

It is my desire, and the desire of those who mourn his passing and whose lives have been touched by his ministry, to live such lives that we might be used by our Master in such services as Brother Pelt was used.

May I lift a few lines from a poem whose author is unknown to leave with you:

"I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way.
And best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bruce Johnson
Route 1
Shellman, Georgia

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"Mama, when the pastor yells it pops my ears."

"That's his way of chasing the devil, son."

"But does he always have to catch him in my ears?"—Church Chuckles

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

*MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557*

## FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

On Saturday, May 24, the Children's Home celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary of existence. There were about four hundred persons at the morning services held in Memorial Chapel. During the services Mr. Sam Weeks (superintendent) recognized Mrs. Thelma Rulli and Miss Bonnie Farmer for completing 25 years of faithful service at the Home. Each of them received a silver serving tray as a token of the Home's appreciation for her service.

Next, Mr. Weeks presented several churches with membership certificates from the Lighthouse Ministry, which is a Children's Home Endowment Program. Mr. Clarence Mitchell received the certificate for Memorial Chapel and he was also recognized by Mr. Weeks for his dedication to duty and faithful service to the Children's Home as maintenance chief.

Other churches receiving certificates of membership were: Aspen Grove, Hickory Grove, and Core Creek.



*A. G. Mangum, Ronnie Dixon, and Clarence Mitchell*

In addition to the above churches, the Atlas Webb family received a certificate for their contribution. Mrs. Daisy Owens was present to accept the certificate on behalf of herself and her mother, Mrs. Effie Webb.



*Mrs. Daisy Owens and Mr. Sam Weeks*

The Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, was the guest speaker. He delivered a most timely, informative, and inspirational message which was enjoyed by those present.



*Dinner on the Grounds*

At noontime everyone gathered in the flower garden for a nice dinner on the grounds. Mr. Thomas Strickland of Walstonburg, a member of Spring Branch church, donated, cooked, and served roasted pigs.

In the afternoon everyone toured the campus, played or watched the outdoor games, and listened to a gospel singing.



*Anniversary Cake*

It was a lovely day and it appeared as though everyone in attendance had a good time.

## CRAGMONT TIME

We have about thirty-two children at the Home who wish to go to summer camp during the first week of August. We hope that each of these thirty-two will have the opportunity to go, but it will take **your** help for them to go. You can help by sending a fifty dollar contribution and designate it for our camp fund. If you'll take the time to multiply 32 campers times 50 dollars, then you'll know why we need your help. I cannot think of a better investment than to give a child the opportunity of the spiritual blessings that one can experience during a week spent at Cragmont.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET

During the last meeting held by the Children's Home Board of Trustees much routine business was covered. Additionally, there were two items of business handled which were not of a routine nature and considered to be significant enough to be published to our denomination for information. Both items are departures from our traditional methods of operation, but are for the betterment of the children who live at our Home.

The first change, which was approved by the board, and has subsequently been made, allows young brothers and sisters to live in the same cottage. The word young should be interpreted to mean those who are ages five to ten. State Cottage and Smith Cottage were chosen for this purpose and both are designed so that these girls and boys have separate sleeping and bathroom

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# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

## Black Mountain, North Carolina

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Managers

### CRAGMONT—Prelude to Heaven

I am happy to report that our receipts for the month of June, 1975, are up and over those of June, 1974, and we are grateful to all of you who helped to make them so.

We are looking forward excitedly to the time when we can pay off the indebtedness on the dining hall and kitchen and begin renovation of the **Main Building**. To many of us, the Main Building **is** Cragmont! How many of us have strained our eyes to get a glimpse of it, that big old wonderful building, as the bus or car swept around the curve! We think fondly of the small chapel which once held everyone, the rustic fireplace, the terribly crowded but joyful dining room, and the feeling of togetherness that the rooms situated so closely together brought about. We do not think so fondly of the dark basement or the many steps to the third floor (some call it "the crazy ward"), but then one can't have everything perfect. Then there was and is the **front porch**. We like to think of the many feet which have crossed it; the many skits and performances given there; the many conversations of comfortable, happy, rocking people; and, the many who have sat quietly, breathing deeply, taking in the famous view and thanking God for the privilege of being there and wishing everyone could come. Whatever would we have done without that front porch? Whatever would we do now without it? Even if we built dozens of buildings in the future, we would **still need that front porch**!

The figure quoted as an estimated renovation cost was $105,000 (as of January, 1974). This figure included such things as complete rewiring, new plumbing, sheetrock on ceilings, paneling of walls, floors tiled, waterproofing of basement, new and repaired pillars in basement, replacement of screens and deteriorated boards on the outside, and repair of porches and overhangs. The renovation will begin in the basement and we work upward as the funds come in. At present we have $3,616.09 in our renovation fund which would not even get us out of the basement, but it is a beginning. Let me encourage those of you who contribute regularly to keep up the good work. Let me urge those churches and groups who do not contribute regularly to include Cragmont in your budget at once. We cannot continue putting off repairs on the Main Building! It has served its purpose well. How well it will serve us in the years to come depends on us.

Visit Cragmont this summer during your vacation or attend one of the scheduled conferences. Give generously to Cragmont. Pray for Cragmont.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. A. B. Chandler
Treasurer and Publicity Secretary
P. O. Box 298
Oriental, North Carolina 28571

### CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

by the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Comanagers

**First Four Conferences:** At this writing, we are in the midst of the fourth convention sponsored conference of this season. Registered attendance for these first four groups has been as follows: General Youth Conference, 140; Ministers' Conference, 80; Christian Cadet Conference, 142; Frontier Conference (YFA Division), 156. It will be noted that we have progressively gone up in attendance in the youth conferences, with the Frontier Conference holding the record for attendance up to this time.

Directors for these conferences have been: General Youth, the Rev. Willis Wilson; Christian Cadet, the Rev. Rod Jones; Frontier, Mrs. David W. Hansley and the Rev. Bobby Taylor, codirectors. The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president, directed the ministers' conference.

**Looking Ahead:** One youth conference is still ahead in the schedule at the present time: the Young People's Bible Conference, August 4-9. The Woman's Auxiliary Conference (August 18-22), will be the last sponsored conference of the season. In addition to these conferences, we have scheduled a number of weekend groups from churches throughout July, August, September, and October, with prospective attendance of around 40 in each group. One five-day out of state conference for sixty people has also been scheduled.

**How Rumors Can Spread and Grow!** According to rumors coming from various parts of North Carolina, up to four drunks attempted to get into one of our buildings during the Christian Cadet Conference. The rumor goes that cars with armed invaders came into the campus area from time to time during the week and vandals destroyed property in two buildings. Cars from the sheriff's department had to patrol the area constantly. No wonder some parents were afraid to send their children to the Frontier Conference! Now the truth is that one drunk man did wander into the area one night and attempt to enter a building. When an alarm was made, he fled and has not been seen since. The sheriff was called and a patrol car did stay in the vicinity two nights. The bit of upsetting of furniture in the buildings was evidently the work of pranksters and nothing was taken from the rooms. There is no indication of any deliberate animosity toward Cragmont, and we feel sure that with the precautions now being taken there is no danger to those who come here. We have a deputized watchman on our staff, and we feel there is no cause for fear.

### CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of June, 1975:

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| Balance June 1, 1975 | | $14,045.76 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $ 2,164.10 | |
| Sunday Schools | 46.22 | |
| League | 60.00 | |
| Auxiliary | 2.00 | |
| Union Meeting | 14.93 | |
| Individuals | 232.50 | |
| Total Receipts | | 2,519.75 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 16,565.51 |

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Successful Bible School At Living Waters Church**



Pictured above are the students who attended the vacation Bible school held at the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, the week of June 16-20. The daily average attendance was 101 with classes for all the youth. The school proved very successful with everyone receiving a blessing.

Mr. David Bissette drove the church bus each day to help with the transportation to and from Bible school.

**Revival and Homecoming At Oriental Church**

Revival services are scheduled for the Oriental, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church for the week of July 21-26. The Rev. Walter Carter, pastor of the East Rockingham church, will be the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Chandler, will assist in the services which will begin nightly at eight o'clock. Each service will feature sound biblical preaching and good gospel singing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The annual homecoming services of the church will be observed on Sunday, July 27. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend and share in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

**Senior Citizen's Day At the Wilson Church**



Sunday, July 13, has been proclaime as Senior Citizens' Day at the First Fre Will Baptist Church in Wilson. All thos sixty-five years old and older will b honored during the morning worshi service. The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, former pastor of the church, will be th special guest speaker at the morning worship service. Special music will b presented by a trio composed of Mrs Muriel Tomlinson, Mrs. Mozelle Price and Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin.

After the service the church will hono the senior citizens with lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Jim Kirkland o Kingsport, Tennessee, will present a program of music during the evening worship service. The pastor, the Rev Johnnie Bullman, invites everyone to attend these special services.

**Living Waters Church TFCs Kept Busy**

The TFCs of the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, are keeping a busy schedule for the summer. Thursday, June 26, the group took a trip to the King's Dominion in Virginia. Those making the trip were the Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Scarboro and Anita, Mrs. Debbie Howell, Mrs. Donna Seymour, Mrs. Pam Aycock, Mrs. Barbara Lancaster, Lee and Bill Lancaster, Meredith and Trey Aycock, Rita Lynch, Debbie Littleton, Tammy Head, Katrina and Michael Crumpler, Phyllis Coffman, Ernie and David Bissette, David Croom, Jarvis Flowers, Doug and Cathy Seymour, and Kenny McIntosh. A day of sweet fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all.

On Friday, June 27, a greater blessing was received at the retreat at Eagles Nest near Dudley which the group had planned. Approximately ten of the group spent Friday night at the retreat. A glorious program was enjoyed by everyone. The coordinator for the retreat was Howard Scott. Everyone received a blessing from this trip and the Spirit of the Lord and Saviour was truly felt.

## Coming Events . . .

July 25—Mission Evangelism Conference, First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### THANK YOU, DISCIPLES

We have been brought face to face with the crucifixion and those playing major roles in this horrible execution. We have been with Jesus before the Sanhedren, before Pilate, along that rough cobbled street, dragging a heavy cross, at the Cross, and at the empty tomb.

There were so many mistakes made by Jesus' followers during this time of mass confusion, seeing Him degraded before their eyes from their promised Messiah to a common criminal.

Peter made a mistake when in anger, his sword sliced an ear from a servant. But his mistake proves to us that he was extremely human. Don't you guess Peter must have felt the same confused anger you experience when you see a dear friend or member of your family being mistreated?

Peter also made a mistake in bragging about his bravery. He became too sure of his own strength. We heard the cock crow again and saw Peter's shame for denying three times that he ever knew this prisoner called Jesus. How many times have you ever been cocksure and spoken too quickly, only to fall flat on your face? With God's help, Peter overcame. With God's help, we can overcome, too.

Thomas made a mistake in not accepting the fact when he first heard that Jesus had risen. "Doubting Thomas" he has been called ever since. Are you like Thomas when you lack the faith to defy circumstances? Some are gifted with an abundant faith while there are those of us who must take the hard route of facts along with a little faith.

The women made a mistake in expecting to find the body of Jesus in the tomb. How often do we make the same mistake? We search and seek Jesus, peace, and understanding in the wrong places.

We gain courage from these mistakes because they prove that the people surrounding Jesus during His earthly life were human, not supernatural. We can't say, "If Jesus were living here, today, in my city, I would be different." Chances are we would be just like we are now. We would have the same amount of faith we have with the same amount of doubts mingled in now and then. Because we are human, we make mistakes. God is divine and He forgives—yesterday, today, and forever.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, is seeking a pastor for full-time services. Any minister interested in serving this church contact Mr. Robert C. Phelps, Route 2, Box 158-B, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; or telephone after 6 p. m., 797-4336. Until a full-time pastor can be secured, any minister interested in supplying for this church may also contact Mr. Phelps.

### THE TIMES

We hurry and worry from our daytime occupations to our outside evening activities with barely enough time to slice a sandwich in between. The American family is ripping apart and we blame it on the "times." The "times?" No. It's ripping apart because we never took time to sew it together in the first place.—Mrs. Royce Matthews

## BIBLE READING FROM OUTER SPACE

Several years ago Mrs. Madeline O'Hare succeeded in making it **illegal** to read the Bible or to pray in public schools. On December 24, 1968, our astronauts, while orbiting the moon in their spacecraft, Apollo 8, read a "Christmas Greeting" to the world from the Bible.

At this writing the next flight to outer space was scheduled to be on Tuesday, July 15, 1975, and our astronauts have indicated they plan to read from the Bible again. Mrs. O'Hare has, up to now, 27,000 signed letters which she supposedly has presented to NASA to support her **demand** that the astronauts be publicly censured for their decision to read from the Bible; also, to prohibit any further demonstrations of religion by public figures. If she succeeds in this demand, it could stop the mentioning of God and prayer on television.

You can stop her this time! At least one million signed letters are needed, commending the astronauts for their faith in God and the Bible. If you do nothing, she will probably succeed.

You can send the letter provided below or send one of your own composition to this address:

Date _____

National Astronautic Space Adminstration
Manned Space Center, Astronauts Office
Houston, Texas 77058

Gentlemen:

I appreciate and wholeheartedly support the decision of our astronauts to read from the Bible from their spacecraft in the next space flight on July 15, 1975, as was done on a previous flight on December 24, 1968.

I further support the right of any human being to express his faith in God and the Bible publicly, without fear of censure, for as long as he may live.

Sincerely,
Name _____

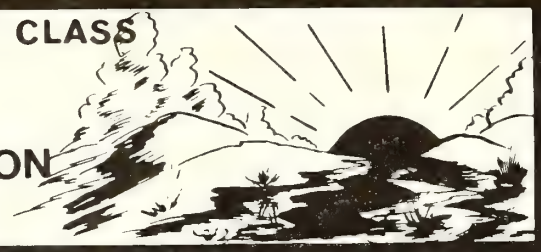
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 27



## THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CHRISTIAN GROWTH

**Lesson Text:** John 16:12-15; Galatians 5:16, 17, 22-25

**Memory Verse:** Galatians 5:25

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson today concerns itself with the activities of the Holy Spirit as He relates to our Christian growth. We have already discovered in a previous lesson that the Holy Spirit transforms our lives and makes us new creatures in Christ. We have also been made aware of the fact that the new convert is a babe in Christ and needs to develop toward Christian maturity.

Since one of the important functions of the Spirit is to guide Christians in the work of the Lord, and since our power to accomplish for Christ is derived from the indwelling Spirit of God, it becomes perfectly clear that the Holy Spirit must of necessity play a very important role in the development and perfection of the individual Christian, and in the unifying and solidifying of the church. This being true, it behooves each follower of the Lord Jesus to take full advantage of the Spirit's assistance to assure his own Christian growth, and thus strengthen and make more effective the potential and accomplishment of the church.

Our lesson text for today's study is derived from Paul's Epistles to the Romans and to the Galatians, and these are fertile grounds of revelation to all who seek maturity in Christ; also a selection from John's Gospel relative to our search for truth.

The purpose of today's lesson is to influence us to take full advantage of the Spirit's power and guidance as we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.—**The Teenage Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. This is the age of the Holy Spirit; therefore, all our contact with God must be through Him. He is the only Person of the Godhead that is here on the earth at this time. He lives within every believer. This means that He is always near.

B. The Holy Spirit who lives in us produces the Christ life in us. Many people fail because they try to live the Christian life in the flesh without having been born of the Spirit. This is just as impossible as it is for a dead tree to bring forth fruit. It is the Holy Spirit within us that produces the Christian life and the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

C. There are three ways that the Holy Spirit helps us: enablement—it is He who gives us the power to live as we ought; enlightment—it is He who opens our eyes to spiritual truth that we could not see and understand otherwise; encouragement—it is He who makes intercession for us and encourages us in the way.

D. The Holy Spirit produces fruit in the Christian. It has been pointed out that there is really only one fruit and that is love. These other characteristics that are mentioned are merely different aspects of love.

E. The Holy Spirit indwells every Christian, but this does not mean that He possesses all of the person. Sometimes we just let him have one room of the heart instead of it all. How much of your heart have you given to Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. What comes out of a man depends, of course, on what is in a man. A French soldier, who had served in the army of the great emperor Napoleon, lay dying of a wound received in battle. As they probed his shattered ribs to find the fatal bullet, he said, "Dig a little deeper and you will find the Emperor." What would you find in a Christian's heart if you dug deeply enough? Would you find the Holy Spirit of God? You can tell what you would find in the heart if you look at the fruit of the life. If the Spirit is there He will find expression in love, joy peace, and all the other virtues Pau listed in today's text. Are we allowing th Holy Spirit to work in our lives to brin about spiritual growth? We must enlarg our hearts to make more room for th Spirit. We must evict from our lives thos things that crowd Him out. Let u develop a greater capacity to receive an we shall discover a greater capacity t serve, to grow, and to bea fruit.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. "During the early days of the second World War, when British and American men and women were being evacuated from China, two men were standing at the rail of a steamer which was soon to take them from the land in which they had spent most of their lives. Their hearts were heavy, for the enemy was about to take over the city. One, an oil man, with tears in his eyes, said to the other: 'All the years of my effort gone! We blew up the last well just before I boarded the ship. There is nothing left! The work of a lifetime gone!'

"After a pause, he turned and asked his companion, 'What about your business?'

"Just then, a native ran up the gangplank and interrupted the conversation by calling the name of the other man. He was poorly dressed, his hands were calloused from hard work; yet there was a light on his face that gave it intelligence and depth. They talked for awhile in Chinese. When the native had gone, the man turned back to the oil man and said: 'What about my business? You see, I am a missionary. That was Mr. Wong. I have turned my work over to him.'

"The oil man thought for awhile and then said wistfully, 'How fortunate you are that your work is God's work. It can't be blown up!'

"Truly, there are some things in life that can't be blown up, that are not subject to external forces, for they are eternal!"—**The Accents of Life** by R. L. Middleton

C. If we are born again and have a spiritual life, let us show it by walking each day in obedience to the Spirit. When the Spirit says, "Walk this way, and do this thing." we will not say, "Let me do this instead," but will say, "Thy will be done." If we walk in the Spirit we will never say, "No, Lord, I will do

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# STORIES

## for our youth



## THE LOCKED DOOR

THE playhouse under the big maple tree in the back yard was very new and cozy. A pot of gay pink petunias stood on the window sill, and on the small table was a bouquet of swamp apple blossoms.

Betty Bowen had just swept the last bit of litter from the floor when her sister said sharply, "Pull the shades down quickly, Betty. I'll turn the key in the lock. The twins are coming, and there isn't room for them today with Florence and Ted and their dog. And we don't have enough apples and popcorn and cookies for everybody."

Betty pulled down the shades. Suddenly she exclaimed, "It doesn't seem fair to lock the twins out of our fun, Hazel. We are not sure that Florence and Ted are coming, you know. If they do come, the popcorn and apples will go much further than you'd think. If there aren't enough cookies, Mother said we could have a few more. And we can bring in a box for a seat."

"Hush! They are almost here." Hazel held up a warning finger. "If we keep perfectly still, they'll think we have gone away."

Betty sat down in a little red chair and kept perfectly still, though doing this was very hard. She wanted to jump up when Rhonda and Roland knocked and then tried the shiny new knob.

"Betty and Hazel, where are you?" they called and called, but, receiving no answer, they finally started back across the lawn.

"I guess they went to the sewing society with their mother," said Rhonda. "I'm sorry."

When Hazel was sure the twins had gone, she cautiously raised the shade and looked out. No one was in sight. Where were Florence and Ted, the friends who had been invited to play in the new house?

Betty went to the cupboard and brought out the pretty pink flowered dishes and the apples, popcorn, and cookies and set them on the table. Twice Hazel ran out to look up and down the street. It was very still in the playhouse. From far away came the honking of an automobile horn. It sounded very much like the horn on the twins' Uncle Ned's big blue car.

Ten minutes passed—fifteen minutes—half an hour. The cookies, apples, and popcorn were tasted, but neither Betty nor Hazel felt hungry. The afternoon seemed spoiled.

Suddenly Hazel jumped to her feet. "You were right, Betty," she exclaimed. "It isn't fair to lock the twins out of our fun. Let's go see if we can find them."

"Yes, let's," agreed Betty. "I hope they haven't gone away."

A moment later she and Hazel were running across the back lawn, then around the house. The twins lived on the other side of the street, down two houses. In front of their little brown bungalow stood a big blue car. They were already climbing into it. When they saw Betty and Hazel, they shouted happily, "Oh, here they come, here they come," and jumped to the ground.

Betty and Hazel hesitated, for they thought the twins must be going somewhere with their Uncle Ned and Aunt Nan, but Roland urged them to hurry faster. And Rhonda exclaimed, "Oh, Betty and Hazel, where have you been? We knocked and knocked and called and called. The loveliest thing has happened. Uncle Ned and Aunt Nan are going to take us to the entertainment the children are giving in the Memorial Building. And we're going to feed the squirrels in Wilcox Park and have supper in the cutest little tea room you ever saw, and we want you to go with us. We asked Ted and Florence, too, but they had to go to their grandfather's. There is a lot of room in the car, isn't there, Roland?"

"Sure there is," answered Rhonda's twin; "there's always room for our friends."

Oh, and we didn't have room for them in our playhouse! thought Hazel and Betty. That night Hazel said, "Just suppose we'd stayed in our playhouse all by ourselves and missed the lovely time we have had. I'll never, never lock anybody out of our good times again. Sharing them with someone else is lots more fun."

"And it makes us feel better," answered Betty thoughtfully. "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).—**Zion's Herald**



# AUTOGRAPH PARTY HELD FOR AYDEN AUTHOR

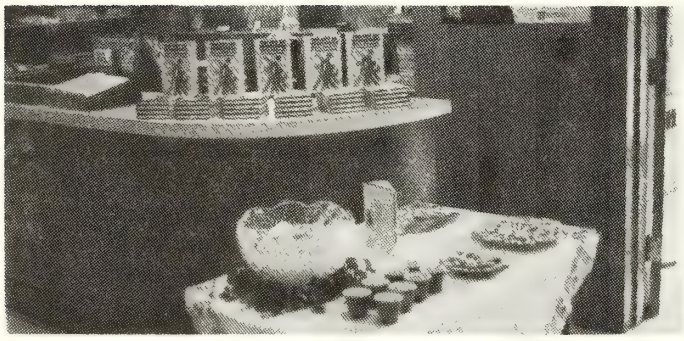
## Hal L. Edwards, Author of THE GIFT OF WHOLENESS

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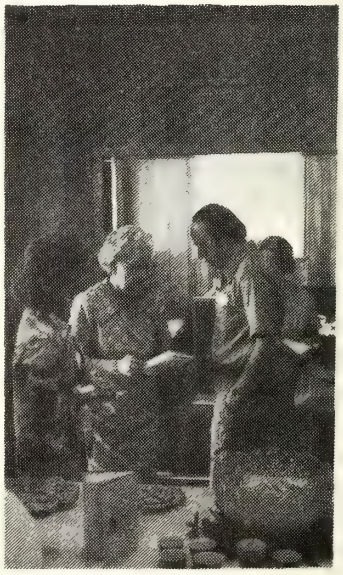
Hal Edwards, formerly of Ayden, in a straightforward, from the heart, honest manner projects his own message and relates to numerous souls of like feeling. About his book he makes the following statement: "This . . . is about the way I am. The neat parts of me; the sick parts of me. My significant events and experiences. The times when I struggled most deeply; the people who held my hand and walked with me when I felt strangled and unstrung. It's a book about one guy who wanted above everything else to experience wholeness as a gift, not as something one has to earn."

Thus, THE GIFT OF WHOLENESS is an experience for all who want to know more about life at its highs and at its lows. Be sure to get your copy at the Press or any of its branch bookstores. A publication of Word Books, Waco, Texas, this human story will evoke tears and smiles, sorrow and joy, and at the same time provide a unique spiritual blessing.

Hal Edwards, the author, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Edwards Sr. of Ayden.



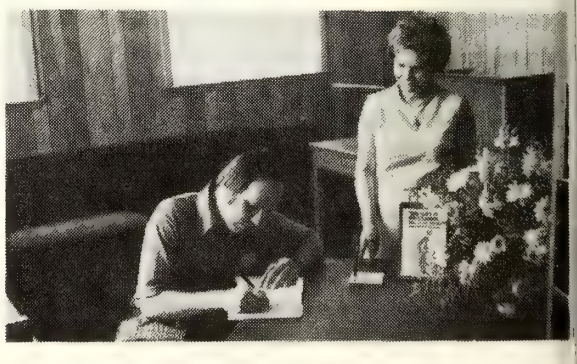
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## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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hard time's party next on the card—
Have to fix up the old church yard!)
display of dolls, both cute and quaint—
The parsonage needs a coat of paint!)
bridge party, next thing on the docket—
Again, the pastor has an empty pocket!)
basket social with bidder and buyer—
New hymnals needed for the choir!)
style parade with the public invited—
The church's missionary must not be slighted!)
ome Mickey Mouse films for awhile—
New carpets needed for each aisle!)
n opera singer last on the slate—
The church's pipe organ is out of date!)
Christ described His House as a House of Prayer,
nd drove them out that made merchandise there!
feel quite sure that Apostle Paul
Vould never approve of such methods at all!
he need for all this would fade away
f the people of God would tithe and pray!

—Roy Judson Wilkins

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is nice to fellowship with one nother; but let us hope it will not be he lack of funds for our church that rings us together.*

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## MISSIONS

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financial assistance sent to us by Brother Joe Ingram.

The team left Bareilly after a two-day training period for Almora, early on the morning of May 31, duly equipped. Almora is the center of Kumaon hills close to Tibet, in the rear of which is located China. It is almost 6,000 feet high, being located at the foot of the Himalyan hills. It is an ancient city of North India.

News had reached us that the team started its functions in the local city on June 1, preaching, teaching, and distributing literature and Gospel portions. As the telegram does not contain details, the same may be followed through with a letter on receipt of information from the team leader.

**Are You Getting Involved?**

Just think about the number of Christians in India (14 million among a population of 600 million) when Christianity came to India in the first century. Then think about the situation the church is facing today in India. There are countless souls which have never heard the name of Jesus even once. When we have plenty of everything, thousands are waiting for their first spiritual meal. Do we seem to be alive?

With the involvement of the Board of Missions in India, very much of the desired will be acheived. God is looking to us today.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

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facilities. In other words, if you were to visit the Children's Home today you would find four young girls and eight boys living in the State Cottage and in the Smith Cottage you would find four young boys and seven girls. This change was considered necessary for the proper development of these children. It has been in effect for nearly three weeks and has been accepted well by all.

The other change which was approved by the board has not taken place yet, but should before the summer is over. This authorizes the superintendent's title to be changed to "Executive Director" and for him and his family to move off campus, but in the nearby area (within fifteen miles). A campus or cottage director (the Rev. David Thick) and his family would then move into the superintendent's house to provide the daily and nightly supervision required for the houseparent staff and the children. This change would allow the executive director to spend his days in the Children's Home office and his nights with his natural family. More of his time could then be spent in long-range planning, development of service programs for the children, and representing the Children's Home within our churches and communities. This change in our organizational structure should provide for a more efficient operating Children's Home over a period of time for two reasons: (1) The executive director (present one and future ones) should remain in that position for a longer period of time, thus providing the much needed continuity. (2) The lines of authority will be more clearly defined for the executive director and the cottage director, thus eliminating much of the confusion which has previously existed amongst the staff and children. If the foregoing goals are in fact realized, then our denomination would see a savings in dollars and cents over a period of time.

Both of the above changes were approved by the board on a trial basis only, and if one or both doesn't prove effective, then it will be changed back. The patience and understanding of all Free Will Baptists is sincerely requested.

## S. S. LESSON

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anything but this." But we will always say, "Help me, Holy Spirit, and I will do my best." That, to my mind, is true Christian growth.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

## CRAGMONT

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**Disbursements**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Operating Expenses | $ 213.53 | |
| Burress Insurance Agency | 178.70 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 392.23 |
| Balance on Hand July 1, 1975 | | $16,173.28 |

**Earmarked Funds**

| | |
|---|---|
| Debt Retirement | $ 2,072.46 |
| Renovation of Main Building Fund | 3,616.09 |
| Chapel Fund | 3,231.54 |
| General Fund | 7,253.19 |
| Total | $16,173.28 |

## TO FALL OFF A HORSE

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**saddle training, don't ride too high a horse. It's unbecoming for one to ride so high above others anyhow; so, if our opinion is worth anything at all, we would say: "Get down off that high horse lest you fall, for the fall thereof could be great!" Remember Napoleon? He was overconfident and met his Waterloo—a disastrous defeat. . . . Don't let it happen to you!**

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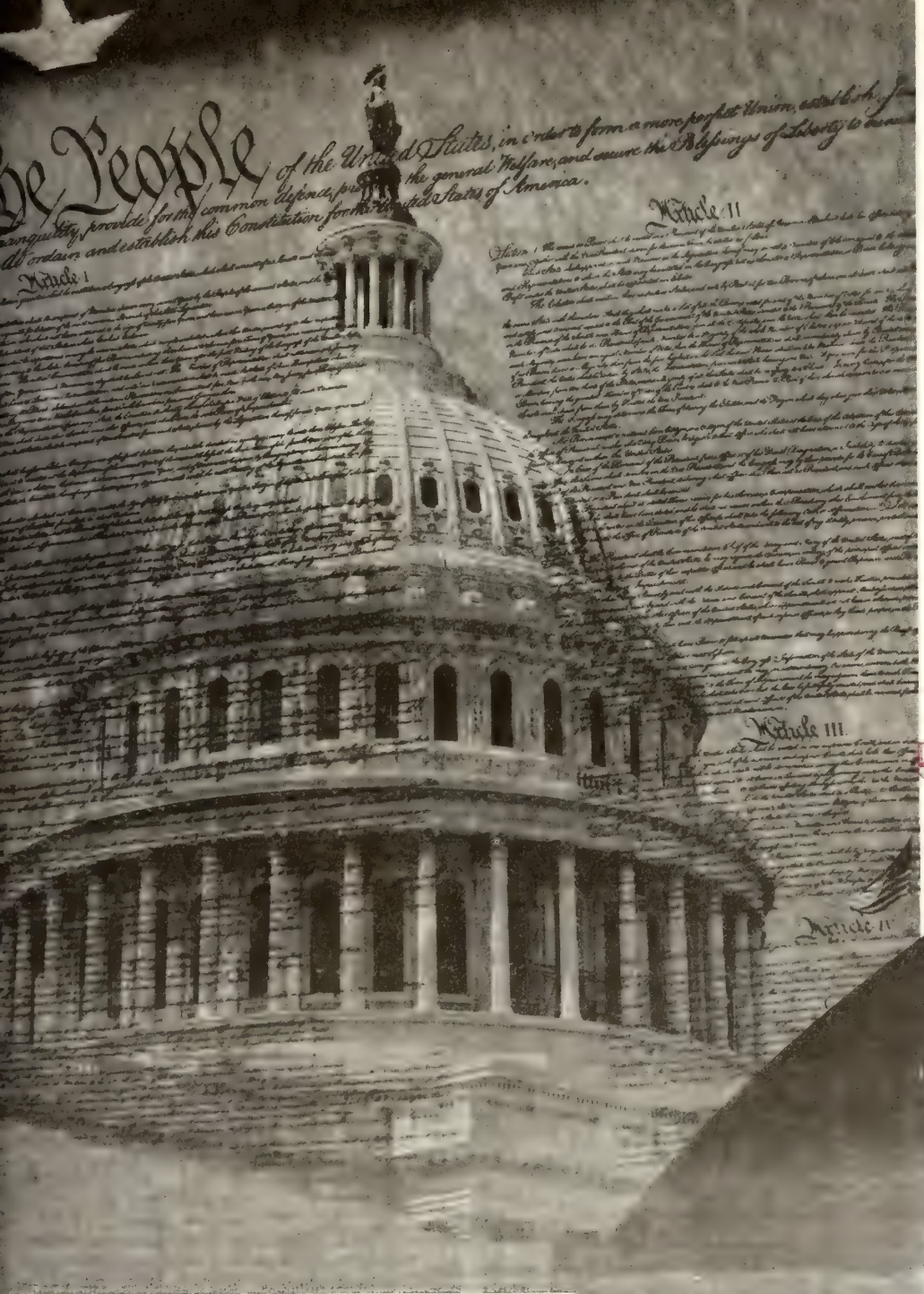
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"One's aim should be higher than his grasp." Yet, one should not condemn himself if he does not excel at all times. Self-ratification or self-approval is of utmost importance for one's happiness. . . .

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## Self-Ratification (or Self-Approval)

Gaining approval or being commended for something one has done is probably the most heartwarming experience one can ever have. Voices cheering one onward, however dissonant these voices are in their "music," sound sweet to the person needing that praise for "a job well done."

Self-praise, it has often been suggested, is half scandal; but there is a shade of difference in meaning between self-praise and self-approval. Self-praise is colored with conceit, pretentiousness, vainglory, grandiloquence, and that much-in-use word, *chauvinism*. Self-approval, on the other hand, is affording respect to oneself—respect that is deserved and, in actuality, necessary for one really to like himself. Self-approval is a close cousin to self-acceptance. How often have we heard it said that if one doesn't like himself he cannot expect *others* to like him?

No one in the world is liked by everyone. No one in the world can boast of unequivocal acceptance. Personalities just will not allow such to prevail! Nobody can get along with everybody. In fact, some people can't even get along with themselves! Can you imagine that? Being at odds with oneself? That is the most devastating of predicaments. Talk about utter frustration. . . . Well, frustration even (though it's the best word we know) doesn't adequately describe the feeling!

It may be hard to believe, but some people thrive on self-destruction. Though this group may be in the minority, they nevertheless must be considered. Self-destruction in this connotation does not necessarily mean harming oneself physically or trying to end one's life. Self-destruction has many facets, the least of which not being hurting oneself emotionally. Having another degrade one is bad enough; degrading oneself is worse. This is where the emotional aspect enters and one can become mentally unhealthy, if not sick.

Thus, just as too much self-esteem is bad, so is self-degradation. Too many idealists want to be perfect; and because they cannot attain such, they often bask in self-condemnation in order not to have to answer to their *not* being perfect; that is, they prefer to decry their *merits* and call them *inadequacies* rather than to accept themselves as they are or afford to themselves the privilege to be average or at best human. It is only logical that one will fall short of his expectations of himself at times. When this happens, however, one should not derogate himself or unduly punish himself for things not of his own doing, for things out of his reach, or for purposes that were not meant to be anyhow. That is to say: All things cannot be as we would like them to be. The world is full of disappointments, but we should live on valiantly accepting those disappointments, but at the same time making an attempt to better uncomfortable situations.

A noted professor of high regard (under whose instruction this writer is presently striving to function in an acceptable manner) made a statement recently that calls to consciousness something very significant. The essence of the statement was this: "One's aim should be higher than his grasp." The injunction, of course, is to better oneself in all causes and toward all endeavors. This professor, the head of a political science department at a nearby university, would not advocate impossible goals, nor would he expect one to *exhaust himself unduly* toward achievement or accomplishment; nevertheless, his standards are high, and he justifiably expects the *best* from *all* his students, with consideration, of course, given to individual circumstances. In short, his *ratification* of those under his instruction is important, surely; but more important is the students' *self-ratification* of themselves. If students function at their best level, giving proper time to study and personal application; then, *they and the professor* have succeeded.

This professor, in our opinion, epitomizes in his instruction and self-application what true ratification is all about. He does not advocate impossibilities; he promotes efficacious education within the realm of human reasoning ability—again, desiring that the best of one's efforts be given toward an end but at the same time recognizing personal individuality and prevalent circumstances which would cause one not to function at his real capacity at all times. Is this not in effect a parallel to the teaching of Christ that one must have faith first and then work toward spiritual improvement, knowing that while at times he may falter, there is no *real condemnation* unless he "quits"? Of course one properly cannot and should not measure spirituality on a graded scale, and of course all students in a classroom situation may not pass however hard they try; but, the injunction still stands that one should be satisfied with

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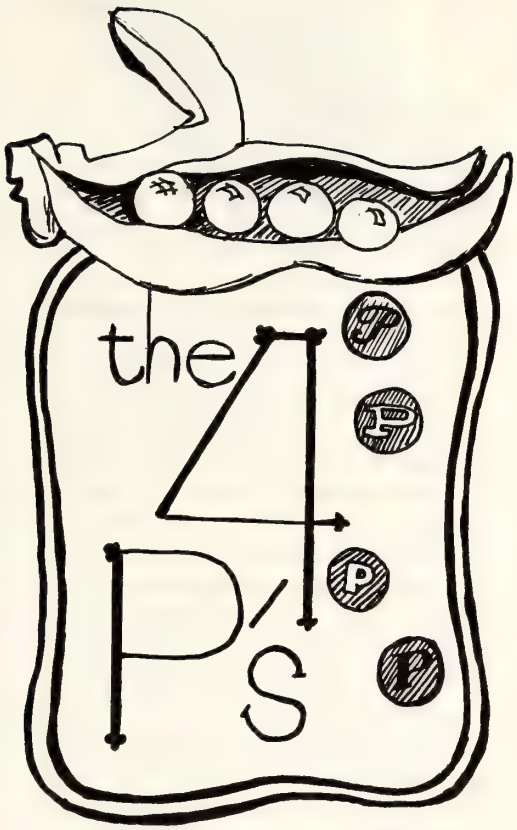
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THROUGH His Son, Jesus Christ, Almighty God offers you:

## PARDON

". . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

## PEACE

"Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1—**Today's English Version**).

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

"To have your mind controlled by what human nature wants will result in death; to have your mind controlled by what the Spirit wants will result in life and peace" (Romans 8:6—**Today's English Version**).

## POWER

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8—**New English Bible**).

". . . they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

"The Christ you have to deal with is not a weak person outside, but a tremendous power inside you" (2 Corinthians 13:3—**The New Testament in Modern English** by Phillips).

## PURPOSE

"For it is God who is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve his purpose" (Philippians 2:31—**The New Testament in Modern English** by Phillips).

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the nigh calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

"Yes, may you come to know his love—although it can never be full known—and so be completely filled with the perfect fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:19—**Today's English Version**).

"But we are citizens of Heaven; we eagerly wait for the saviour who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20—**The New Testament in Modern English** by Phillips).

"Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life, but as those who do" (Ephesians 5:15—**The New Testament in Modern English** by Phillips).—**Faith, Prayer, and Tract League**




SUNDAY, JULY 27
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:29

A STATESMAN'S TRIBUTE

"If asked what is the remedy for the deeper sorrows of the human heart, what a man should chiefly look to in his progress as the power that is to sustain him under trials and enable him to confront his inevitable afflictions, I must point him to something which in a well-known hymn is called 'The old, old story,' told in an old, old Book, which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind."—Wm. E. Gladstone

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The Book may be old and the story told many times but they are still true and just as timely as ever.*

MONDAY, JULY 28
Scripture reading—Joshua 1:8

THE BEST FROM THE WORD

*Study it through.* Never begin a day without mastering a verse from its pages.

*Pray in it.* Never lay aside your Bible until the verse or passage you have studied has become a part of your being.

*Put it down.* The thoughts that God gives you put down in the margin of your Bible or in your notebook.

*Work it out.* Live the truth you get in the morning through each hour of the day.

*Pass it on.* Seek to tell somebody else what you have learned.—J. Wilbur Chapman

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We worry and wonder about the misfortunes of life and we often overlook the most wonderful messages of guidance and consolation; these are found in the Bible.*

TUESDAY, JULY 29
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:10

"I SHOULD REALLY LIKE TO KNOW!"

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:
"I should really like to know,
Why these anxious human beings,
Rush about and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father,
Such as cares for you and me!"
—Elizabeth Cheney

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God knows our needs and cares for us. His provisions and love are without measure.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:20

HOW TO EXPRESS CHRISTIANITY

In the home—by love and unselfishness.
In business—by honesty and diligence.
In society—by purity, courtesy, and humility.
Toward the unfortunate—by sympathy and mercy.
Toward the weak—by helpfulness and patience.
Toward the wicked—by overcoming evil, without compromise.
Toward the strong—by trust and cooperation with good.
Toward non-Christians—by witnessing to Christ and His gospel.
Toward the penitent—by forgiveness and restoration.
Toward the fortunate—by rejoicing with them without envy.
Toward God—by reverence, love, and obedience.
—*Sunday School Digest*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*All of us, as Christians, know what is expected of us. Our difficulty lies in making use of our religious knowledge.*

THURSDAY, JULY 31
Scripture Reading—John 13:13

CHRIST SPEAKS

Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to us:
Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and see me not;
Ye call me Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not—
If I condemn ye, blame me not.

This epitaph was engraved on an ancient slab in the Cathedral of Luebeck, Germany.—*Gospel Banner*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Often our tongues are as far as our religion goes. Our minds and hearts do not follow through. We can speak a good religion but if we do not live that religion it is to no avail.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
Scripture Reading—John 11:26

WE ARE IMMORTAL

Death is not the end; it is only a beginning. Death is not the master of the house; he is only the porter at the King's lodge, appointed to open the gate and let the King's guests into the realm of eternal day. And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The range of our threescore years and ten is not the limit of our life. Our life is not a landlocked lake enclosed within the shorelines of seventy years. It is an arm of the sea. And so we must build for those larger waters. We are immortal! How, then, shall we live today in prospect of eternal tomorrow?—J. W. Jowett

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We must live today in such a way that our immortal souls shall not have to live in eternal torment.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
Scripture Reading—Romans 11:29

NOBODY WOULD KNOW

"My father came into our house soon after I was married and looked around," says Dr. Campbell Morgan. "We showed him every room, and then in his rough way he said to me: 'Yes, it is very nice; but nobody will know, walking through here, whether you belong to God or to the devil.' I went through and looked at the rooms again, and I thought: He is quite right. So we made up our minds straightway that there should be no room in our house, henceforth, that had not some message, by picture or wall text, to tell that we served the King."—*King's Business*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many Christians act as though they are ashamed of Christ. We are proud of our families; how can we possibly not show an interest in Christ?*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illuststrations*, Eerdmans Press.)




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
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**Question:** Should Christians give a the of their income to the Lord since we re not under the law?

**Answer:** Yes, I think so; and they hould give more when they are able to o so without hurting their families. This, r one similar, is an age-old question hany have asked and over which there as been much discussion since Christ ame. He said, ''Woe unto you, scribes nd Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay the of mint and anise and cummin, and ave omitted the weighter matters of he law, judgment, mercy, and faith: hese ought ye to have done, and not to eave the other undone'' (Matthew 3:23).

I understand that we are to give these ords of our Lord a literal interpetation. ecause we tithe and give even more of ur income than the tithe, if we are able, oes not in any way gain us the kind of avor with God that excuses us from oing everything else the Bible teaches hat a Christian should do and refrain rom all we are exhorted in the Scriptures o refrain from. Jesus also said, ''. . . It s written, Man shall not live by bread lone, but by every word that proceedeth ut of the mouth of God'' (Matthew 4:4).

Whether we think so or not, these words have a general application. Even hough God was speaking to Satan, He neant that everyone of us should ''hide'' God's Word in our hearts so that we should not sin against Him. Some other Scriptures along this line are as follows: 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth'' (2 Timothy 2:15); ''And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for it ye do these things, ye shall never fall'' (2 Peter 1:5-10); ''Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path'' (Psalm 119:11, 105); ''Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil'' (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14); ''For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad'' (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Jesus taught that it is not right for one to withhold that he has which is his personal goods from those who are in need. ''Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again'' (Luke 6:38); ''But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever'' (2 Corinthians 9:6-9); ''. . . unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more'' (Luke 12:48); ''And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not'' (Isaiah 58:10, 11).

Giving liberally to the cause of Christ, whether it be with a compassionate heart to those in need of food, raiment, and shelter, or to advance the kingdom of God in some other way that one's means are needed in carrying out God's purpose here on earth—to evangelize those that have not heard. Part of our trouble in getting the money to meet all the needs in the religious realm of endeavor in this age may stem from a misguided leadership. God in His Word directs us to go into all the world and preach the gospel by which disciples are made; whereas, in much of this top-heavy religious system of our day the majority of money so given seems to be utilized for purposes foreign to the simple words of His directive in the Great Commission.

I can't find anywhere in the Word where He tells us to use a large percentage of that extracted from the coffers of the poor or middle-classed Christians in building elaborate structures, such as many of the so-called Christians institutions are literally in an all-out race to excel one another in doing and to pay high salaried personnel to warm modern swivel chairs and occupy offices in many cases that take several times that which it should to construct and maintain. That does not look much like carrying out such directives of Jesus as follows: ''But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth'' (Acts 1:8); ''. . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profitted, if he shall gain the whole

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS JUNE, 1975

## (Total $13,961.99)

**Albemarle Conference**

| | |
|---|---|
| Hickory Chapel | $ 119.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 75.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 125.00 |
| Union Meeting | 19.93 |
| S. S. Convention | 106.56 |
| Piney Grove | 26.46 |
| Sidney | 50.00 |
| Union Grove | 182.31 |
| Total | $ 704.26 |

**Blue Ridge Association**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cedar Hill | $ 17.95 |

**Cape Fear Conference**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bethel | $ 525.15 |
| Goldsboro, First | 525.00 |
| Hopewell | 125.00 |
| Johnston Union | 100.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 286.34 |
| Powhatan | 200.00 |
| Robert's Grove | 50.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Smyrna | 15.00 |
| St. Paul | 100.00 |
| Steven's Chapel | 45.25 |
| Victory Mission | 20.42 |
| Total | $ 1,997.16 |

**Central Conference**

| | |
|---|---|
| Aspen Grove | $ 200.00 |
| Ayden | 105.00 |
| Bethany | 14.01 |
| Black Jack | 115.26 |
| Community | 3.00 |
| Daniels Chapel | 15.00 |
| Edgewood | 45.00 |
| Elm Grove | 60.00 |
| Free Union | 133.44 |
| Friendship | 52.90 |
| Greenville, First | 10.00 |
| Grimsley | 50.00 |
| Gum Swamp | 20.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 25.00 |
| Hull Road | 139.83 |
| King's Cross Road | 100.00 |
| Little Creek | 110.00 |
| Second Union | 14.00 |
| Ormondsville | 10.00 |
| Peace | 18.50 |
| Piney Grove | 306.53 |
| Reedy Branch | 207.11 |
| Rose of Sharon | 100.00 |
| Rose Hill | 218.82 |
| Spring Branch | 75.00 |
| Tarboro, First | 275.00 |
| Winterville | 198.45 |
| Total | $ 2,621.85 |

**Eastern Conference**

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|---|---|
| Angola | $ 100.00 |
| Antioch | 50.00 |
| Bethlehem | 100.73 |
| Beulaville | 300.00 |
| Core Creek | 93.69 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Davis | 100.00 |
| Deep Run | 60.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 59.97 |
| Edwards Chapel | 56.00 |
| Faith | 5.00 |
| Folkstone | 75.00 |
| Friendship | 33.16 |
| Gray Branch | 29.00 |
| Holly Springs | 15.00 |
| Juniper Chapel | 53.15 |
| Kinston, First | 360.00 |
| Lanier Chapel | 25.00 |
| Mays Chapel | 300.00 |
| Memorial | 55.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Onslow) | 42.11 |
| Mt. Zion (Pamlico) | 100.00 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 27.17 |
| New Haven | 35.71 |
| Oak Grove | 5.00 |
| Oriental | 105.66 |
| Pearsall Chapel | 206.66 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 5.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 226.00 |
| Sandy Plain | 257.81 |
| Sarecta | 300.00 |
| Smith New Home | 100.00 |
| Sound View | 278.34 |
| St. Mary's | 506.00 |
| Verona | 42.30 |
| Warden Grove | 64.30 |
| Warsaw | 24.40 |
| Whaley Chapel | 20.00 |
| White Oak Grove | 67.17 |
| Woodrow | 40.00 |
| Total | $ 4,344.33 |

**Pee Dee Association**

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|---|---|
| Beaver Dam | $ 25.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 25.00 |
| Oak Grove | 150.00 |
| Total | $ 200.00 |

**Piedmont Conference**

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|---|---|
| Christ | $ 10.00 |
| East Rockingham | 100.00 |
| Friendly Chapel | 17.00 |
| Wayside | 10.00 |
| Total | $ 227.00 |

**Western Conference**

| | |
|---|---|
| Barnes Hill | $ 66.0 |
| Black Jack Grove | 100.0 |
| Calvary | 300.0 |
| Everett's Chapel | 114.5 |
| Flood's Chapel | 50.0 |
| Fremont | 30.0 |
| Friendship | 205.0 |
| Little Rock | 5.0 |
| Living Waters | 500.0 |
| Marsh Swamp | 30.0 |
| Milbournie | 83.0 |
| S. S. Convention | 72.7 |
| New Sandy Hill | 50.0 |
| People's Chapel | 200.0 |
| Pine Level | 112.6 |
| Pleasant Hill | 62.6 |
| Pleasant Plain | 177.0 |
| Rosewood | 5.0 |
| Selma | 75.0 |
| Sherron Acres | 125.0 |
| St. Mary's | 30.0 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 33.3 |
| Stony Hill | 25.0 |
| Union Chapel | 32.5 |
| Union Grove | 55.0 |
| West Hillsborough | 10.0 |
| Wilson, First | 1,300.0 |
| Total | $ 3,849.4 |

## MEMORIAL GIFTS June, 1975 (Total $20)

Mr. Ellis Hall by Dorothy Pate

Mr. Leaman Talton by Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Scott

## FCX HOSTS PARTY FOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Seventy-six children were treated to a watermelon feast Thursday night, July 10, at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in a party hosted by FCX, Inc.

During the party the children, ranging in age from 4 to 18, competed for prizes in such old-fashioned picnic games as sack, three-legged, and wheelbarrow races.

The event marked the formal presentation of $1,000 in gifts to the Home by FCX, a farmers' cooperative serving patrons in North and South Carolina. The gifts include a color television set, shuffleboard, washer, and typewriter.

Jimmy Wooten, regional manager for FCX, presented a certificate to Superintendent Sam Weeks for the gifts, which have already been shipped to the Home.

The gifts are the result of a cooperative program with Dow Chemical U. S. A., Midland, Michigan. The program provided gifts to distributors of Dow

gricultural products to be given to harities. A Dow distributor, FCX elected the Free Will Baptist Children's ome as the recipient of gifts it earned hrough sales performance in the Dow rogram.

Established 55 years ago by the Free Will Baptist Church, the Home has in ecent years changed its emphasis from roviding a permanent home for orphans o rehabilitating children and their arents whose family situations are nstable.

"Social standards today have placed many children in precarious positions," Weeks said. "Our family service director works with the family and the child in an effort to improve the family situation so that hopefully the child may return to his home," he added.

Children at the Home live in self-contained cottages with 12-14 children and a set of houseparents per unit. In addition to responsibilities within their own cottages, the children participate in the Home's program to raise vegetables, beef, and pork.

"This program has been quite successful," Weeks said. "The children have the chance to learn the farm business and to have contact with children and families outside the Home through off-campus jobs."

The Home leases out its tobacco allotment, and the older children work off campus for the leasees.

## ATTENTION, AUXILIARIES

**When sending birthday greeting cards to the children here at the Home, please remember to put sufficient postage on the card. Also, a return address is a good idea. When there is no postage or return address, the card or letter is sent to the Dead Letter Office in Atlanta, opened, and then sent to the Home and we pay 10c postage for the card and 10c postage from Atlanta. So be sure postage stamps are on all your mail.**

## Coming Events . . .

July 25—Mission Evangelism Conference, First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

## IN MEMORIAM

### Mrs. Estelle J. Stocks

Dear Mother, you're always in my memory
Though you passed away October 3, 1974.
I can never forget your sweet smiling face,
And each day I miss you more and more.

All your acts and words were always so kind,
We had no thought that grief was so near;
But when the death angel called so suddenly,
Our hearts were broken with shock so severe.

Not a day goes by without fondest memories
Of your face so sweet, loving, and true.
We thank God for mothers all over the world,
But no other can take the place of you!

By your daughter,
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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

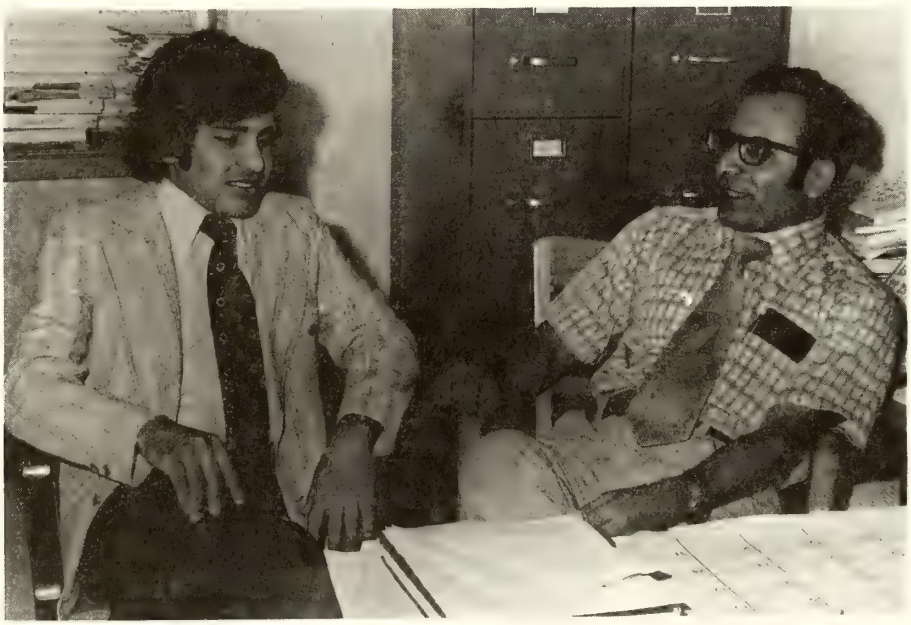
MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## EXCHANGE STUDENT CONSIDERS HIS MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE MOST EXCITING

Mufeed M. Shami, 20, has returned home this week after spending a year as an exchange student at Mount Olive College. He is from Ramllah, ten miles from Jerusalem, in occupied Jordan.

Mufeed is the first student to participate in an exchange program initiated between Mount Olive College and Birzeit College in Jerusalem.

Under the arrangement, students from both colleges register and pay fees at their home institution while studying and living in either Jerusalem or Mount Olive.



The program was arranged in 1973 by college president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, who visited the Middle East and met with Birzeit president, Hanna Nasir.

The idea for the exchange program was first proposed by Dr. Jamil Shami, director of Cooperative Education at Mount Olive College and an alumnus of Birzeit College.

Mufeed Shami, Dr. Shami's brother, almost missed his chance at being the first student to participate in the exchange program because of the conflict in the Middle East at that time.

"We delayed sending an American student to Birzeit College last fall because we didn't feel an appropriate atmosphere existed. Birzeit is located about 15 miles from Jerusalem, in occupied Arab land," Dr. Shami, who is coordinator of the exchange program, explained.

"Birzeit College itself has been the scene of considerable student unrest as a result of the Israelite occupation and we did not want to involve any American students in that situation," Dr. Shami said.

"But Mufeed proved the key to keeping the exchange program alive. By having Mufeed come to the United States we assured that the exchange prograr was more than a lofty ambition for th college and that it could work. W showed the program can be a success."

Dr. Shami said, "The college has hig hopes of sending students from Moun Olive to Birzeit in the very near future When Middle East tensions have ease enough, we will begin the second phas of our exchange program."

Dr. Raper heartily endorses the ex change program. "This program wi give students a living experience witl another country and another culture an thereby strengthen and broaden thei understanding of people," he stated.

He added, "By bringing to Moun Olive College students from anothe country, the educational climate of the college will be enriched and contributior can be made to international un derstanding and goodwill."

"At a later date, we are planning t involve more students in this exchange program," Dr. Shami said, "and we hope to have an exchange program fo members of our faculty."

Mufeed called his stay at Mount Olive College "one of the most exciting anc educational experiences I have ever had." He will enter Birzeit this fall as a junior majoring in business administration.

Birzeit is affiliated with the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and follows the American system of educatior and uses English as its medium of instruction.

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## CORRECTION PLEASE!

**In the July 2 issue of "The Free Will Baptist," in the article entitled "Cragmont Assembly News," on Page 9, it was stated that the Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, was to be held the week of August 18-22. Please make a correction in the date. This year's conference will be held the week of August 11-16. We are sorry for this error.—Ralph A. Bowen, Assistant Editor**

## MOUNT OLIVE

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### URGENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LOCAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Dear friends:

One of our students, Ashley Turner, is working on a project in the course on "The Free Will Baptist Church" which is of great importance to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College. Without your help he will be unable to complete his work which includes the plotting of every Free Will Baptist church on a large map, showing its exact location, and providing other pertient information about each local church belonging to the conferences affiliated with the State Convention.

The enclosed questionnaire has been kept as simple as possible. Please complete it as accurately as you can and return it to the address below. We are grateful for your help and ask that you send in the completed form by return mail as soon as possible so that the student can finish his work. We want every Original Free Will Baptist church to be represented in the results of this project.

Michael Pelt, **Chairman**
**Department of Religion**
Gary F. Barefoot, **Librarian**

Please complete the form below and return to W. Ashley Turner, 703 Horne Street, Clayton, North Carolina 27520.

1. Name of church: _____

2. Member of _____ Conference.

3. Date church was organized: _____
Month Day Year

4. First pastor (if known): _____

5. Any change in the name of the church: _____

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6. Church records (minutes, etc.) in existence? _____

Dates: from _____ to _____

7. Are these records in your possession? _____ If not, please indicate where they may be found. _____

8. Would the church be willing to have their records microfilmed for the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at no cost to the church? _____

9. Present location of church building (street or N. C. road number; distance and direction from nearest town, crossroad, etc.) Example: Rural road No. 2108, 2 miles NE of Goldsboro:

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Young World Singers**
**At Spring Hill Church**

The "Young World Singers" of Vanceboro will give two programs of singing and testimony at the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, US Highway 70, west of Goldsboro, on Sunday, July 27. The programs will be given during the eleven o'clock morning worship hour and at the seven o'clock evening service. The pastor, the Rev. Bill Dale, extends a hearty welcome to everyone who will to come and worship with them on this special day.

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**Gospel Sing Scheduled**
**For Otter's Creek Church**

A gospel sing has been scheduled at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, for Saturday night, July 26, beginning at 7:30. The sing will feature "The Miles Family" of Pink Hill and "The Lee Family" of Tarboro. The pastor, the Rev. Ralph Aycock, along with the church members, extends a cordial invitation to all who enjoy good gospel singing to attend this service and worship with them.

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**Weekend Crusade at**
**First Church, Tarboro**

There will be a weekend crusade at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, July 25, 26, 27, 1975. The church-wide crusade is sponsored by the youth of the Tarboro church. Services begin on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p. m., and on Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

The Youth Evangelism Team from the Bethesda Baptist Church, Durham, will be in charge of the services. The team, under the direction of the Rev. Harry Fowler, has led many youth revivals in churches located in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. The team's sole purpose is "To share Jesus Christ with others through singing, testifying, and preaching so people will be saved and Christians will become more committed."

At the close of the service on Sunday morning there will be a picnic-style lunch served in the church fellowship building.

The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Jones, extends a cordial invitation to churches in the area to encourage their young people to attend any of these services.

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**Tee's Chapel to Host Cape**
**Fear Youth Fellowship**

The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship will meet with Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield Saturday evening, August 2, at 8 p. m., instead of the West Clinton church as previously announced. All the youth of the district are urged to be present and visitors are welcomed.

The fellowship for September will be held at the Pleasant Grove church; the October meeting at Mount Olive College; the November meeting at St. Mary's Grove church; and Robert's Grove church will host the December fellowship.

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**Harmony Quartet to Present**
**Concert at Pleasant Hill**

The "Harmony Quartet" of Kinston will present a concert Saturday evening, July 26, at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43 near Calico Crossroads and the Chicod School. The concert will begin around seven o'clock and continue until midnight if the people want it.

Prior to the concert the Sunday school of the church will have a pig picking with all the trimmings, beginning at 6 p. m. "The people of the community are invited to the pig picking and of course everyone, from anywhere, is invited to the concert," states the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Joe H. Johnson announces that he is available for evangelistic and supply work within the Free Will Baptist denomination. If interested you may contact him by writing Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or calling in the evenings from 7:30-9:30, 284-4229.

## TARBORO SERVICES ON RADIO

**The Sunday evening worship services at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro are now being broadcasted on radio station WCPS, 670 AM rather than FM. The services are carried live from the church from 8 to 8:30 each Sunday evening.**

## MR. HUGH ALPHONZO BOYETTE

On February 14, 1975, our heavenly Father called to his eternal reward the soul of our beloved husband and father, Hugh A. Boyette. He was sixty-three years old and was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held in the Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, assisted by the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow. The burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers which showed the love and respect held for him. The many friends and relatives that gathered at the home, funeral home, and at the funeral showed that he had earned the esteem of love of those he knew.

Even though he had not been in the best of health for the past years, he was still active in the community and church up until the time of his death. Friends knew and referred to him as "that jolly man."

He lived on Route 1, Lucama, and had been a member of Marsh Swamp church since the age of fourteen. He served as church treasurer for two terms and was

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

# MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS

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*Taylor Hill*

## *Special Message from Home Missions*

Wouldn't it be nice if we could be sustained without the need for money? Sure, it would be wonderful, but there is no need to kid ourselves; such a thing can never become a reality until we get to heaven.

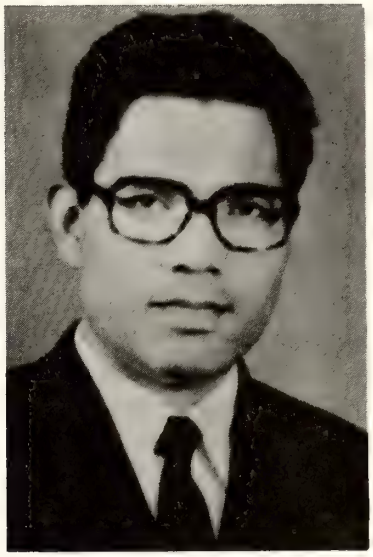
I reckon one of the hardest things for me to do is to plead for money, but it's not all together because of dread on my part. I've never liked to steal another person's thunder by taking credit from them. What I'm getting to is that everybody concerned with Home Missions would be much happier and relieved if all of our people would just go ahead and accept our personal responsibility toward this work without having to be hounded. I am persuaded that cheerful givers are always the happiest people anyway. We have no selfish motives here. We are here to do the work of the Lord and to be an asset to our denomination.

We are sponsoring nine Home Missions points now in North Carolina. They are located in Henderson, Hope Mills, Fayetteville, West Hillsborough, Charlotte, Lumberton, Wilson, Leland, and Edenton. We are indeed thankful that interest is increasing and our future looks to be very bright. But I for one become impatient at times and would like to move along at a faster pace, and the lack of funds appears to be our greatest hindrance. The field is wide open and calls for help are coming in, but our funds are never enough to meet the need. I trust all of our people will just go ahead and accept the personal responsibility of supporting this work without any of us having to be harassed. I tell the members of my parish that if they will oblige me by accepting their responsibility of tithing, I will never hound them for money. They do, and I don't hound them. We are indeed thankful for all of our supporters, whether the gifts are large or small.

I trust our people will pray for Home Missions and do all they can in way of support.

Yours for Missions,
Taylor Hill, **Director-Treasurer**

## MISSION RALLY AT LIVING WATERS CHURCH



During the eleven o'clock morning worship service on Sunday, July 27, a mission rally will be held at the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville. Dr. Emmanuel Lall, Missionary from Bareilly, India, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Lall is also the general secretary of the National Christian Association of North India. The Rev. Joseph Ingram, director of Foreign Missions, will introduce Dr. Lall. The public is invited to worship with the church congregation in this service.

## DR. LALL'S ITINERARY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Joseph Ingram

Dr. E. M. Lall will visit the churches below while in North Carolina for a mission service on the dates listed. It is impossible for him to visit all the Free Will Baptist churches on this itinerary, but it is hoped that as pastors and leaders of these other churches, that you will select the church nearest or most convenient to you and plan to attend the service.

Dr. Lall is a native of India. He is a minister of the gospel and I believe you will receive a blessing from attending the service. The purpose of these services is to allow you to meet Dr. Lall and become more familiar with the work of Christ in His country.

We realize that the State Convention is near at hand and that many of our churches support the State Mission Rally with a good offering, so we are not

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## RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

**Lesson Text:** Philippians 4:4-9; Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17
**Memory Verse:** Colossians 1:28

### I. INTRODUCTION

Since we have been admonished and encouraged to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord, it behooves us to take advantage of every honorable method of growth available to us. We can be thankful that there are many things associated with the Christian walk that will prove to be helpful to our growth. We are encouraged to hold communion with God through the medium of meditation and personal prayer. This communion helps us to know the will of God and to cooperate with that will and to know His expectations of us. In addition to this, it also helps us to apply ourselves to those tasks which will serve to perfect our individual lives and the church of which we are a part. We can grow through individual study of God's Word and through organized study courses with others of like intent. The worship service of the church, the activities of the various auxiliaries of the church, the ministries of song, visitation, witnessing, and ministering to the needs of the sick and the poverty stricken all offer wonderful opportunities of Christian growth through service to our Lord and His cause.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Someone has said that reputation is what our friends and loved ones think we are, but character is what God knows we are.

B. Here in Philippians we have a formula for the peace of God. Read it and apply it and you will find the peace that passeth understanding. PRAISE plus POISE, plus PRAYER, equals PEACE.

C. There is nothing that so affects a man's life as his thoughts. This is why Paul admonished Christians to think of good things. This is why we need to be careful of the company we keep, the books we read, and the things we see. Everything that affects our thinking affects us.

D. Do you want the presence of God to be a daily consciousness in your life? Then spend some time each day thinking about the goodness of God. Try it, it works.

E. Regardless of how many different things we do, there is one thing that should give unity to our lives—the desire to glorify God in all that we do. Can you truthfully say that you have that desire?
—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The life described in our lesson text is really the only satisfying way to live. Sometime ago a twenty-one-year-old girl committed suicide and left this note behind: "I am twenty-one, I have seen everything worth seeing. I know everything worth knowing. I don't like life—it's cheap, dirty, disappointing. I've had all I want." About the same time the press carried the story of Sir William Mulock, a distinguished Canadian jurist, on his ninety-fifth birthday. He was quoted as saying, "I am still at work, with my hand to the plow, and my face to the future. The shadows of evening lengthen about me, but morning is in my heart." Here were two people—one had reached the age of twenty-one and felt that she had no place to grow; the other at ninety-five was still growing. What a difference!

Christ makes a difference when He enters our hearts. He begins a life that knows no end. It is a lifelong experience that is filled with blessing, challenge, happiness, sometimes sorrows and disappointments, but eventually victory. But that victory will come only if we walk with Him, only if we allow His Spirit to mold us into the kind of people He wants us to be.

In our lesson today, we have considered a number of guidelines that the Holy Spirit established for us. We have seen the need for constant prayer, for centering our thoughts on that which is wholesome and godly, and fo developing within ourselves thos qualities that are becoming and beautifu to others. And we have also seen wha happens when we follow the Spirit's leading: we have hearts and minds tha are free from anxiety, souls that are a peace with other persons, and, mos important, souls that are at peace with God. These are the signs of spiritua growth, and they should ever increase in each one of us. . . .

A firm part of Christian growth is summed up in the simple but difficult process of Christian discipline; and all proper discipline starts with self. When we do what we know God wants us to do, we will grow in His likeness.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. One day you took a small bush a friend gave you and tenderly set it in the ground along by your walkway. You placed plenty of rich soil around it, watered it, and then waited. Each day you lovingly watched it to see if it were going to grow. After a few weeks you knew that all would be well for your little bush: it was growing!

What really was happening was that the tender roots of your bush were receiving nourishment from the earth, resources of nature that enable the frail bush to take on renewed life and grow to a large size.

Jesus used an illustration somewhat like this in the parable of the vine and the branches. He stressed the fact that we, as branches, receive nourishment from the vine, which is Christ, the source of all life.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

C. Sometimes when we feed some living thing it is at the cost of another living thing's life. This is true when we eat meat or even when we eat vegetables. Herein lie a somber truth: as Christians we could never have been saved in the first place, nor could we have ever matured spiritually, had Christ not died for us on the Cross. Because He died, we live. Had He not died and rose again we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. We would someday swing out into a Christless, Godless, hopeless eternity.

We can thank God, however, that Christ, our greatest resource for Christian growth, lives. He will never cease to nourish our spiritual needs. What are some other resources?—**The Bible Student**

# STORIES

## for our youth



### HOW RILLA HELPED

Alice L. Dyer

RILLA loved Jesus. Of course she did. But this morning he was worried because she couldn't do anything for Jesus.

And Mother was sick, so she couldn't ask her about it. Maybe Daddy would spare her a minute of his busy time. She thought she'd go and see. Maggie couldn't understand, so there was no use asking her about it. Tiptoeing softly to her daddy's study door, she rapped gently, then waited.

"Come in," a kind voice said. She slipped in and snuggled up to his side. He, too, looked worried. What could Daddy have to worry about? He was a preacher and did lots of things for Jesus. He couldn't be worried about that.

"Daddy, I want very much to do something for Jesus. But I can't preach like you can. I can't go to see the prisoners or visit the sick. I can't do anything. I'm too little. What **can** I do?"

Yesterday Daddy had preached on "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and how Rilla had wanted to do something for Jesus!

Daddy put his arms around her and drew her up to him tenderly. Then kissing her he said, "So my little Rilla wants to do something for the Lord. I know what she can do."

"What is it, Daddy? Oh, tell me, quickly!" Rilla asked.

"She can sing. She knows so many lovely choruses, and her sweet voice will make Jesus happy," he told her.

"Will it really, Daddy? Whoever heard of anyone singing for Jesus?"

Daddy reached for his Bible and read, "Sing unto the Lord a new song." "I will sing with the spirit, and . . . with the understanding also," and many more texts about singing. Rilla threw her arms around his neck and gave him another big hug and kiss. As she slipped to the floor and walked happily out of the room, she sang,

Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

Her sweet voice echoed softly through the house. The housekeeper heard her and said to herself, Bless the child. She does encourage one. I feel better already. Indeed the pastor was right when he said it pays to trust the Lord.

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Mother's head was aching terribly and her heart was heavy. She listened to Rilla's song and thought, That is meant for me. That's what I need.

Maggie needed some things from the grocery store down the street, so she asked Rilla to run down and get them for her. As she skipped along she sang joyfully,

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

A workman on a water pipe nearby heard her sweet song and stood up to listen.

That's why she is so happy, blessed child, he thought. If I'd let Him come into my heart, I'd be happy, too. I will let Him..I've kept Him out so long.

At the store Rilla sang softly as she waited for her groceries the same song, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart." The clerk, who had once been happy in the Lord, heard her and thought, Why am I not happy as she is? I used to be. I'll do as the Lord tells me and return to Him.

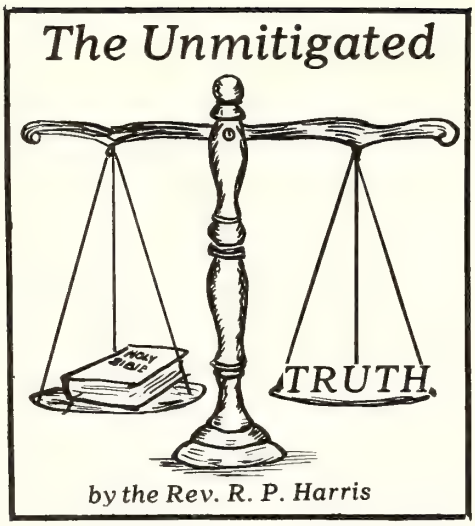
Daddy said I could sing for Jesus, so I will, Rilla thought, and she sang on and on. She didn't realize that in one short day her song had cheered and comforted the sick, had helped a prisoner in sin to get free, and had persuaded others to return to the Lord.—**Gospel Banner**

### THINK IT OVER

"God made the sun—**it gives**;
God made the moon—**it gives**;
God made the stars—**they give**;
God made the air—**it gives**;
God made the clouds—**they give**;
God made the earth—**it gives**;
God made the sea—**it gives**;
God made the trees—**they give**;
God made the grass—**it gives**;
God made the flowers—**they give**;
God made the bees—**they give**;
God made the fowls—**they give**;
God made the fish—**they give**;
God made the beasts—**they give**;
God made the plan—**He gives**;
God made mothers—**they give**;
God made you—**do you give**?"

—Selected






Scriptural basic: ''. . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live'' (Amos 5:4).

**WE SHOULD SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS OMNIPRESENCE**

God is everywhere. His presence cannot be voided. God knows everything; He has all power and there is no place in heaven or on earth, in heaven or hell, in the world or in the universe, but what God is there. There are places where God will not go in a sense, and yet in another sense He is already there. God will not go with the sinner to bless and comfort him or to prosper him, but He will go all the way to warn and reprehend or punish him for his wrongdoings. Man cannot get by with any of his sins. He will and must pay God's price for all evil envolvements or else become a child of God and let Jesus Christ pay all the accounts.

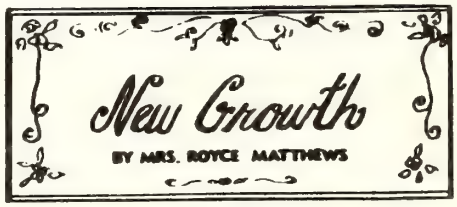
We should not be ashamed to recognize the presence of our Lord anywhere or at anytime. The devil would have you deny the presence of God. He suggests things for you to do which makes you deny the Lord and put Him to open shame. But you need only to take your eyes off evil things and look to Jesus and He will give strength and power to live right.

''Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD'' (Jeremiah 23:23, 24). Truly God is manifested everywhere. God is in the great and mighty things as well as in the tiny and unknowable things.

God's presence is also known both in heaven and in hell. ''Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there'' (Psalm 139:7, 8). Like I said, God is everywhere. He is in hell to see that every detail of punishment for the wicked is carried out. God takes no chances. He will not depend upon agencies. He personally takes care of everything. In the same sense our Lord will not trust the rapture of the church to angels, but will come to earth to personally escort His people into the portals of **glory**! He will do this Himself! Thank God! What a glorious achievement that will be! He will destroy our enemies before us and the angels will accompany Him to give Him moral support, to praise Him, adore Him, and magnify His wonderful and glorious name! But **Jesus** will deliver His own people into the Promised Land—heaven above!

We should seek the Lord because His presence reaches to the uttermost sea. We read in Psalm 139:9, 10, ''If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.'' There are many mysterious places on earth. The mountains are majestic and there are many mysterious things to discover about them. In the same sense the valleys afford great and fascinating things. And, I suppose, there are mysteries known and unknown in the deserts and flat lands of the world. But I suppose the mysteries pertaining to the oceans and seas are even more dynamic and awe inspiring than any other earthly dominion.

God is with the creatures of all the earth. He made them, He loves them, and He gives them all the reason they need to verify and fulfill their existence, purpose, and performances in every minute detail.




**THE MAJORITY ALWAYS WINS?**

There was a trial in the courtyard. The prisoner stood humbly before the governor. The ruler, seeing only innocence in the eyes of the bound man, asked the crowd, ''What shall I do wi Him?''

''Crucify Him, crucify Him!'' th majority shouted. ''Give us Barabbas but crucify Jesus!''

So a murderer was set free and Jesu dragged a heavy wooden cross up stony-rutted hill. Yes, the majority wor and the Creator of the universe hung o the crude Cross like a common thief.

During the last presidential electio as we watched election returns ov television, it was no surprise that th winner came out with a landslide. Wha rejoicing throughout the nation! Whethe it was by a one vote majority or by te million, the majority wins in democracy.

Then we, as Americans, had th privilege to see on the same tube thes leaders shed every shread of respec ability and integrity, bit by precious bi Even to a person not interested i politics, the discrepancies in the stories the inconsistences, and the languag used were enough to reverse th digestive tract.

Did the majority win? No. Certain fact in the hands of a few people turned th landslide victory into shame for an entir nation. In their victory, the majority lost.

Let's suppose we have a club wit 120 members. We're in the process o electing a new leader. The member know the person slightly who i nominated. There are no middle-of-the roaders, each is adamantly for o adamantly opposed to his leadership The votes are counted 83 to 37 with th ''fors'' winning.

''Since there are so many opposed why don't we drop this and nominat another,'' someone suggests.

Another from the ''for'' side say heatedly, ''Of course, we won't. Tha would be letting the minority rule.''

The majority wins; the new leade takes the gavel. Before you know it loving, friendly people have been turne into suspicious, vindictive people wit two factions pulling against each other The fight gets ahead of the purpose o the club, thus causing deep scars, rift between family members, and genera chaos.

The purpose of the club? To love.

The majority wins. But do they? Is the majority always right?

## Questions & Answers

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orld, and lose his own soul? or what hall a man give in exchange for his oul? For the Son of man shall come in he glory of his Father with his angels; nd then he shall reward every man ccording to his works'' (Matthew 6:24-27).

In spite of the fact that Jesus gave His arching orders to the church nearly ,000 years ago, and in spite of the fact here have been many revivals that jarred he whole satanic world system at its ery foundation, with every passing year here are more unsaved and more nevangelized people upon the earth ith the passing of each year. The Holy pirit caused Paul to write, ''Be not eceived; God is not mocked: for whatoever a man soweth, that shall he also eap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall f the flesh reap corruption: but he that oweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit eap life everlasting. And let us not be veary in well doing: for in due season we hall reap, if we faint not'' (Galatians :7-9).

I believe that when a person or an rganization is using more of God's noney to build institutions, including xpensive buildings that are really in no vay essential to carrying out the ommission of Christ to His followers, hat person or the organization is sowing o the flesh. One who knows the teaching f the Word, as any Christian needs to now it, will find no trouble in seeing ven with his moral and spiritual eyes alf closed what kind of a generation we ave that is so prevalent in the so-called church, including the Christian home.

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## IN MEMORY OF

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custodian and chairman of the cemetery committee for several years. During his last thirty-three years he served his church as a deacon. He loved his church and was very faithful, cooperative, and loyal until his death.

Surviving are his wife, Eula Fulghum Boyette; a daughter, Anne B. Liles; a son, Sid Boyette; three grandchildren; three sisters; and, two brothers.

He left memories which we will all cherish and share. We know not why these temporary partings must come to us, for:

He bade no one a last farewell,
He said good-bye to none;
Death valley's gate just opened,
And a gentle voice said, ''Come.''

Submitted by,
The Family

## MISSIONS

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making these services a promotion for financial support. However, there will be an offering taken at each service with the approval of the local pastor, but we do not expect to make this the purpose of the service. I shall be looking forward to again seeing you.

Stoney Creek, Goldsboro, July 23, 8 p. m.; Mission Evangelism Conference, First church, Greenville, July 25, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Kenly church, Kenly, July 26, 7:30 p. m.; Living Waters, Pikeville, July 27, 11 a. m.; Pleasant Grove, Pikeville, July 27, 7 p. m.; Shady Grove, Dunn, July 28, 7:30 p. m.; First church, Tarboro, July 29, 7:30 p.m.; Christian Chapel, Pink Hill, July 30, 8 p. m.; First church, Wilson, July 31, 7:30 p. m.; Pleasant Grove, Erwin, August 1, 7:30 p. m.; First church, Durham, August 2, 7:30 p. m.; Hopewell, Smithfield, August 3, 11 a. m.; Hull Road, Snow Hill, August 3, 7 p. m.; Daniels Chapel, Wilson, August 4, 7:30 p. m.; First church, Kinston, August 5, 7:30 p. m.; Johnston Union, Smithfield, August 6, 7:30 p. m.; Gum Swamp, Greenville, August 8, 8 p. m.; Holly Springs, Newport, August 10, 11 a. m.; St. Mary's, New Bern, August 10, 7:30 p. m.

### CHURCH CHUCKLES

In order to fulfill our prayer to ''hide us behind the Cross,'' sometimes we're so far off base, God would have to move the Cross.

## JUST REFLECTING

I have walked through the valley at midnight
And on the mountains at noon,
Faced the hot desert winds of temptation
When and wherever they've blown.

I have run the race set before me
Sometimes through great strain and stress,
Knowing full well while running
It's here that I must stand the test.

I have fought many battles in sorrow
Longed time and again for the day,
When the dark war clouds of destruction
Will have passed and vanished away.

I have dreamed of a city called heaven
That wonderful, wonderful place,
God's Book says by faith I can go there
And look on my dear Saviour's face.

I must tread on the verge of the Jordan
Before I can rest in that land,
But while standing there at that river
I will reach for that safe guiding hand.

Up there in that beautiful city
That city with jewels so rare,
I will bask in that heavenly sunlight
Without a trouble or care.

When in that happy tomorrow
I will walk on the streets of pure gold,
And shout through the ceaseless eternity
The half has never been told.

—Wade T. Jernigan, President
California Christian College

## Self-Ratification (or Self-Approval)

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himself as long as he has put forth his best effort. Despite the grade, there are no real failures among the diligent. Reward comes not so much with the grade as it does with the trying. . . .

Having said that, let us make clear that no one but the individual can know whether or not he has indeed given his best. No one but the individual can know whether or not he should be satisfied with his performance. The priority here is that one achieve all he can toward his own self-betterment, expecting no more of himself than he can attain under given circumstances; then, self-ratification or self-approval will truly be possible.

Remember: The top is not always the most rewarding position anyhow. It is better to be a little under par and have something to reach for than to be on top to begin with and fall downward. There are impossible dreams and unreachable stars, certainly; but that fact should not prevent one from dreaming on and reaching out. . . .

We would not suggest that one be too easy on himself; by the same token, neither should he be so hard on himself that self-approval is out of the question. Even God expects no more than one's best, and what greater approval could one hope for than His?

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Have you ever been
ed by Maude? You
l be, you know. A
mother's advice
ld not go unheeded.
"kick" may be more
a physical one. . . .





## "Don't Let 'Maude' Kick You!"

A wise woman, in response to some inadvisable action on the part of an immature person, has often been heard to say: "Okay, go ahead and do it and let 'Old Maude' kick you!" It is obvious that the intended meaning is that irresponsible or foolish actions often result in undesired, if not bad, consequences. The wise woman in this discussion is this writer's mother, and though she would never want harm to come to one, she has issued such or similar ultimatums—more especially to her own children—when they, in her opinion, acted impulsively, without due consideration, or downright obstinately—or in a "hardheaded way"—to use her terminology.

Excuse, please, our reference and deference to our mother who has lived some eighty years and has gained much wisdom, if not through experience, certainly through observation, the use of common sense, and from an ever-present Bible in her possession. Admitting her human imperfections, she has nonetheless been known to give some of the soundest of advice, which has frequently gone unheeded by those under her care or instruction. As it has been said by others, children have to become adults themselves before they realize how much honest-to-goodness sense their parents have, notwithstanding their limited *formal* education. Thus, it stands to rational thought that if one's mother or father warns about "Maude's kick," more than empty words or an oral reprimand is intended.

Just who the "Maude" in the stated advice given happens to be is debatable. The injunction could come from old farm tales in which mules sometimes were named Maude; and, mules by nature do not have the best of dispositions. Many a farm boy has been kicked by "Old Maude" because of his pranking with the animal or by unwisely turning his backside to her hind leg. We questioned our mother whom, we thought to be the best authority as to its origin (for she had often used the saying and applied it well to sundry situations); but she frankly confirmed the truth that though she had heard it all her life she did not really know its original source. Admittedly, we had the notion as a child that she had coined the expression herself since she exhibited such skill in using it. Of a truth, when Mama warned of "Maude's" kick, the ensuing result was that either in a real or figurative way one indeed did get kicked where it hurt most; physically, emotionally, and more often than not *spiritually*.

This brings us to another point. There is a popular TV program—high on the rating charts—whose main character is named "Maude." This "Maude" acts in counterpoint to the "Maude" in our mother's reprimand. The "Maude" of the highly permissive and controversial TV series advocates rebellion, promotes the use of foul language, gives sanction to questionable (if not immoral behavior in general), and almost sacreligiously issues forth with her favorite chant "God'll get you for that." The TV Maude does kick—yes; but her kick is far from being the same kind impressed upon us by the old saying. The main difference (if it needs to be explained further) is that the TV "Maude" encourages unrestricted action, while the injunction of the old saying urges that restraint be placed upon one's deportment. The Bible itself demands that Christian people be separate from the world and that they be "holy in all manner of conversation"; that is to say, one should live his life in as holy a manner as possible.

We claim only limited knowledge and our conclusions oftentimes may be lacking in wisdom; still, we prefer our mother's "Maudish" advice to that permissive philosophy projected from the TV screen. Sure, we have watched and enjoyed some of "Maude's" programs, but almost without exception we have found distasteful elements.

When Mama says, "Don't let 'Old Maude' kick you," it is conceivable from where we sit that God is on her side. He may very well "get us," as the TV "Maude" suggests, but not quite in the manner she would advocate.

If God practices revenge at all, it is not flavored with the TV Maude's seasoning. . . .

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard
(Part One)

## THE BACKGROUND PICTURE

THIS series of notes is not intended to be a history of he Free Will Baptists for the period of ore than sixty years covered by them, lthough every reasonable effort is being ade to verify all historical facts which ay of necessity enter into the notes. either are they designed to be an utobiography of the writer. The design f the writer is to record his own ob-ervations of the fast-moving events of ese years which have seen the truggling, discouraged, scattered, and eemingly almost defeated groups of eople known as Free Will Baptists he new as he emerged from boyhood into oung manhood, grow into a enomination of Christian believers nyone should be proud to be part of.

These memories go back to a time when our denomination was at one of the owest points of its history in many ways. They go back to the year 1911, when around eighty percent of the people in he northern part of the United States and many in the southwest and the south who had shared a common faith under he names of Freewill, Free Will, and Free Baptists were swallowed up in a merger with a larger group of Baptists holding doctrines foreign to our faith.

The groups left from the 1911 merger were mostly small groups with few common ties of unity between them. Here we offer a summary of much research done regarding the conditions existing at the time we began to take notice of the denomination of which the little church of our childhood considered itself a part.

First, a big majority of the churches of that time were in rural areas, with memberships numbering less than 200. Around 75 percent of the church buildings were one-room frame buildings averaging less than $8,000 in value. North Carolina Free Will Baptists were among the wealthiest within the denomination. Minutes of the North Carolina State Convention of the years from 1915 to 1920, report the value of around 90 of the churches in the state, and the following facts are gleaned from these reports: One church was listed at $25,000; three at $10,000; two at $8,000; one at $6,000; and the others at varying figures under $5,000. The most valuable church building at this time was valued at about the minimum amount now invested in the first unit of a modern church plant.

Second, the ministers of these groups were mostly men with less than a high school education. Not more than 25 percent had received any college training, and very few had bachelor degrees. We find evidence of only one with a doctor's degree—E. L. St. Claire, D. D. These ministers were poorly paid, and practically all of them had to engage in some secular work in order to support their families. Minutes of 1920—eight years after the time of the beginning of these memories—show only ten churches out of a list of 92 North Carolina churches, paying their pastors more than $800 for a year's work, while 76 paid less than $300 for a year's work. A majority of the churches reporting had services only one Sunday per month. Those having two or more services each month were the ones paying $500 or more. Only one North Carolina minister reported a total amount of as much as $1,500, and he was an evangelist. Minutes from areas outside North Carolina indicate that very similar conditions existed with respect to support of pastors.

Third, the merger of 1911 with the Missionary Baptists left very little in the way of denominational institutions. Three schools in the north and one school in eastern Tennessee were carried away in the merger, becoming the property of the Northern Baptist Convention. This left only the Ayden Seminary in North Carolina, which offered something short of a high school program of general education and a limited course in theology. The only other institution was "The Free Will Baptist Printing Company," which, after moving from place to place for several years, was settled at Ayden, North Carolina, and was struggling along providing four items of Sunday school literature and a weekly magazine, "The Free Will Baptist." The property of the printing company, along with its records, was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1913, but the company managed to survive and continue to provide the only literature available to remaining Free Will Baptist groups. There were no children's homes and no assemblies or camps operated by Free Will Baptists.

Fourth, no group remaining from the merger of 1911 had a missionary program in operation, either home or foreign. The earliest official move for a home mission program of which we have found record was made by the Eastern North Carolina Conference in 1914, when a motion was passed to set up a board to carry on home mission work within the bounds of that conference, and $26.78 was raised to begin the program. (By a later motion during the same session, this $26.78 was given to Elder L. C. Garner, but there is no information as to just why.) In 1918 this mission board reported $42 in the mission fund, and recommended that $35 of that be used for expenses of a delegate to the Cooperative Association, which had been organized in 1916.

This, I believe, gives a fairly accurate picture of the denomination which challenged my life and services from the time I was baptized and received into the little one-room Union Valley Free Will Baptist Church on "Ox Creek" in Buncombe County, North Carolina, in 1912. By the grace of God, I have been permitted to watch, from what might be

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:11

THE RIDDLE

A lady in the west of England, on reading out the riddle from her cracker at a tea party, surprised her friends as well as herself at the great truth so jestingly written, "Question: Why is the devil like a pawnbroker? Answer: Because he claims all the unredeemed." Surely this would startle and arouse some poor careless souls. How often God uses the foolish things of this world for His wise purposes!—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Become claimed by God. Do not wait. The unscrupulous lurk at every corner and feel free to claim the undeclared.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 24:17, 18

NATURE SOLVES A PROBLEM

"If two goats meet each other in a narrow path above a piece of water, what do they do?" asks Luther. "They cannot turn back, and they cannot pass each other; and there is not an inch of spare room. If they were to butt each other both would fall into the water below and be drowned. What will they do, do you suppose? What would you do?"

Well, nature has taught the one goat to lie down and let the other pass over it, and then they both get to the end of the way safe and sound.

Now, Paul was meeting goats on narrow ledges of rock with the sea below, and so are you, and so am I. If I am willing to lie down and let you pass over my prostrate body, then we shall both be saved. What a lesson of love and concern for our fellowmen!—Alexander Whyte

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If anything as stubborn as a goat has the good sense to be helpful, it does seem that intelligent beings should attempt to cooperate with one another.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5
Scripture Reading—Revelation 21:25-27

IS THIS THE RIGHT ROAD HOME?

Is this the right road home, O Lord?
The clouds are dark and still,
The stony path is hard to tread,
Each step brings some fresh ill.
I thought the way would brighter grow,
And that the sun with warmth would glow,
And joyous songs from free hearts flow.
Is this the Right Road Home?

Yes child, this very path I trod,
The clouds were dark for me,
The stony path was sharp and hard.
Not sight, but faith, could see
That at the end the sun shines bright,
Forever where there is no night,
And glad hearts rest from earth's fierce fight,
It *is* the Right Road Home!

—Rosalind Goforth

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pray that God will help us find the right road home and that He will lead us along its treacherous way.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 5:29

NO FEAR OF JUDGMENT

I do not expect to be judged at the last day. I have no fear of the great white throne. My case has been settled in the Court of Mercy, in which God is Judge and Jesus Christ is the Advocate. "There is, therefore, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." "Who shall bring anything to the charge of God's elect?" If you desire to take an appeal from this Court of Mercy to the Supreme Court of Justice you may do so. I prefer to come to God, the Judge of all, today when I may be represented by such an Advocate as Jesus Christ.—A. C. Dixon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Rather than to have to worry about getting a criminal lawyer, let us live so that we won't have need of such services.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:3

"ACT AS THOUGH WE KNEW IT!"

If we knew but half the troubles
That our neighbor has to bear;
If we knew what caused those furrow
On his brow, and kept them there—
We should surely try to cheer him
In some kindly, helpful way,
And there'd be a lot more sunshine
In the lives of both, today.

If we knew whose feet were standing
Close beside the narrow stream;
If we knew whose eyes would clos
soon
In the sleep that has no dream;
Then perhaps we'd be more tender,
Lighter judge, more kindly speak—
Oh, why not act as though we knev
it—
For life's cords so quickly break!

—Chester Shule

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have heard that if we were t
live each day as though it were ou
last day on earth, we would be muc
easier with which to live.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:7, 8

HE ANSWERS

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers prayer.
I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.
I know it cometh soon or late;
Therefore we need to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought.
I leave my prayers with Him alone
Whose will is wiser than my own.

—*King's Busines*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Any of us who have really found
ourselves in a frustrating situation
and have fervently prayed for God's
help know that God does answe
prayer.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
Scripture Reading—Mark 9:23

"BE SURE!"

The man who once most wisely said, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead," might as well have added this, to wit: "Be sure you're wrong before you quit."—Selected

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question**: Should Christians give a tithe of their income to the Lord since we are not under the law?

(Continued from Last Issue)

I am reminded here of what I heard the Elder Gypsy Smith tell a group of millionaires in the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago one Sunday about 50 years ago. He said something quite like this, "You tell me that your sons and daughters are not honoring you as you honored your parents, neither are they as religious or as respectful to the church, to the home, or to the high Christian morals as you were. Neither do they reverence God and His Christ. Well, I can tell you something you have left out. You showed me your beautiful and elaborately furnished homes such as your parents never owned, but you did not show me the place in a corner of one of your luxurious rooms where you take your sons and daughters and meet God at the throne of grace with them nor the place where you, with Bible in hand, counsel with them as did your parents with you." Mr. Smith had taken a week out of his busy life of evangelizing the unsaved in England and Europe to come to Chicago to help rescue the Bible Rescue Mission he had heard was on the eve of closing its doors for the lack of funds. He had been influential in building it 50 years earlier. The mission was soon restored to its normal activities in evangelizing the lost in a desperate, poverty-strickened area of that great metropolis.

If only men and women who claim to be Christians (Christlike) would, ". . . when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" (Matthew 6:3), the whole pathetic religious realm of activities would be more in keeping with the purpose of Christ in His coming and giving His life a ransom for us; our giving and a proper use of that offered would claim a smaller sphere in our endeavors to carry out our Lord's marching orders. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. . . ." (Matthew 28:18-20).

Dr. Louis T. Talbot makes a timely comment on Page 110 in his book **Bible Questions Explained:**

"Although it is true that we are not under the Mosaic Law, yet it seems to me that the tithe is the least the Christian should want to give to the Lord. It was instituted long before Moses was born, and seems to be the scriptural basis for all giving. Abraham gave a tithe 400 years before the law was given. (See Genesis 14:20; cf. Genesis 28:22.)

"On the other hand, there is no instruction given in the New Testament about the tithe. God does say through Paul that we should give 'upon the first day of the week'—regularly; 'as God hath prospered' us (1 Corinthians 16:2); first giving our own selves to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:5); cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7); with joy; and out of a sense of gratitude to God who has given His all for us. Read carefully all of chapters eight and nine of 2 Corinthians.

"To make tithing a binding command in this age of grace, is to return to legalism; but many Christians testify to the fact that, as they have let the tithe be the beginning of their giving, God has prospered them to such an extent that they have had all the more to give. Yet let it be remembered that God does not always prosper His saints accordingly; some of the most liberal, devoted Christians never have much, in a material way, in this life.

"Therefore, to summarize what we have said: Every child of God should be consistent, faithful, systematic, cheerful in his giving. And the tithe seems to be the scriptural principle. God's people under the law were servants; God's people under grace are sons. And though, under grace, tithing is not obligatory; yet why should God's people in this dispensation give less than the less favored people under the law?

" '. . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: . . .' (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

" '. . . He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:6, 7)."

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Joe H. Johnson announces that he is available for evangelistic and supply work within the Free Will Baptist denomination. If interested you may contact him by writing Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or calling in the evenings from 7:30-9:30, 284-4229.

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The Rev. John Melancon announces that he is available for full-time pastoral work. He is able to make arrangements immediately. Mr. Melancon is a member in good standing of the Western Conference and has pastored the following churches: Dawson's Grove (Central Conference), Union Grove (Western Conference), and Sandy Plain (Eastern Conference).

Any church interested in his services may contact him at Route 3, Box 326, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by calling 284-2082.

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

### HOMECOMING—1975

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home held its annual homecoming services on July 13, 1975. It was a great day with approximately three hundred in attendance.

Services began at 10:30 a. m. with the Alumni Association holding its annual business meeting with Jerry Smith, president, presiding over the meeting. Following the business meeting everyone met for the morning worship service. Several awards were presented to children living at the Home at this time. The presentation ceremony was conducted by Mr. Ralph Pate. The awards are as follows:

**Powell Award:** Given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Powell to the girl and boy showing the most interest in religious activities. (Selection by vote of the staff.) The recipients were Linda Mills and Tim Mills.

**Alumni Association Award:** Given by the Alumni Association to the girl and boy showing the most interest in the Home. The recipients were Kay Hill and Sammy Mansour. Kay and Sammy have both received this award previously.

**Academic Award:** Given by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper to the students in elementary and high school who made the highest scholastic average during the past school year. The recipients are determined by the official school records. The recipients were Tim Mills, Middlesex Elementary; Sandra Anderson, Spaulding Middle School; Sally Alford, Southern Nash Junior High; and, Judy Warren, Southern Nash Senior High. Sally and Judy also received these awards last year.

**Mixon Award:** Given by Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Mixon to the best all-around girl and boy. (Selection by vote of the children of the Home.) The recipients were Kay Hill and Randy Faircloth. This was the second time that Kay and Randy received this award.

The homecoming message was delivered by the Rev. S. A. Smith. Following the worship service, lunch was served in the main dining hall.

After lunch everyone had a great time visiting with old friends and talking about how things used to be at the Home.

All in all it was a wonderful day of fun and fellowship.

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### GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

On Friday, July 18, a small group of people gathered together for a ground-breaking ceremony for the first duplex apartment of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes at the Children's Home.



The president of the Retirement Homes Board of Directors, Mr. Billy W. Dilday, Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, is shown with shovel in hand. Looking on are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weeks, Mrs. Billy Dilday and son Kevin, Mrs. Rebecca Davenport, and a friend. The Revs. Walter Reynolds, Clyde Cox, and Mr. A. G. Glover Jr. had also planned to attend but were unable to be present.

We earnestly ask for your prayers and financial support as this great endeavor of building the first home is undertaken. With God's help we hope to have this first apartment completed on the outsid prior to our State Convention this comin September. At the completion of thi building a dedication service will b scheduled and an invitation to atten extended to the denomination.

**Your** help is needed for this progran to be a success. Please send all con tributions to: Free Will Baptist Retiremen Homes, General Delivery, Middlesex North Carolina 27557.

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## AMERICA

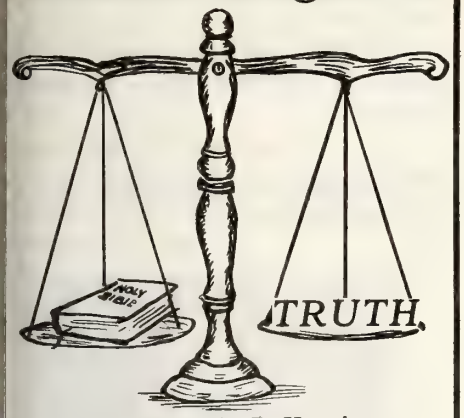
Danny R. Herring
First FWB Church, Tarboro

When our forefathers came to this nev land they had basically one goal: that o **freedom of worship**. Now as we have jus celebrated our 199th birthday as nation, did we stop and think that w have **freedom of worship**, but not th type of worship our forefathers had i mind?

Stop and look around you—instead c going to church on Sunday to worshi the Lord, millions of people stay home t worship their television sets, or the worship their homes. Some stay home o Sunday and paint, cut the grass, or som other job around the house. During th summer months these same peopl worship their summer homes, thei boats, or maybe even the beach. Like said before, I don't think that it is exactl the type of worship our forefathers cam to this new world seeking.

All of us watch television from time t time and I know that you've seen variou commercials claiming that their produc is Number 1. We've got the Number car, truck, tire, pain reliever, and so on Now think for a moment. Have you eve seen a commercial telling you abou America's Number 1 problem? Oh, you' see different advertisements saying tha drugs or alcohol may be our Number problem, but they aren't. I believe tha America's Number 1 problem is that no enough of us have Jesus Christ in ou hearts. Oh sure, drugs and alcohol ar major problems in our nation; but, if all o us were to let Christ into our hearts, the would not even be minor problems, le alone major ones. God is trying to war us, so we better sit up and take notic before it's too late. Let's let Christ be ou Number 1 problem solver and start usin our **freedom of worship** for the bettermen of America as our forefathers would wan us to.

# The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basic: ''. . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live'' (Amos 5:4).

### SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS HOLINESS

Because we, as human beings, are so wicked, wretched, miserable, and corrupt it is hard to visualize a being who is holy and completely without corruption as God is. The Bible states, ''The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works'' (Psalm 145:17). **Holiness** is a word which describes purity, perfection, salvation, godliness, God, and heaven. Since God is holy, we should seek Him and let Him cleanse us, purge us, and make us pure creatures, like He is, without sin.

God is holy, and because He is holy, He hates sin. ''The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: . . .'' (Proverbs 15:9). Please notice that it is the way of the wicked that is an abomination unto the Lord. This, of course, means the things which the wicked do. The Lord regards acts of sin with disgust and contempt. Sin is a transgression of the laws of God. Whatever God says for us to do, we must be careful to do. Whatever He says for us not to do, we must be sure not to do it. These sins may be classified as a positive and a negative commandment of the Lord—the sin of commission and the sin of omission. We need to search the Scriptures so that we can rightly determine exactly what we are doing or not doing that is an abomination unto the Lord.

God's holiness is shown in His separation from sinners: ''. . . your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear'' (Isaiah 59:2). If we seek God, we must find a way to rid ourselves of all iniquities. We must seek God through a commitment to holiness and spiritual living. The average church member today is in open rebellion and defiance of holy living. He thinks he can have the world and heaven too. He acts as though he will go to heaven when he dies in spite of all his sinful conformities to the world. Seeking God will make us see that without holiness it will be impossible to see God here or hereafter.

When we seek God in holiness we will find that He must punish the sinner. ''. . . thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee'' (Psalm 5:4). (Also read Verses 5 and 6.) It is necessary that the sinner be purged, cleansed, and made holy before he can approach God. The sinner does not have that which is necessary for his cleansing. It is required that the blood of Jesus Christ be applied to the sinner's heart for cleansing. To do this the sinner must acknowledge that he is a sinner and cannot save himself (see Romans 3:23; Luke 18:13). After the acknowledgement of sin, the sinner must repent (see Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19). By the time of repentance, he will go into a confession of his sins (see John 1:9; Romans 10:10). After confession, the sinner will see the need to forsake all sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (see Isaiah 55:7; John 3:16; Romans 10:9; Mark 16:16).

The next and most important step for the sinner is when glory fills his soul and the way is made clear and he receives Christ as his Saviour and is baptized in the Holy Ghost!




### MANY FACETS

The jubilee diamond weighs 245.35 karats, and is valued at more money than we'll see in a lifetime. It is beautifully pictured on deep blue luxurious velvet with the light directed a certain way for all the facets to reflect at their best. But even in all its splendor, if it were shown on a drab gray background with all facets covered excepting one, it wouldn't look better than a ten-cent store stone. Beginning with the first chipping, the diamond had to be cut to reflect the light at the best advantage. Even now, you have to see it as a whole to get the true beauty.

It's like that with people, too. Unless a person is an intimate friend or family member, we don't see more than one or two facets.

At 3 p. m. you see a chic secretary, her shorthand pad poised, her dress the latest style, nails perfectly manicured, not a hair out of place. Can you picture her at 5:30 p. m. with grimy jeans and shirt, on her knees, her hands covered in soil, as she woks in her garden?

We see a man on Sunday meticulously dressed in his best suit, carrying a Bible under his arm. That's the picture we usually get because that's the only way we see him. It's hard to visualize him lying under a car on Monday, his hands covered in cylinder oil, tediously adjusting whatever is under a car that can be adjusted.

The lady who sings in the choir on Sunday with a voice like a sweet melody, can you picture her on Monday as she bellows a thunderous yell to call the boys in from play four blocks down the street?

Employees shudder when a tough business executive walks into a branch office because usually his visits mean heads start rolling. But at home, if the little woman would say, ''Boo!'' behind him, that sudsy dinner plate he's washing would smash into smithereens against the floor he has recently scrubbed.

No one is one dimensional. There are all those facets that must be shown against proper background, with perfect light, to see a person in his true value—the way God sees us. Aren't we silly when we judge a person simply by one act or one facet of his life?

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

## First Church, Wilson, Observes Senior Citizens' Day



*Standing on the back row, left to right, are the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark; the pastor of the Wilson church, the Rev. Johnnie Bullman; along with two of the senior citizens.*

Senior Citizens' Day was held Sunday, July 13, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. The senior citizens were honored during the morning worship service. As they entered, the women received a pink carnation corsage and the men received a red carnation boutonniere. The Ladies' Trio, Mrs. Muriel Tomlinson, Mrs. Mozelle Price, and Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin, sang, "In Times Like These" and "Precious Memories."

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Durham, a former pastor of the church, brought the morning message. He spoke of several humorous incidents that occurred during the early days of the Wilson church in which some of the senior citizens were involved.

After the service, the senior citizens were treated to lunch in the Fellowship Hall, catered by Bill's Restaurant. Kerosene Lamps, minature covered wagons, and gingham ribbons were used for the table decorations.

These senior citizens have provided great spiritual leadership and the Wilson church is grateful to have the opportunity to honor each one of them in this way.

### Eastern Conference to Sponsor Course on FWB Church

The Rev. Bruce Dudley, secretary of the Eastern Conference Examining Board, announces that the Eastern Conference will sponsor a course on "The Free Will Baptist Church: Its History, Doctrine, Polity, and Ministry," to be taught at the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, beginning Tuesday, August 5, 1975, at 7 p. m. This is a two (2) semester hour, college level, course which is required of **all** candidates for the ministry within the Eastern Conference. The fee for the course is $40, and is suggested that in case the student is a candidate for the ministry, that the cost be shared equally by the candidate and his local church.

The course, however, is not limited to candidates for the ministry, but anyone may enroll.

### 97th Birthday and Homecoming Hickory Chapel Church



The Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, will celebrate its 97th birthday and homecoming on Sunday, August 10, 1975.

The Sunday school lesson will be taught in the sanctuary, beginning at 10 a. m. Following this the pastor, the Rev. Robert May, will bring the morning message. Reading of the church history and a memorial service will be held in the morning also. A picnic lunch will be served at noon.

An inspiration and praise time service will be held after lunch. There will be visitors and local talent. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited.

The church is located on Highway 561 east of Ahoskie, North Carolina.

### Welcome Home Church Says Farewell to Pastor

On Sunday, June 29, 1975, the Woman's Auxiliary of Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Beaufort, honored its pastor, the Rev. Jerry Rowe, and his family with a surprise farewell dinner in the fellowship hall of the church.

The church reporter states: "The first Sunday in July, 1969, a dear pastor came to us to be our pastor, Brother Jerry Rowe. He remained our pastor for

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## THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL PARENTS

Submitted by Mrs. Nannie Lee Cox

**Behold,** a certain son had two rents.

**And** one of these parents said unto e son, ''Give us for the next ten years at portion of time and strength which e have pledged to thee.''

**And** the son divided among them that ne and strength which rightfully longed unto the child.

**And** not many days after, these rents gathered all together and took eir journey into a far country, and there asted their time and strength on that hich concerned not their child.

**And** behold, there was a daughter so in that home, but her mother knew r not. For while this parent spent much ne in play, it was always with other omen and never with her daughter.

**And**, lo, she attended musicals and ctures, and read books and magazines r her own entertainment and pleasure, t she never shared them with her aughter.

**And** this parent became popular and onored throughout that whole region, nd all women knew her in person or by putation, but withal her home knew her ot.

**And** likewise the prodigal father spent is waking moments in riotous elfishness. And he was successful in usiness and saving money, but in so oing he was losing his boy. And he alled himself a good provider. And oreover, when evening came this father pent his time with other men, or when t home, with his face buried deep in the vening paper, while his son longed for he fellowship of his father.

**And**, lo, after a few years there came a reat famine in the souls of these arents, and they began to be in want, nd to be hungry for the life that atisfies. And in their despair they joined hemselves to more pleasure and they ain would have filled their souls with the eal pleasures of life; but no business ffice, nor amusement place, or club, ave them what they sought.

**And** when they came to themselves hey said, ''We have made a great istake; we perish with hunger for our hildren; we will arise and go unto our hildren and say unto them, 'We have inned against heaven and home, and ou, our children; we are no more worthy to be called your parents; let us, we beseech you, become as your companions.' ''

**And** so those parents rose up hastily and returned to their former abiding place. And while they were afar off, also, no son ran to meet them and no daughter fell on their necks and kissed them. But instead they heard the blare of radio in jazz; the sound of laughter with joy; the clink of ice in tall glasses.

**And** in great heartsickness they crept into the house and looked on their children.

**And** behold, at what they saw, they were sorely grieved in their hearts, and they cried out with a loud voice, ''Bring us instead of the best robe, the sackcloth, and put it about us; no rings for our fingers, no shoes for our feet; no fatted calf for our table; let us not eat and be merry, but fast and be sad; for as parents we were alive, but are dead; were found, but are lost!''

**And** in that day was the Scripture fulfilled which saith: ''There was a voice heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted'' (Jeremiah 31:15).

—Author Unknown

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## A TRIBUTE TO ALFORD RADFORD

On August 4, 1974, God called Brother Alford Radford home to be with Him.

Al, as the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro knew him, was an inspiration to all of us. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years, in addition to the many other duties he was called upon to do.

Brother Radford accepted Christ as his Saviour 16 years ago, and with his family united with the Tarboro church in 1957.

The fifty years God permitted Al to live on this earth wasn't a bed of roses. He had many troubles and trials, one of which was the loss of a teenage son in death. But Al had faith in God's promise, ''Come unto me and I will give you rest.'' He found that rest and peace that only God can give.

Al wasn't a big man in stature, but in our eyes he stood 10 feet tall. He was a happy Christian, and the words of his mouth were evidence of his love for his God, church, family, and fellowman.

In his personal, quiet, effective way he was a great witness for his Lord.

August 4, 1974, was a dark Sunday, the rain drops were falling around our church as were our tears inside. We had just received word that Al could not make it through the night. Oh, how our hearts were saddened. He was such a dear person and loved by all. He was a ray of sunshine, that only Al could bring forth.

But, God loved Al also, and wanted to remove him from his pain and reward him for his faith.

At 10 p.m. Brother Al went to be with God.

It has been a year since Al left us, but the love he gave to each life he touched, is still tucked away in our hearts. We thank God for sharing this fine Christian man and his family with us. And we can echo the sentiments of his wife, as she promised Al and her God that day, ''Honey I'll try; I'll try.''

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Langley
First Church, Tarboro

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## TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DANIEL F. PELT SR.

In behalf of my having known Brother Daniel F. Pelt Sr., having had him as a teacher in the public schools for two years, and having been engaged with him in church work, I would like to present this tribute to him who was called away to be with God on June 21, 1975.

What a mighty man of God who has passed on to his eternal reward! No, God is not dead, and His cause lives on and on. Pain, poverty, disappointment, and bereavement cannot quench the Christian's hope nor hush his song. The Christian looks from the darkness of the open grave to the brightness of the portals of heaven. The passing of a loved one brings separation here in this world; but, thank God, there will be reunion in heaven. It may be a momentary affliction here in this world, but it will be an eternal weight of glory up there in heaven.

Soldiers of Jesus Christ are called upon to surrender their own will to a higher authority, to obey strictly the marching orders of God, and often they must leave their friends and loved ones behind them for the cause they represent. These are some of the characteristics our deceased brother,

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# THE END — YET THE BEGINNING

Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

Just a month ago there was an air of great expectation and gladness in our home and many homes throughout the land. Yes, it was **graduation time** for many young men and women. It was the end of careless days—not careless in the sense of not caring—but in a carefree way that only the young people of today have. But now it is time for these young people to become responsible young men and women.

With the parting hour of happy school days, they are faced with busy days ahead—days of joy and days of disappointment. Graduates, whatever your role in life, please heed the advice of your parents.

I am sure that in your school days you have acquired lots of friends. This may be farewell to some of them, but true friends will never fade away. You will never be able to erase some of the joys and sorrows shared with your classmates throughout your school days. These experiences you shared will be a great help as you go out to face the trials of this cruel world. With these experiences you will be better equipped to battle the disappointments which lie ahead. Preparing yourself for the days ahead is what life is all about.

Truly you cherish every little moment of your high school days. Your parting with classmates brought a tear to the eye because this part of your life's journey has ended. You will never forget some of your teachers' rules. In your future years you will perhaps compare these rules with the rules you will have to face for the rest of your life. Then you will realize that your teachers had your interest at heart; they cared for you and were interested in your future; they loved you and will always be ready to aid you in anyway possible. Please don't disappoint them!

We parents say with you to high school days, "Adieu," with heartfelt love for you. We pray that when you part with joy in your heart, that you will soon reach the goal set by you.

The **goal**! What is your goal in life? Only you can set your goal. Only with God's help can you achieve this goal.

We read in Hebrews 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are com passed about with so great a cloud c witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the rac that is set before us."

This is a new beginning for you youn men and women. You will contact man witnesses throughout life: your teachers your parents, but most of all—God. Yes God sees and hears everything you sa or do. Sin is a heavy weight to carr through life, so why not lay that si aside? Let God have your hand and H will lead you in the straight and narrov path that leads to heaven. He will guid you and go with you all the way.

Life is a race we must all run. May yo young graduates of high school an college have the courage, the patience and the will power to accept the Lor Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviou which is the greatest gift anyone ca ever receive. May God bless and keep everyone of you in His loving car always.

## BLESSED ARE THEY...

Submitted by Mrs. Laura Carawan

**Blessed are they** who understand
my faltering step and palsied hand.
**Blessed are they** who know that my ears today
must strain to catch the things they say.
**Blessed are they** who seem to know
that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
**Blessed are they** who looked away
when coffee spilled at the table today.
**Blessed are they** with a cheery smile
who stop to chat for a little while.

**Blessed are they** who never say,
"You've told me that story twice today."
**Blessed are they** who know the ways
to bring back memories of yesterdays.
**Blessed are they** who make it known
that I'm loved, respected, and not alone.
**Blessed are they** who know I'm at a loss
to find the strength to carry my cross.
**Blessed are they** who ease the days
of my journey **home** in loving ways.

—From **The Listening Post**

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

## Black Mountain, North Carolina

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Managers

### ON THEIR OWN!

Acting entirely on their own with no ggestion from us, the young people no are working with us this summer ised the money among themselves and rchased a nice Christian flag for the stitution. They were concerned over e fact that no Christian flag flew along ith "Old Glory" on our campus. The ag was formally unfurled at the 7 a. m. eremony on Tuesday, July 22. After the merican flag was raised and the pledge allegiance was given to it, Jimmy homas, in behalf of our ten youth orkers, presented the new flag. It was ccepted in behalf of Cragmont Assembly nd the Free Will Baptist denomination y the Rev. A. Graham Lane, who was resent with a group from his church. It as then raised in place while the group workers and visitors stood at attntion, the pledge was given, the anager read the Twentieth Psalm, and e Rev. Mr. Lane prayed the dedication rayer. Now the banner of the Lord flies long with "Old Glory" on the campus at ragmont.

The giving of this flag was typical of e kind of young people who are orking at Cragmont this summer. Our oung people are carrying on their own unday school on Sunday mornings, and oing it well. There is always special usic along with inspiring ongregational singing, and the young eople are taking turns teaching the esson. They are doing the job well nough to make some Sunday school eachers we know of ashamed of emselves! Unless we have a visiting hurch group holding services here, ur young people visit local churches for he eleven o'clock service, and they are eing regularly asked to render special usic. Incidentally, three of our girls are ianists, or assistant pianists in their ome churches; so our three pianos on he campus get plenty of exercise. Music ften fills the air at Cragmont! The young eople are also enjoying the lounge that Mr. Wilson so kindly built for them. We now have a color television and various kinds of parlor games for them.

We are devoting this space to our workers because of their fine service rendered for the love of Cragmont and a little pay, their fine Christian conduct that is gratifying to our hearts, and their winning respect throughout the community for our assembly and our denomination. Pray for them, and when you visit Cragmont—and please do—speak a word of commendation to them.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard
Proud Comanagers

## THE SINGING KIRKLANDS VISIT HUGO CHURCH

On Sunday morning, July 13, we visited Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton, where the Rev. Harry A. Jones is the pastor, for a special service. God poured out tremendous blessings that morning. There was a congregation-wide move as eyes were washed with tears and twenty-one people responded to the altar call. It was truly a revival in one service, with repentant hearts, people drawing closer to God, and coming to know Christ as Saviour.

We found there a group of people who really love God and His work. Under the very capable leadership of Brother Jones the Hugo church is doing great things for God as a mission-minded church. These people have found that tithing, combined with giving, is a powerful force that will get the job done in the work of the Lord, both at home and abroad. It has been proven again and again, a church that supports missions wholeheartedly will never suffer spiritually, numerically, or financially! As a full-time evangelistic team, traveling over 50,000 miles and going into over 250 different churches each year (both large and small) over the past nine years, we have never seen it fail.

Incidentally, this is noteworthy: the people of the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church were a great blessing to our ministry during that service. With only seventy-six people in attendance, they gave us the largest single love offering we have ever received from any church regardless of size—in excess of two hundred dollars!

To God be the glory and may His richest blessings be upon you all.

The Singing Kirklands
Route 16
Kingsport, Tennessee 37663

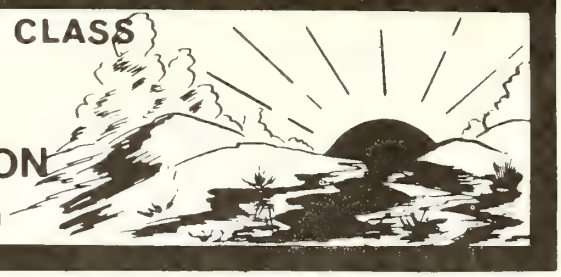
(Pastor's Note: The Singing Kirklands (Jim, Jean, and Kim) are three of the most warmhearted and sincere Christians I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. As pastor of the Hugo church and a Free Will Baptist minister, I commend this evangelistic team and recommend them to any church desiring a great spiritual blessing. They love the Lord and its shows through their singing, testimony, smile, and just plain honest love for people. May God continue to richly bless them for the cause of Christ our Lord.—Harry A. Jones)

## WHERE IS GOD?

by
Ruth Langley Newsome

In a newborn baby's smile;
In the look of a mother on her precious child.
In the first soft rays of the morning sun,
And the look on the face of that special someone.
In the feel of a fresh and cooling breeze;
In the smell of the flowers and the hum of bees.
In the touch of a friend's gentle hand
As he lets you know he understands,
He is in the mountains tall and grand;
In the tiniest pebble and the sparkling sand.
The oceans and seas and the babbling brook;
In the little violet in its shady nook.
He is in the hearts of His children, one and all,
Who lean upon Him lest they fall.
Where is God? Why, don't you see?
He is everywhere if you let Him be.

# ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS
# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
## FOR AUGUST 10



### FACING TENSIONS

**Lesson Text:** Romans 12:1, 2; James 1:2-8, 12
**Memory Verse:** James 1:12

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The more complicated life becomes the more tensions and problems it presents. I think that everyone will agree that we live in a very complex society. The simplicity of life as our fathers knew it and as many of us knew it in the days of our youth has fled beyond recall.

The vast majority of men and women of our day, if not continually at least occasionally, find themselves beset on every side with problems that seem to defy solution and with stresses that are so intense that they seem to offer no means of escape. To many of our people the problem of making a living, the mere keeping the wolf from the door, and the paying of honest debts presents worries and anxieties that are difficult to cope with. Others have to deal with tensions that come as a result of broken home relationships. Still others must face the problem of caring for aged or sick relatives in addition to the keeping of their own household. Thus we can see that few are the number who escape these perplexities of life that bring tension and stress in their wake. We who are followers of Christ, though we are not freed from these problems, are better qualified to deal with them. We have learned that God's grace is sufficient for our every need, and that as long as we continue to put our trust in Him, He will not only give us the ability to face all of the problems of life, but the ability to face them with a smile.

The lesson text for today is derived from two New Testament epistles: Romans 12:1, 2 constitutes a very impassioned and logical plea for total commitment to Christ, while James 1:2-8, 12 gives encouragement to all who are facing difficulties in their Christian walk.

The purpose of today's lesson is to encourage us to look to Jesus for the strength and the wisdom to deal with the complex problems of life in our world.—**The Teenage Teacher (F. W. B.)**

**II. HINTS THAT HELP**

A. We are not to enjoy the trials of life, but we are to rejoice in that they give us an opportunity to do and become. They give us an opportunity to bring glory and praise to God, and they give us an opportunity to become more mature as Christians.

B. God wants our bodies to be used in His service. He lives in our bodies in the Person of the Holy Spirit. He wants to use our bodies for His glory.

C. Through trials we can become what it is possible for us to become. Without trials there is no way that our faith could be tested. Through the testing of our faith we are given patience.

D. Anyone who is diligent and intelligent can get knowledge, but it takes some reliance upon God to get wisdom from Him, He is the source of wisdom.

E. If we expect God to hear us when we pray for wisdom or anything else, there are three characteristics that we must have: faith, humility, and sincerity.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

**III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A. On the occasion of the writer's retirement as a pastor last year, his congregation gave him, among other fine gifts, an antique mantel clock, the old fashioned tick-tocking kind. Of course, on each hour it struck the time, as these clocks do. The first night he had the clock he went to bed with the intention of listening for the hour to strike at midnight. Minutes passed, and then more minutes. In the darkness he waited for what seemed an eternity, with mild tensions growing. At the appointed moment the clock struck one, two, three, etc.

The writer never heard it; he had dropped off to sleep.

Life today is filled with tensions, waitings, uncertainties. Perhaps because of things being as they are, we face more tensions now than ever before. Conditions in government, possible war, distrust among people—these all contribute to our tenseness and often cause anxiety, unrest, nervous conditions, and we have long since wondered what will be the end of these things—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

B. The sportscasters who cover the Olympic games continually bring us up-to-date on the number of gold medals our team has won. In James' day, winning athletes did not receive a gold medal. They were crowned with a wreath. Often it was only a garland of flowers that soon faded. We who strive in the Christian contest and are victorious will receive a "crown of life." We need not fear that our crown will "wither" for we are assured that it will not fade away (1 Peter 5:4).

The word "crown" was used to describe the crown of royalty as well as the athlete's award. Jesus promises that we shall be royalty (Revelation 1:6). Peter also describes us as royalty (1 Peter 2:9). Whether we think of our crown as the athlete's award or the mark of a king, the idea is rich with meaning. Like an athlete, we go into training, sacrifice all that would harm us, do spiritual exercises, and are doing battle with our opponent, the devil. But like a king, our crown is ours as a birthright—because we have been born again. Some have so emphasized the latter aspect that they have lost sight of the former. Certainly, God gives us our crown because we have been born again. In a real sense, we do not earn this crown. But is it not equally true that we must strive to retain it? If God has made us kings, must we not live as kings? In the spiritual area, we must contest the powers of darkness and not allow them to defeat us. Christians must always keep striving. We must rigorously keep training. We must work hard at the job of living a Christian life. And this we can do with God's help. Only if we so strive will the crown be ours.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

C. A Negro who had accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and realized the truth, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20) used to exclaim in moments of trial or temptation, "Massa, yo' property am in danger." Trusting alone to Him "that is able to keep" (Jude 1:24) he felt secure.—Mason

# STORIES

## for our youth



## DEBBIE LEARNS ABOUT FAITH

Debbie took her new glasses from the case and put them n. She was happy to have them because ords were much clearer now when she as reading. Taking her Bible, she rned to the memory verse her Sunday chool teacher had given her to learn. (You) are all the children of God by faith Christ Jesus'' (Galatians 3:26), she ad.

She laid the Bible down and began to nink what the words meant. She was ure it told how she could be a child of od, but try as hard as she could, she asn't able to get an understanding bout what was meant by ''fatih in Christ esus.''

Her thoughts were interrupted by her ttle sister, Susan. ''Come on, Debbie, ou promised to play hopscotch with me hen I was through with my arith-etic.''

Debbie looked at Susan. She had romised, but now she was sorry and idn't want to keep her word.

''I don't want to play.''

Susan frowned. ''You don't keep your romises. I'm not going to believe you ny more,'' she pouted.

Debbie thought a moment. It really asn't fair not to play with her little ister. If she didn't, Susan would have ood reason not to believe anything she romised.

''OK,'' she finally said, ''I'll play a ttle while with you.''

As they played, Debbie kept thinking bout that Bible verse. She wanted to be a child of God, but how could she when she didn't understand about having faith?

That night after she was ready for bed, she put her robe on and slipped into the living room where her daddy and mother were talking.

''Debbie,'' her mother said, ''just turn right around and go back to bed. Remember, there's school tomorrow.''

Debbie looked at her mother in disappointment.

''But, Mother, I want to ask you and Daddy something.''

''Is it important?'' her daddy asked.

''I think so,'' she said. ''I think it's very important.''

Her daddy took her on his lap. ''What's bothering you, Honey?'' he asked.

''I'd like to know what 'faith in Christ Jesus' means. We have a Scripture verse to learn for Sunday school that says, '(You) are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.' ''

Mother laid down her sewing. ''When you have faith in someone, you believe he will do what he says he will do.''

''Yes,'' her daddy agreed. ''Just like when we took you to Dr. Mabee, and he said he could fit you with glasses which could make you see better. We had faith in him and believed he could do it.''

''And he did,'' Debbie said.

''Yes, but what if you had gone to him,'' Mother continued, ''and said, 'Yes, I know you can help me to see better,' but you refused to let him examine your eyes and wouldn't let him do anything for you? Would you really have faith that he could help you?''

''I guess not,'' Debbie said.

''That's the way it is about having faith in Jesus,'' Daddy explained. ''In the first place, it's like Mother said. To have faith in someone means that you know that person will do what he promises.''

Debbie thought about her promise to Susan earlier. ''Like I promised to play with Susan, and I kept the promise.''

''Yes, it's like that,'' Mother agreed, ''and now Susan feels that she can trust you to do what you say you will do.''

Daddy put Debbie down from his lap. ''When you go to bed, think about what Jesus has already done for you and what He has promised He will do for you if you will let Him.''

Debbie hesitated before going to her room, ''I know that Jesus died on the Cross for me, but what else will He do for me?''

Daddy took her by the hand as they walked to her room.

''Jesus has said that if you will have faith in Him and really believe that He died for you, He will forgive your sins.''

''What does 'forgive' mean?'' she asked.

''It means that He will forget that you have ever done anything wrong; but remember what Mother said about the glasses. Even if you did believe that Dr. Mabee could make you see better, you proved your faith in him by letting him help you. Jesus can't help you or forgive you if you don't want Him to or if you won't let Him. When you tell Jesus that you are sorry that you have done bad things and that you want Him to help you to be good, and really mean it, He will come into your life. Then because He took the punishment for your sins when He suffered on the Cross, God won't need to punish you for the wrong things you have done.''

When her daddy had left the room, Debbie got up and knelt beside her bed. Instead of her usual prayer of asking God to bless Mother, Daddy, and Susan, she asked Him to help her to have real faith in Jesus.

As she climbed back into bed, Debbie was sure that God had heard her prayer. When Sunday came, she would not only say the words of the Bible verse, but she would really know its true meaning.—Selected

## STATE CONVENTION TIME IS ALMOST HERE

It seems only a short time ago that the last session of the State Convention of Free Will Baptists came to an end. Now our minds turn to the 1975 session to be held in September.

This year, 1975, has afforded us with many opportunities. Some of these we have been able to see materialize. The "Yearbook," a proposal of last year's convention, has been well accepted. The Lord willing, we will see the first copies off the press by the early part of 1976. There have been other projects that have been set in motion.

We must also mention the open door that could not be entered. The door to an executive secretary was opened, but we could not enter. Why? This office is a very important one, yet, it goes unfilled. It takes a great deal of money to operate our State Convention work. We continue without a headquarter's office and the personnel to fill such a needed office for lack of funds. The person for such an office (I believe to be most needed) cannot at this time be obtained because we just do not have the needed money.

As the time for the 1975 State Convention of Free Will Baptist looms upon the horizon, let each of us be concerned to the **point** of some **action**. In a regular or called business meeting of your church make this a matter of real prayer. The churches of the State Convention are not assessed to give a certain amount, so give generously that a greater work can be carried on. We **thank you** for what you have done. The State Convention and its various enterprises are depending on you. Don't give until it hurts—give until it makes you feel good.

The 1975 State Convention of Original Free Willl Baptists will meet in the American Legion Hall in Wilson, North Carolina, on September 17, 18.

Robert May
State Convention President

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### NOBODY

Fred **Somebody**, Thomas **Everybody**, Pat **Anybody**, and Joe **Nobody** were neighbors. But, they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All belonged to the same church, but you couldn't have enjoyed worshiping with them.

**Everybody** went fishing on Sunday or visited with friends. **Anybody** wanted to worship, but was afraid **Somebody** wouldn't speak to him, so, **Nobody** went to church.

Really, **Nobody** was the only decent one in the group. **Nobody** did the visiting. **Nobody** worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday school teacher. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** would do it; and **Somebody** thought **Everybody** would do it. Guess who finally did it? That's right, **Nobody**.

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live among them. **Everybody** thought **Somebody** would try to win him to Christ; **Anybody** could have at least made an effort, but guess who finally won him? That's right, **Nobody**.

## Coming Events . . .

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

September 17, 18—North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, American Legion Hall, Wilson, North Carolina

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## FEATURE

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considered a ringside seat, the developement of this scattered and discouraged group of Christians into a great denomination, highly respected, and with a worldwide program of ministry. It is of the things that happened along this road of glory that I have set myself the task of writing, that credit may rest where credit is due, and to God be the glory.

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## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

*All too often we give up before we know if we are right or wrong. Take care this does not happen to you!*

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## TRIBUTE

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the Rev. Daniel F. Pelt Sr., possessed. These soldiers of Jesus Christ who possess such characteristics will receive their reward of valor.

The spiritual application of these characteristics is self-evident. Some go on doing their duty to God with only Him knowing the heroic quality of their work. One day these who have been faithful unto death will be privileged, by the grace of God, to praise His matchless name in a city without end.

Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,
When with our Saviour heav'n is begun.
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning;
Beyond the sunset, when day is done.
—Virgil P. Brock

As Christians, we shall all have an appointment one day with the Saviour in the heavenly courts. So let us anticipate this very important event and so live that we will not be ashamed up there in the presence of our Lord.

May these words of tribute be of much comfort to you the loved ones and friends of Brother Pelt.

Prayerfully submitted,
Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

## NEWS NOTES

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six years. He saw all the members of our church in bad times as well as in good times. It was a great pleasure to have him as our pastor. There were several persons who came to know the Lord as their Saviour during his ministry at our church.

"Brother Rowe is a man of God who is filled with the Spirit which radiates from him. Though he will not be filling our pulpit anymore, we will always think of him as one of us. His voice will echo in the ears of some of us as long as we live. We will miss him and his family, but our loss is another church's gain. We pray God's blessings upon this family wherever they may go.

"Our church is small but is filled with the love of God, and so much so because of the ministry of the Rev. Jerry Rowe."

**Annual Church Picnic at West Clinton Church**

Sunday afternoon, July 20, the members of the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church held its annual picnic (a fish fry with all the accessories) back of the church's recreation building. While the adults were preparing the meal, the young people enjoyed playing ball and other games. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing.

The pastor of the West Clinton church is the Rev. Ottis Lassiter of Smithfield.

**Free Union YFA to Present Drama, "Watch Ye"**

The YFA of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, will present a drama on the second coming of Christ, entitled, "Watch Ye," Sunday evening, August 3, beginning at eight o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend and bring someone with them.

**Field Day Held at Living Waters Church**

Saturday, July 19, at two o'clock, approximately 100 persons gathered at the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, to participate in field day activities.

A committee, headed by Mrs. Debby Howell, had planned a most enjoyable day. Others on the committee were the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, pastor of the church, Doug Seymour, and Barbara Lancaster.



*Participants Enjoying Field Day*

At the end of the day a weiner roast planned by Henry Lancaster and Bessie Smith was enjoyed by everyone. After this first-place, second-place, and third-place winners of the events received ribbons.

The winners were as follows: "Guess Mama" contest, Adrian Bissette; "Three-Legged Race" (6-8 years), Trey Aycock and L. V. Munn; "Three-Legged Race" (9-12 years), Edward Croom and Jerry Barnes; "Three-Legged Race" (13-19 years), Phyllis Coffman and Rita Lynch; "Three-Legged Race" (adults), Linda and Dennis Williams; "Sack Race" (6-8 years; Pam Baker; "Sack Race" (9-12 years), Joey Hackett.



*Ten Dollar Haystack Search*

The picture above shows the children searching through a haystack for $10 worth of change. The winner of this event was Jerry Barnes.

Other contest winners were as follows: "100-Yard Race," Jeff Lynch; "Bat Relay," David Croom's team; "Balloon Throw" (13-19 years), Doug Seymour and Lee Lancaster; "Balloon Throw" (adults), Ralph Wells and LaRue Taylor; "Horse Shoes" (adults), Ruth Scarborough and Barbara Lancaster; "Egg and Spoon Race," Frank Bass.

After the field day events, Treva Howell entertained everyone with fire baton twirling. Christian fellowship and fun were enjoyed by everyone.

**Singing Samaritans At Black Jack**

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, announces that the Singing Samaritans of Wallace, North Carolina, will be in gospel concert at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, Sunday, August 3, at 7 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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He asked his father a question — a question that remained unanswered. He might as well have been alone by on the edge of pond watching the ripples caused by a sinking pebble. . .

## Oh Nothing, Daddy, You Have Enough to Worry About . . .

He had asked the man a question which remained unanswered. The man, his father, was intent on his driving, in a hurry to get home, and obviously pondering many decisions or perhaps problems he had to face the next day. Well aware of his son's presence, he nevertheless was hesitant in answering—not so much because he hadn't heard nor considered the question important, but rather because he was so preoccupied with other things that weighed upon his mind so heavily.

Only a few moments had passed before the father realized a question had been asked by the little boy, and to which he had provided no answer. Turning to his son who was seated close to him so as to show his affection, the father quizzed: "What did you say?"

The little boy's mind was perceptive. He knew that his father had been preoccupied for good reasons, for it was not like his daddy to ignore remarks, and more especially questions (the answers to which had often proven, at least to the little boy's mind, to be a source of enlightenment). So, in response to his father's "What did you say?" the little fellow patted his cherished parent on the arm as only little boys can do and said: "Oh, nothing, Daddy. It wasn't important. You have enough things to worry about without answering my questions." With that he turned away and looked out the car window at a star constellation and commented that he had studied that one in science class.

The father was moved almost to tears. He had been thinking so much about nimself, his duties, his plans, and necessary activities for the following day that he had almost totally ignored his child's question to the point that the little boy had detected some "worry" that was pressuring his daddy, and a worry that he, by his question, did not wish to add to. Hence his statement: "Oh, nothing, Daddy, you have enough to worry about."

Little boys teach big men many good lessons, and this time a lesson with much impact and lasting influence was experienced. The father did not insist that the little boy reask his question, nor did he have the heart to prompt him to reconstruct it. The worries of his mind (as detected by his son) were at this moment overpowered by a sting in his heart because of his apparent, but unintentional, disregard to something which was important enough to his son as to raise a question in his little mind.

"I'm sorry, son. I didn't mean to ignore you. I was thinking about so many things." The father alibied apologetically. "I didn't mean to act as though I wasn't interested."

"I know, Daddy," assured the little boy. "It wasn't that important. You have so many things to worry about."

Things to worry about, . . . There it was again—that haunting phrase which, though not meant as such, was like a sentence of condemnation to one who had misplaced his priorities and had committed the crime of ignoring the *most important* thing in his life (his son) and giving preference to his own selfish interests of a mundane nature.

We would not reprimand the father too severely, for he is not one to be habitually negligent in regard to anything worthwhile, most especially as it related to his only child. The point is that this particular father, like so many others, became wrapped up in his own little world because of pressuring problems which only he could fully understand (humanly speaking) to the expense of casting aside, in a manner of speaking, the motivating factor of all endeavors—in this case the rearing and training of a child, educating him and providing a wholesome environment with spiritual interests.

Whether or not the child's question had been a spiritual one is not certain (though in former times many such inquiries had carried a deep spiritual significance); nonetheless, the *question* itself was more important than the *nature* of it. The fact that the father did not answer is regrettable, but we would suppose that the father's heart hurt worse than the son's because of the incident.

Children have a way of excusing and forgetting and forgiving injustices done to them. Sensitive adults are chastised inwardly if not outwardly day after day after day. Adults who really care that they may have disappointed a little one have great difficulty in conditioning themselves to self-reconciliation.

The little boy in this discussion probably thought nothing more about the unanswered question except that it had "bothered" his father at a bad time. In his opinion perhaps the opportunity would again avail itself when he could pose the same question.

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# THE RAPTURE FLIGHT IS NUMBER ONE—GET ABOARD!

by the Rev. R. P. Harris

". . . the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth the field" (Matthew 13:44).

JESUS Christ established the church here on earth during His personal ministry while here on earth. The age in which we live is known as "the church age" and had its beginning when Christ went up into a mountain and called unto Himself those whom He would and they came unto Him. On the Day of Pentecost the church was officially launched and the Holy Spirit came to occupy it and to keep it clean and pure. The business of the Holy Spirit here on earth will continue until the church is raptured. He will then take the church to heaven where it will be presented to the Lord Jesus Christ as His bride. During the time of the launching of the church and its rapture no one can be saved unless they become a member of His church. The church is the only way to heaven. We can say this emphatically because the church is the mystical body of Christ and one day the church will be wed to Christ and we will all be one in Christ. In a way of reasoning the church is Christ and therefore no one can be saved unless He saves them through His church. Christ meets the church in the air when it is raptured.

There are many religions in the world and every person has a right to choose his own religion or his own religious way of life. The power of choice is given to every person. Because you choose a certain religion and become very religious does not mean that you will be saved in that religion. God, himself, put the salvation formula together and unless and until your religion has the approved formula of God's making it will not take you to heaven!

God requires that we be children of the kingdom, because the kingdom of heaven in the world today is the church of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 13:38 Jesus reminds us that ". . . the good seed are the children of the kingdom; . . ." Jesus uses many parables to teach us the truth. We need to learn the truth and then let that truth grip our soul and hold us in His power.

By way of provoking thought I should like to give a brief summary of God's way with men. God created Adam and Eve and gave unto them everything they needed. He even gave Adam His likeness and intelligence. But Adam sinned and fell from God's holy estate. God went along with Adam and tried to persuade him and his descendants to choose the way of God and be saved from their sins. However, the world grew more and more wicked until the days of Noah, when God ordered Noah to build an Ark in which to save his family and two of all the creatures on the earth so that the earth could be replenished after the flood. Thus, a specimen of every creature was housed in the ark, male and female, to propagate his kind upon the earth. Mankind had not used God's plan of salvation and was therefore lost!

After the flood God worked with the descendants of Noah, trying to get a people for His own possession. But the descendants of Noah soon became rebellious, turned to idol worship, and were so sinful that they were impossible to manage. God dealt with them in various ways but they were more determined than ever to do what they wanted to do in spite of what God desired of them. They chose to leave God out of their lives.

Perhaps there were some people who obeyed God and God had a place for them in eternity. But from Adam to Abraham God still had not achieved His purpose through mankind. God, therefore, made Abraham the head of a race of people with whom He would work to have a people that would honor and obey Him. God chose the descendants of Abraham and made them a special race, so much so that all other peoples of the world were considered heathen and God abandoned them to sin and its consequences. God did not plan salvation for them unless they could become a Jew by adoption and find refuge in the nation of Israel. In this way they could take on the rituals and ceremonies and become bound under the same laws that governed the Jews. Under these conditions they could be saved.

With all these advantages, God having performed miracle after miracle to bring His people out of Egypt into the Promised Land, man still preferred to worship idols, turn to heathen gods, and bring reproach after reproach; thus, insult after insult on God's holy name! God is a merciful and patient God. He is full of compassion and is long-suffering; but God's Spirit will not always strive with man. The reader is here advised to read the books written by the prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. These books, if read carefully, will show you how stubborn, sinful, and ungodly these people were and why God had to destroy them!

In the year 722 B. C., the Northern Kingdom fell to the Babylonians. In 597 B. C., Jerusalem was captured and the king was sent into exile by the victorious people of Babylon. In the year 586 B. C., Jerusalem was burned to the ground and all its inhabitants were killed, captured, or fled to other places. In the prophecy of Daniel it is revealed that at this time the chosen people were cut off and the times of the Gentiles began. Five hundred eighty-six years later Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary. God cut the Jews off and on the Day of Pentecost the church age was launched.

It is the opinion of this writer that here God began a new plan of saving people. Under the Jewish laws and rituals every person saved had to become a Jew and had to practice all the cermonies, observe the rituals, keep the laws of God,

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
Scripture Reading—Matthew 4:23

"ACCORDING TO YOU"

"We are living a Gospel
A chapter each day,
By deed that we do,
By word that we say;
Men read what we live,
Whether faithless or true,
Say! What is the Gospel
According to you?"

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Others do read our lives whether we are aware of it or not. What type of literature are we: religious, scientific, fictitious, or pornographic?*

MONDAY, AUGUST 11
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7:17

PALACE BEAUTIFUL

The finest name ever given outside the Bible to the church is Bunyan's "Palace Beautiful." Yet the churches with which he was acquainted were only the Baptist meetinghouses in Bedfordshire. No better than barns they seemed to common eyes, but in his eyes each of them was a "Palace Beautiful," because, when seated on one of its benches, the eye of his imagination would look up through the dingy rafters and descry the gorgeous roof and shining pinnacles of the church universal. Love to God, whose house it is, can make the humblest material structure a home of the Spirit.—Rev. F. Stalker

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Beauty is in the eyes, heart, and mind of the beholder. Though it be a humble hut, to someone who realizes its true significance it can become a mansion.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 9:6, 7

LIFE'S MIRROR

"There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

"Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

"Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet;
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

—Madeline S. Bridges

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We reap what we sow is as true today as it was years ago. If we plant seeds of sweetness and love they will eventually germinate and grow.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
Scripture Reading—John 16:13

"IT'S THE LIFE
THAT COUNTS"

If we would show decision for the truth we must not only do so by our tone and manner, but by our daily actions. A man's life is always more forcible than his speech; when men take stock of him they reckon his deeds as pounds and his words as pence. If his life and his doctrine disagree the mass of lookers-on accept his practice and reject his preaching. We must show our decision for the truth by the sacrifices we are ready to make.—C. H. Spurgeon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*As Christians parents are we practicing what we preach? Everyday by word or action we preach to our children.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
Scripture Reading—Romans 14:10

"JUDGE NOT"

Judge not: the work of his brain
And of his heart thou canst not see;
What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,
In God's pure light may only be
A scar, brought from some well fought field
Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

The look, the air, that frets thy sight,
May be a token that below
The soul has closed in deadly fight
With some internal fiery foe,
Whose glance would scorch thy smiling race,
And cast thee shuddering on thy face.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Remember God is our Judge. We have no way of knowing what is in the heart of our fellowman.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
Scripture Reading—Psalm 147:6

SPURGEON'S DEAFNESS

C. H. Spurgeon, while still a young man and a village pastor, was passing the house of a woman known as the village termagant, who greeted him with a volley of words the reverse of polite. Smiling, the young man said, "Yes, thank you; I am quite well." She burst into another string of expletives. "Yes, it does look as if it's going to rain," he replied. Surprised as well as exasperated, the woman exclaimed, "Bless the man, he's as deaf as a post! What's the use of talking to him!"—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Would that we close our ears to the ranting and raving of those who are unchristian. Our souls are more important than the brief pleasure of telling them off.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
Scripture Reading—Romans 13:1

PATRICK HENRY'S WILL

Patrick Henry wrote in his will: "I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they have that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich; and if they have not this, and I had given them all this world, they would be poor."—*Christian Index*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are prone to worry about how well-off our family would be if we were to die. Maybe we should concern ourselves with the welfare of their souls while we are living.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

**Question:** Please explain, ". . . we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

**Answer:** Paul in this verse expresses a thought that must stand out in the experience of most of us who are Christians. Indeed the Christian life is one of action and one of combat. Since everyone of us must face God's archenemy day by day and second by second, many young Christians are apt to gain the mistaken idea that when they grow in grace and develop into a more Christlike figure, that Satan will slack up in his tempting of them and they will probably enjoy some period of pleasant Christian fellowship in a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. Not so. The more Christlike we become and are able to show young Christians and a lost world of sinners, maturity in our Christian fellowship, the more subtly the enemy will attack us. He will never let go as long as we obey Christ.

Paul, it is most certain, was seeing himself with all other obedient Christians as being trained soldiers ready for and expecting his and our archenemy to dash out before him, exerting himself in new and more subtle tactics as he made his pass. Therefore, Paul sees the necessity that we be both well equipped and consciously alert at all times and in all circumstances, a soldier or an athlete, in order that we be able to do what is expected of us and of any service to the cause of our occupation. There are always good students that both study and practice well. A good soldier does his studying and puts it into practice everyday and all through the day. It was Paul writing to his son in the ministry, his preacher trainee that wrote, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15); "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others. also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:1-3).

The Christian does not buckle on his military equipment for a dress parade only as is the case with certain show personnel that parade before foreign diplomats and others, the king or his counterpart wishes to impress, but there is real and certain combat awaiting the soldier of the Cross at all times. Hence Paul said, "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:36-39).

Any Christian who has walked in obedience to the commandments of Christ would be able to say this, for the Bible makes it crystal clear that each Christian must be equipped and that faith was the means by which he became a Christian. By faith and these other essential means with which he must be equipped will he remain a Christian.

The worthwhile soldier in the earth's kings' or presidents' army that is worthy of his name never allows his equipment to be lost or to corrode; but with pride he polishes it, keeping it in usable condition day by day and stays in readiness for the use of it without delay. He marches and exercises himself daily under fixed rules with which he remains familiar by constant and alert practice. His training manual is reviewed sufficiently regular and its contents applied in daily activities that it has become second nature to him.

So is this true of the worthy soldier of the Cross. Again we read in the Bible, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully" (2 Timothy 2:4, 5).

The good and completely devoted soldier is not always looking back to the good old days when he was free from military duty to live a life of luxury, but is glorying in the cause and the country and principle for which he is privileged to fight. So is it with the Christian soldier. The Christian has in mind the prize and the praise of God: ". . . when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. . . . For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:10, 12); "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14); "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, . . . For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Hebrews 12:1, 3, 4).

For further reading on this subject, we suggest John Trapp's **Commentary on the New Testament**, Pages 600, 601. Also, **Wycliffe Bible Commentary**, Page 751.

The Bible tells us that Satan is god of this present world system (see 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4). Also it indicates that those who are not Christians walk according to the prince of the power of the air. "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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## RECREATION PROGRAM

by Samuel Lane
Recreation Director

The long days of summer are just what is needed for the children to get in all the activities that we have during the summer months.

Most of the activity begins after lunch when the swimming pool opens. It is open from one until two o'clock for the children twelve years old and younger, and from six until eight o'clock for the children thirteen and older. Here the children can learn to swim and dive under adult supervision. However, most of the children see the pool as a place where they can escape the summer heat.

After the pool closes, everyone is ready for a drink or ice cream, so they hurry to change clothes and head to the Recreation Center. From 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon the children twelve years old and younger are able to buy drinks, candy, and ice cream with the money they earn from various summer jobs. The Recreation Center is open from 8 to 9 p. m. for the children thirteen years old and older. In addition to selling refreshments, the recreation center has several games for the children to play. We now have a pool table, air hockey game, shuffle board, and a footsball table, plus a stereo that has provided us with many long and loud hours of music.

The newest addition to our recreational program is the newly completed combination basketball-tennis court. Here the children can learn a new skill or further develop the ones that they have already learned. This was a welcomed addition to our program and it has been enjoyed by all.

The swimming pool and the recreation center are our only daily scheduled activities. The remaining free time can be used as the child wishes. This allows the child to pursue his imagination and decide for himself how he wants to spend his leisure time.

We feel that a good recreational program helps a person to develop physically, mentally, and socially and we are constantly striving to improve our recreational program.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL

by Dianne Lane
Education Counselor

Our summer school program is now in its fourth week and we are very encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm shown by our children. The purpose of our program is to help prepare each child for the upcoming school year and to give special tutoring to those students who have problems in a particular subject area.

Each morning, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 12 a. m., we have classes in our educational building. Children in the kindergarten through fifth grades attend. Along with our children, we also have several others from town. Classes consist of reading, phonics, English, spelling, and math; along with some science and geography. Miss Donna Glisson, Miss Janice Tebo, Miss Brenda Garris, and Miss Sally Alford are our teachers. We were fortunate enough this year to borrow books from the elementary school which have been very helpful to our program.

Along with their studies, the children have a period each week which is devoted to arts and crafts. We are placing special emphasis on those things that the children can use in their rooms. Each child is working very diligently on his project and takes special pride in each thing that he makes.

**Free Will Baptist Children's Home**

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## DEDICATION OF COMMUNION SET

On Sunday morning, during th morning worship service on July 20 1975, the First Free Will Baptist Churc of Smithfield dedicated a new com munion set in memory of Mr. and Mrs Henry A. (Lillie Davis) Crumpler. Afte the dedication service, the congregatio used the set to observe the Lord' Supper. Fortunately, a number of Mr and Mrs. Crumpler's children, daughter in-law, sons-in-law, and grandchildre were present for the service. The servic was a blessing to all who attended it.

The liturgy of the dedicatio service was as follows:

### ACTS OF DEDICATION

**Pastor:** Dearly beloved, we are gathered this morning in the sight of God, in honor of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the presence of the Holy Spirit t worship and to dedicate this communion set given by members o Mr. Henry A. Crumpler and Mrs Lillie Davis Crumpler's family i loving memory of Mr. and Mrs Crumpler;

**Pastor:** Furthermore, it is in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Crumpler as humble people and their loyal and rewarding service to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, the town of Smithfield, and the County o Johnston; therefore, with gratefu hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this communion set.

**Pastor:** For the use of this set's aiding and increasing fellowship and worship among God's people as they observe the Lord's Supper in this church; therefore, with gratefu hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this communion set.

**Pastor:** For the beauty of the loyal and rewarding examples of love and forgiveness that Mr. and Mrs. Crumpler set before others in Christlike living; therefore, with grateful hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this communion set.

**Pastor:** For the beauty of the examples o loyal and rewarding family life, neighborliness, and brotherhood that Mr. and Mrs. Crumpler set before their family and others; therefore, with grateful hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this communion set.

**Pastor and People:** We the people of this

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard
(Part Two)

## MY FIRST DENOMINATIONAL ASSIGNMENT

ncle John Henry Ballard, the veteran pastor of the little Free Baptist church in the center of Union y, finished his customary ''Point e'' of his monthly sermon on the Sunday in August, 1913, and rently closed his Bible. It had not a long sermon as Uncle Henry was xception among mountain preachers hat he never preached more than y minutes, and it was usually less twenty. We young people had paid ntion to him, because, despite his anced age, Uncle Henry still had a interest in young folks, and knew to get something into his sermons interested us.

alking down in front of the pulpit, le Henry gave his usual brief appeal e lost ones and the ''backsliders'' to e to the altar of prayer. I remember two or three came forward while my er led in the singing of an invitation n, There was a prayer, a brief period e volunteer Christians ''dealt with'' e at the altar, and then everyone rned to his seat.

ncle Henry announced that it was for the annual meeting of the church 'holy conference,'' and called for the ng of the roll. As each name was ed, the responding ''Here,'' was n if the party were present. When a e was called and there was no onse, the pastor asked, ''Is there a her or sister present who will vouch the Christian character of this absent mber?'' If no one spoke up with the urance that the member in question ''walking in the faith,'' the name referred to the ''elders''—in that a sort of board or committee onsible to keep the church in wship.

he roll having been called and the utes of the last session read, Uncle ry announced solemnly that the cial business of the meeting was to ose delegates to the forthcoming ting of the association. As was ected by most everyone, Uncle John Munday was nominated and elected as ''the first delegate.'' Then the pastor called for a nomination for ''the second delegate.'' Here ordinarily my father would have been nominated, but Dad had let it be known that he could not go because of business reasons. There was a moment of indecision while members, I suppose, were trying to think through on who might be able to go. Then Uncle Tom Cole—readers have already gathered that most of the older men were called ''Uncle''—arose and said something like this: ''Brother Lucious Ballard's son, Loy, has been showing right much interest in the church during the past year. I know that he is a little young to be a delegate, but it might be well to break in some of the younger brothers. I nominate Brother Loy for our second delegate.''

This was so unexpected that I was momentarily stunned! Me a delegate! Of course not! Someone was sure to nominate an older person, and that person would be elected as better suited for the responsibility. But nobody arose to make another nomination, and before I was fully conscious of what was going on, the vote had been taken and my first appointment to a denominational responsibility was made. Even yet, I somehow expected Dad to feel obligated to suggest it best to consider my age and inexperience. But my father said not a word, and Uncle Henry declared the matter settled.

I have no remembrance of what other business was attended to that day. When it was all over, we adjourned to the church yard, where the women of the church had spread the traditional lunch ''on the ground,'' and this was literally true in that time— nobody had thought about building a table. During the lunch hour, I was patted on the head by about all the elderly men and women and given more than one ''God bless you, sonny!'' The young people who up to this time had been my playmates, gathered around me as though I had suddenly become some sort of a hero. When we returned home after lunch, my two brothers, who were old enough to know a little something about the importance of the honor bestowed upon me, went out of their way to be nice to me. I had suddenly become ''big brother''!

Of course there were preparations to be made. We had hardly reached home before my mother was facing up to the question, ''What will Loy wear to the association?'' Dad was asked if he could afford to get me a new suit. He ruled this out, but agreed to a new pair of pants and a couple of new shirts. My grandmother came immediately from her home on ''the other creek'' to help out. She brought along some cloth she had obtained at a bargain sale, and proceeded to make a garment or two for me. Grandpa went to town and bought me a hat. ''It wouldn't be proper to wear a cap to the association,'' he declared.

The next Sunday the teacher of my class in the ''Union Sunday School'' which we all attended at the Methodist Church, took several minutes of her teaching time to express her joy that one of her pupils had been honored by his church. That Sunday was the time for the service at the Methodist Church, and the pastor made mention of the honor bestowed upon me, and asked me to stand up. He said something like this, ''Young man, we will be praying for you as you venture out on this mission for the Lord.'' My, but I felt important! Little did I know that it would be forty years before I would have another such recognition!

At last the brief but busy period between my appointment as a delegate and the time to go to the association passed. The night before the ''great day'' of my leaving came. I did not sleep much that final night. I lay there contemplating the important venture, and wondering if I would be able to stand up under the tremendous strain of being a ''delegate''!

(Next Week: With the Glory Hallelujah People)

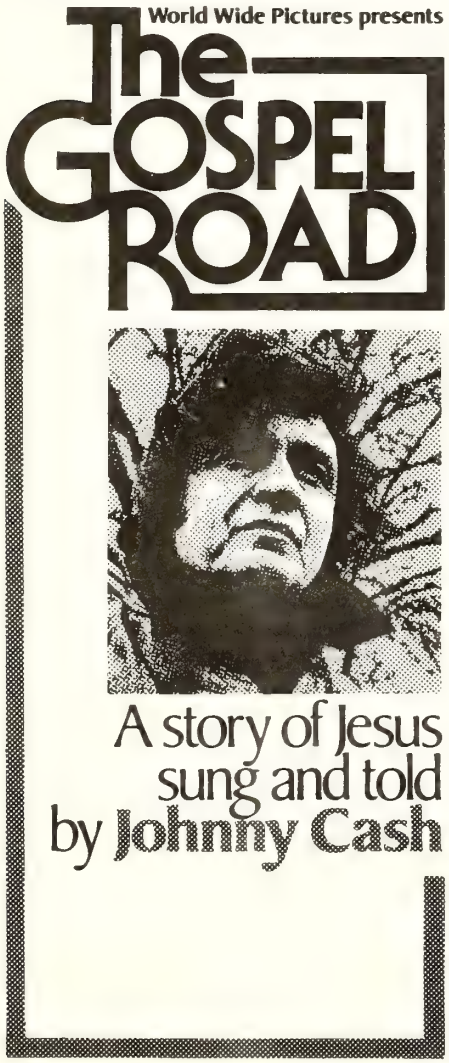
# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

### Johnny Cash Film at Elm Grove Church

The story is old, but the perspective is up-dated and brought into sharp focus by the film "The Gospel Road" to be shown on Sunday, August 10, at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden. The showing will begin at 8 p. m.

"The Gospel Road," distributed by World Wide Pictures, was conceived and produced by Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, whose desire was to tell the story of Jesus Christ in a realistic and meaningful way.




The film is a unique blend of Scripture-based narrative, an abundant supply of specially written songs, and a series of in-depth character portrayals, with Israel itself as the mixing bowl.

You are there, walking beside the Jordan and the Sea of Galilee. You are there, seeing Him in many human situations that establish a practical and personal rapport with every viewer. You are there, being introduced to the disciples, and gaining insights into their varied personalities. You are there, experiencing the highly charged emotional impact of the trial before Pilate, and becoming so personally involved that you feel sympathetic pain when Robert Elfstrom, in an outstanding portrayal of Christ, suffers the physical attack that precedes the Crucifixion.

Adding to the effectiveness of "The Gospel Road" in its endeavor to convey reality for this day are the fascinating treatment of the Crucifixion, making this tragedy an event of significance that reaches from its own time across the years to take on meaning for all men of all ages; and the songs and background music of Johnny Cash and other outstanding musicians, whose contemporary style is not out of keeping with the story. . . . a story that reveals that His darkest day has become our brightest.

"You are invited to come and share in this dramatic portrayal of the life of Christ. Area Free Will Baptist churches are invited to bring their Sunday night congregation to join us at Elm Grove," states the pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey.

### Mt. Tabor Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church near Creswell with the Rev. Bobby Bazen, pastor of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, a the visiting minister. The services bega Sunday evening, August 4, and wi continue through Saturday evening August 9, beginning each evening a 7:30. The public is invited to attend th remainder of these services.

### Marsh Swamp Bible School Proved Very Successful



Vacation Bible school was held at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Sims, the week of June 16-20. There was an average attendance for the school of 102. Mrs. Fred Boykin served as director with Mrs. Billy Lamm as secretary. The music for the school was under the direction of Miss Gail Davis.

Refreshments for the school were furnished by various members of the church and were served each day by Miss Erlene Boykin and Mrs. Thelma Parker. A weiner roast was enjoyed by all at noon, the last day of the school, with the commencement held that night at eight o'clock.

The success of the school must be contributed to those mentioned above along with the twelve teachers, thirteen helpers, and the parents of the children. A nursery was also provided throughout the week.

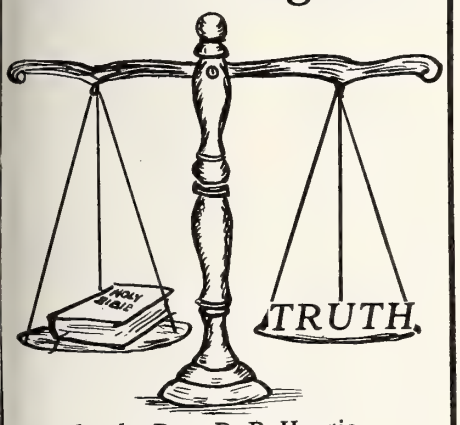
The offering for the week was given to the pastor's wife, Mrs. Adrian Grubbs, for her devotion as youth choir director, holding preschool church, and other faithful works within the church.

God surely blessed this work as the group walked by faith, not by sight (see 2 Corinthians 5:7).

**City-Wide Crusade at Wilson Fairground**

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, will conduct a city-wide revival crusade at the Wilson Fairground the week of August 18-22. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the Rev. Lloyd Gore directing the singing. The choir will consist of choir members from the various churches of the city. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## *The Unmitigated*




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basic: ". . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live" (Amos 5:4).

### WE MUST SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE

**Love** is a word that needs our close scrutiny. It has been used in so many wrong ways that it is difficult to single out the emotional deviations and isolate the true meaning of love. Only the one who is doing the loving can know for sure if he has the real thing or not. Physical love and affection can add to and compliment spiritual love. When we talk about God's love for us, we must be prepared to understand the difference in our capabilities as compared to His. God has given us many examples in the Bible. Jesus compares Himself and His church to the bridegroom and his bride. The deep affection, the complete surrender of all other partners in favor of the true love, and the perfect will to forsake all others forever is indicative of true love.

We need to remember that God loved us first. God is the Creator of love. First John 4:10 states, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." The love of God is so pure and good that everyone of us should seek Him if only for His love. Everybody wants to be loved. Loneliness is one of the saddest plights ever attributed to man. But one who knows the Lord and is assured of God's love is **never lonely**. He has the blessed assurance that God's love is real and He will never leave us or forsake us.

We should seek God also because He loves the sinner. Paul tells us in Romans 5:8, ". . . God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." A parent loves his children so much that he will give up his life to protect and save them. A servant (a true servant) will give up his life to save the life of his master. There are many human beings who would dare to die for special friends, relatives, or business associates; but not many would be willing to die for their **enemies**. But Christ did! All sinners are enemies of God. They are sinners because they transgress the laws of God. They crucify Christ, and by their deeds, put Him in open shame and disgrace. Yet God loves so much that He was willing to send His Son to die for us that we might not have to die.

God's love is seen in the giving of His Son on the Cross. We deserve to die. We are sinners, but Jesus has never sinned. Anyway, ". . . God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). No wonder the the Bible teaches that if a person loves the world the love of the Father is not in him!

Our love is to be pure and holy, and this means in obedience to His holy will for us. Christians (so-called) who allow their tobacco crop to keep them from serving God are lost and are worshiping idols. (Read Ezekiel 14:1-11.) In the same sense, the farmer who desecrates God's **Holy Day** by harvesting his crops on that day, or the sportsman (or sportswoman) who does his (or her) **thing** on that day is an abomination to God. God has promised complete and total destruction of all who do not repent, turn from their evil ways, and seek His face: ". . . I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 14:8).

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. John Melancon announces that he is available for full-time pastoral work. He is able to make arrangements immediately. Mr. Melancon is a member in good standing of the Western Conference and has pastored the following churches: Dawson's Grove (Central Conference), Union Grove (Western Conference), and Sandy Plain (Eastern Conference).

Any church interested in his services may contact him at Route 3, Box 326, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by calling 284-2082.

The Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Columbia, is seeking a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mr. W. David Cahoon, Route 1, Box 295, Columbia, North Carolina 27925; or call Mr. Joe T. Liverman at 796-5771.

### PLEASE NOTICE

**As of July 17, $170 has been received from five contributors for the matress covers purchased for Cragmont by Margaret Ard. Continuing contributions for this cause will be most appreciated. Send your contributions to Mrs. Margaret Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572; phone 568-4685. If anyone is going to Cragmont and has space for carrying these covers, please contact Mrs. Ard in regard to this also.**

**The grand total for the cost of the covers is $698.02, so more contributions are obviously needed toward this project. Please help if you have not.**

## Coming Events . . .

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

September 17, 18—North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, American Legion Hall, Wilson, North Carolina

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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## HOME MISSIONS YEARLY REPORT

The Rev. Taylor Hill, director-treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, reports as follows for the church year, July 1, 1974—June 30, 1975:

Brought Forward July 1, 1974 $ 3,943.04

Contributions for the Year

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| John Adcox | $ 10.00 |
| Albemarle Dist. Conv. | 60.45 |
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| Mrs. Melvin R. Allen | 100.00 |
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| Bethany Church (Winterville) | 175.70 |
| Bethany Church (Wadesboro) | 104.50 |
| Bethel Auxiliary (Johnston Co.) | 10.00 |
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| Cabin Church | 90.61 |
| Calvary Church | 300.00 |
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| Cape Fear Aux. Conv. | 24.57 |
| Cape Fear Youth Officers | 97.00 |
| Cape Fear S. S. Convention | 250.00 |
| Carteret County Union Meeting | 57.00 |
| Christian Chapel | 20.00 |
| Community Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| Core Creek Church | 172.50 |
| Crab Point Church | 281.78 |
| Wayne Dail | 5.00 |
| Daniels Chapel | 415.00 |
| Davis Church | 130.30 |
| Deep Run Auxiliary | 65.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 65.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 50.00 |
| Rev. Lester Duncan | 10.00 |
| Durham Auxiliary | 250.00 |
| S. P. Easley | 15.00 |
| Eastern Third Youth | 50.00 |
| Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention | 15.00 |
| Eastwood Church | 1,666.00 |
| Eastwood Mission | 200.00 |
| Edgewood Church | 159.62 |
| Billy R. Elks | 87.50 |
| Elm Grove | 275.00 |
| Ronald Evans | 87.50 |
| Everett's Chapel | 396.00 |
| Faith Church | 950.00 |
| Rev. Graham Faucette | 50.00 |
| Eastern Fifth Union Conference | 70.00 |
| Eastern Fifth Sunday School Convention | 30.00 |
| Western First Union Conference | 300.00 |
| Folkstone Church | 60.00 |
| Kenneth Forehand | 200.00 |
| Edna Fowler | 60.00 |
| Norman Foy | 35.00 |
| Freedom Mission | 96.58 |
| Free Spirit Mission | 25.00 |
| Free Union (Nash Co.) | 180.00 |
| Free Union Auxiliary (Greene Co.) | 16.50 |
| Free Union (Belhaven) | 108.35 |
| Free Union Auxiliary (Western) | 1.80 |
| Free Union (Walstonburg) | 60.00 |
| Friendship Auxiliary (Greene Co.) | 102.10 |
| Friendship Auxiliary (Raleigh) | 10.00 |
| Friendship Church | 100.00 |
| Friendship (Trenton) | 50.00 |
| Friendship (Ayden) | 200.00 |
| Friendship (Farmville) | 269.00 |
| John M. Furlough Sr. | 95.00 |
| Rev. Foy Futrelle | 100.00 |
| Celia Hart Garris Auxiliary | 75.00 |
| Gethsemane Church | 50.00 |
| Goldsboro Church | 770.00 |
| Mrs. Levi J. Gray | 25.00 |
| Greenville Church | 315.00 |
| Grimsley Church | 96.26 |
| Gum Neck | 50.00 |
| Gum Swamp | 60.00 |
| W. D. Gurganus | 10.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 796.90 |
| Dennis Harris | 50.00 |
| Floyd P. Harris | 100.00 |
| Ray Harrison Jr. | 25.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 256.57 |
| Hickory Chapel | 396.61 |
| Lawrence Higgins | 5.00 |
| Highland Pines Auxiliary | 15.00 |
| Mrs. R. N. Hinnant | 10.00 |
| Holly Springs | 1,527.55 |
| Hopewell Church | 325.00 |
| Howell Swamp | 48.00 |
| Hugo Church | 165.00 |
| Hull Road Church | 427.80 |
| Indian Springs Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| Mary Lou Jackson | 10.00 |
| Jackson Heights | 182.56 |
| Johnston Union | 250.00 |
| Eula Jones | 70.00 |
| Rev. Harry A. Jones | 25.00 |
| Juniper Chapel | 160.88 |
| Kenly Church | 57.34 |
| Arthur Kennedy | 50.00 |
| Dean Kennedy | 25.00 |
| Percy Kennedy | 25.00 |
| King's Cross Roads | 96.11 |
| Kinston Church | 235.00 |
| LaGrange Auxiliary | 41.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 218.19 |
| Little Creek Auxiliary | 15.00 |
| Little Rock Church | 233.50 |
| Living Waters Church | 50.00 |
| Mrs. C. S. Lupton | 10.00 |
| Macedonia Church | 115.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Marlboro Auxiliary | 32.05 |
| Marsh Swamp | 79.00 |
| May's Chapel | 110.00 |
| John Melancan | 5.00 |
| Memorial Chapel | 25.00 |
| Micro Auxiliary | 30.22 |
| Milbournie Auxiliary | 21.46 |
| Mission Rallies (Cash) | 127.78 |
| Mount Olive Auxiliary | 22.50 |
| Moseley's Creek | 103.07 |
| Mount Olive Auxiliary (Kannapolis) | 10.00 |
| Mt. Pleasant Church | 30.00 |
| Mt. Tabor Church | 20.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Nash Co.) | 90.00 |
| Mt. Zion Auxiliary (Bayboro) | 4.50 |
| Mt. Zion Auxiliary (Wilson) | 10.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Chinquapin) | 50.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Albemarle Conf.) | 50.00 |
| Northeast Auxiliary | 48.50 |
| Northern Church | 1,000.00 |
| Oak Grove (Vanceboro) | 70.80 |
| Oak Grove (Elm City) | 270.75 |
| Old Sts. Delight | 50.00 |
| Oriental Church | 59.98 |
| Ormondsville Church | 65.00 |
| Otter's Creek Sunday School | 77.69 |

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| wens Chapel | |
| (Stantonsburg) | 40.00 |
| wens Chapel League | 75.00 |
| wens Chapel (Elm City) | 375.00 |
| A. Padgett | 2.00 |
| lmer Memorial | 276.76 |
| eace Church | 238.65 |
| earsall's Chapel | 15.00 |
| ee Dee Convention | 70.00 |
| ee Dee First Union | 32.50 |
| eople's Chapel | |
| (Rocky Mount) | 201.05 |
| eople's Chapel (Dover) | 64.68 |
| lesant Plain | 146.57 |
| iedmont Auxiliary | |
| Convention | 55.00 |
| iedmont Conference | 100.00 |
| ine Level Church | 110.00 |
| iney Grove | |
| Auxiliary (Johnston) | 21.00 |
| iney Grove S. S. | 50.00 |
| leasant Grove | |
| Auxiliary | 14.00 |
| leasant Grove | |
| (Pikeville) | 510.00 |
| leasant Grove Youth | |
| (Dunn) | 180.50 |
| Pleasant Grove (Erwin) | 300.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 464.01 |
| Pilgrims Rest Auxiliary | 15.00 |
| Pilgrims Rest | |
| (Cedar Island) | 83.91 |
| Pilgrims Home | 55.00 |
| Plymouth Church | 25.00 |
| Louise B. Poland | 25.00 |
| Powhatan Church | 241.00 |
| Rains Cross Roads | 110.00 |
| Reedy Branch | 115.00 |
| Roanoke Rapids | |
| Auxiliary | 2.50 |
| Rose Hill Church | 125.00 |
| Rocky Mount Church | 75.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 152.40 |
| Rosebud Church | 83.83 |
| Rooty Branch Church | 70.00 |
| Riverside Church | 413.00 |
| Sacreta Church | 110.00 |
| Sandy Plain Church | 520.97 |
| Saratoga Church | 111.50 |
| Ada B. Sasser | 40.00 |
| Selma Church | 126.80 |
| Second Union | |
| Sunday School | |
| Convention | 450.00 |
| Second Union Meeting | |
| (Western) | 65.41 |
| Second Union | |
| Sunday School | |
| Convention (Western) | 88.00 |
| Shady Grove Church | 503.26 |
| Sherron Acres Church | 770.50 |
| Shiloh Church | 343.73 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson | 5.00 |
| George Smith | 5.00 |
| Smithfield Church | 192.50 |
| Smyrna Church | 50.00 |
| Snow Hill Church | 205.00 |
| Sound View Church | |
| ($150 Foreign Missions) | 594.06 |
| Grayson Spencer | 50.00 |
| Spring Branch Church | 159.96 |
| Spring Hill Church | 257.50 |
| Spring Hope Auxiliary | 7.50 |
| Stancil's Chapel Auxiliary | 1.50 |
| Stony Hill Church | 32.00 |
| Stoney Creek Church | 225.00 |
| St. Mary's Youth | 100.00 |
| St. Mary's (New Bern) | 172.00 |
| St. Mary's | |
| Auxiliary (Wilson) | 20.50 |
| St. Mary's | |
| Church (Kenly) | 625.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 100.00 |
| Sweet Gum Church | 105.00 |
| Sweet Gum Grove | 5.00 |
| Tarboro Church | 486.17 |
| Tee's Chapel Church | 325.00 |
| W. E. Thigpen | 25.00 |
| Vera M. Tripps | 50.00 |
| Trinity Church | 138.95 |
| Union Chapel Church | 45.00 |
| Union Chapel (Albemarle) | 70.39 |
| Union Chapel Auxiliary | 1.00 |
| Union Grove Auxiliary | 5.50 |
| Union Grove (Middlesex) | 25.00 |
| Victory Mission | 89.30 |
| Margaret Wallace | 200.00 |
| Warden's Grove Church | 81.29 |
| James N. Webster | 13.00 |
| West Clinton Church | 301.37 |
| West Hillsborough | 250.00 |
| Westen Youth Conference | 25.00 |
| First Union Western | |
| Conference | 100.00 |
| First Union | |
| Westrn Sunday | |
| School Convention | 25.00 |
| Western Auxiliary Conv. | 44.07 |
| Westwood Hills Mission | 870.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel Church | 47.50 |
| White Oak | |
| Grove Church | 235.00 |
| Wilson First Church | 400.00 |
| Wilmington Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| Wintergreen Church | 50.00 |
| Winterville Church | 701.53 |
| Wooten's Chapel Church | 184.70 |
| Dale Wright | 9.90 |
| Yelverton's Grove Church | 231.00 |
| Total Contributions | 39,964.44 |

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| Refunds Back to Missions | $ 170.11 | |
| Loan from Church Finance Association | 17,000.00 | |
| Personal Loan to Missions | 1,100.00 | |
| Total Other Receipts | | 18,270.11 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 62,177.59 |

| Disbursement for the Year | | |
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| Missionaries' Salaries | $33,056.11 | |
| Mobile Unit (Insurance, etc.) | 3,314.62 | |
| Westwood Hills Construction | 14,976.24 | |
| Payments of Loans | 2,451.87 | |
| Loan Paid Back | 1,100.00 | |
| All Other Expenses | 5,415.87 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 60,314.71 |
| Balance on Hand June 30, 1975 | | $ 1,862.88 |

## OFFICERS OF CAPE FEAR WA ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS AND GUESTS



*Officers of the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention are pictured above, reading from left to right: Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson, president; Mrs. Jane Parker, secretary; Mrs. Bernice Godwin, vice-president; Mrs. Joel Gonzalez, missions chairman; Mrs. Ernestine Norris, co-youth chairman; Mrs. Merle Stephenson, treasurer; Mrs. Lillian Stanley, co-youth chairman; Mrs. Mavis Daughtry, study course chairman; Mrs. Dola Dudley, field secretary. Not present when the picture was made were Mrs. Lois Hill and Miss Olivia Lee.*

The officers of the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention entertained their husbands and other guests at a tea Sunday afternoon, July 20, at three o'clock, in the recreation building of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Newton Grove.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. R. H. Jackson, president of the convention, and directed to the seats of their choice. They then enjoyed several musical selections by Mrs. Felton Godwin, wife of the pastor of Oak Grove church. Mr. Godwin then led the group in a devotion, basing his thoughts on Psalm 27; followed by prayer.

Each officer introduced herself and her guests. This was followed with a rendition of sacred music by Mr. Sherwood Parker.

The Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez prayed a prayer of dedication and offered thanks for God's goodness during the past year.

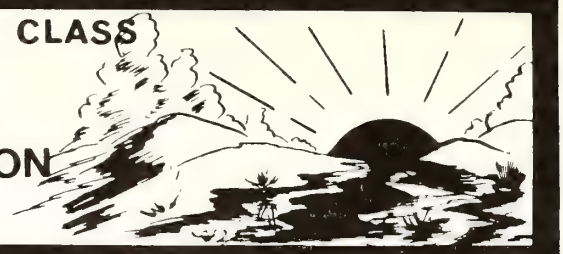
Everyone was invited to a beautiful table covered with an Irish linen

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 17



## BECOMING CHRISTLIKE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

**Lesson Text:** Romans 12:9-21
**Memory Verse:** Philippians 1:9

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today is built around the general theme of "Growth in Our Relationship," and stresses the importance of Christians showing an interest in and working for the perfection of every phase of relationship which exists between men in the present-day society.

It is of the utmost importance that we maintain a right relationship between the brethren of the Christian church or community, but we must also realize that, even though we are not of the world, we are in the world. Therefore, we are influenced by and have a duty to the social structure in which we and others must live. We are governed by the laws of the state, and we are responsible to do all within our power to make sure that just and right laws prevail. Our children attend the public schools; thus, it becomes our responsibility to see that those schools are equipped and qualified to do their work in the best possible manner.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It has been said that success or failure in life hinges on our relationships. Our destiny for eternity hinges on our relationship to Christ, and our usefulness and happiness in this life hinge on our relationship with others .

B. If we had to pick out one characteristic and say this is the one thing that should guide us in our relationship to others, it would be love. This is the outstanding characteristic of Christianity.

C. One of the most difficult things for us to do from the human point of view is to make no effort of revenge on others who mistreat us. Yet we are told that we are to leave this in God's hands. He knows how to mete out vengeance.—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Many interesting stories have been told about our founding fathers, and one of them concerned William Penn who established the state known as Pennsylvania. On one occasion, in speaking to an assembly of Indian chieftains, through an interpreter, Penn said, "My friends, we have met on the broad pathway of good faith. We are all one flesh and blood. Being brethren, no advantage shall be taken on either side. When disputes arise we will settle them in council. Between us there shall be nothing but openness and love."

The chiefs replied, "While the rivers run and the sun shines we will live in peace with the children of William Penn."

No record was made of the treaty, for none was needed. Its terms were written, not on decaying parchment, but on the living hearts of men. For more than seventy years, during which the province remained under the control of the Friends, not a single warwhoop was heard within the borders of Pennsylvania. The Quaker hat and coat proved to be a better defense for the wearer than a coat of mail and musket.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

B. How often have you heard it said, "The best way to lose an enemy is to make a friend"? Verse 21, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good," is a simple principle, as sound as sterling, but exceedingly difficult in practice. We find such trivial excuses for disliking others: it may be a physical trait that cannot be corrected; or an acquired mannerism, an offensive habit, or a personality that can be changed. Love can conquer them all.

To summarize the fact and manner of Christian growth, then, is simply to give love its place in all relationships with others. This is truly the key to character improvement and the indispensable ingredient in improving all human relations.

Recently a cartoon showed a woman at a counter marked "educational toys." The clerk was showing her a box filled with oddly shaped parts. "It's designed to prepare children for today's complex world," he said. "Any way you put it together it doesn't come out right."

Life sometimes seems like that to people, but if you put it all together as Paul describes it, it's bound to come out right. These short pithy commands we have studied in this lesson give us a full picture of the mature Christian. They show us how to relate to others, to the world about us, to the God above us, and to the tensions within us.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

C. At a certain church business meeting, the members were disputing over some matter up for discussion. At first the argument was mild enough but before long it became a noisy, heated debate. Finally a calm brother arose and said, "Please, please, brethren, let us have less heat and more light." What they needed was truth and the ability to accept it wherever it came from. There is something truthful about the old saying, "The emptier the pot the quicker it boils."—C. F. Bowen

D. This writer once read of a man who after purchasing a piece of property was confronted by a neighbor who owned the adjoining property with these words: "You have bought yourself a lawsuit; that fence is ten feet on my side of the line, and it is my mind to take you to law and force you to move it."

The man responded in this manner: "There is no use of going to court to settle this matter. You look like an honest man, and if you say the fence is in the wrong place, we will move it and put it where it belongs."

Not expecting such an answer as this, the man responded: "Do you really mean that you would move the fence on my word?" "Sure I would," replied the other. "In that case," the once irritated man replied, "we'll leave it where it is." Thus can determined foes be turned into affectionate friends and good neighbors.—**The Teen-Age Teacher (F. W. B.)**

# STORIES

## for our youth



## DAVE'S GIANT

by Matilda Nordtvedt

DAVE was small for his age, but he wasn't a sissy. George, he neighborhood bully, got the surprise f his life when Dave beat him up once. When Dave became angry, he could take n a fellow twice his size.

Dave had always been proud of his ghting until he started going to daily acation Bible school. The third day he tayed in at recess to receive Jesus as is own Saviour. When he asked Jesus o forgive his sins, he was thinking about is lies and cheating at school and his isobedience at home. He couldn't bring imself to confess his fighting as a sin.

But Dave just couldn't feel happy until e asked Jesus to forgive him for his ghting, too. And he even asked Jesus o help him not to fight.

The sixth day of daily vacation Bible chool found Dave sitting expectantly, as sual with the other fifth graders in the hurch basement ready for the Bible tory.

Miss Martin smiled brightly at the hildren. "Today," she announced, "we're going to hear the story about avid and Goliath."

Dave's friends looked at him and nickered as if the story were about him. ave grinned self-consciously, listening ith interest to the story about another avid.

When Miss Martin came to the part here David, the shepherd boy, ran with is slingshot to meet the giant, Dave was itting on the edge of his seat with xcitement. He breathed a sigh of relief hen the stone from David's slingshot elled the giant. The young shepherd boy ad won the fight!

Dave had never heard the exciting story before. In his imagination, it was he, David Miller, who was running to meet the giant. He could hear himself say bravely, "I come to you in the name of the Lord."

However, Miss Martin was putting some different pictures on the flannelboard, pictures of ugly giants. Dave's mind reluctantly came back from its wanderings.

"Boys and girls, God has giants for you to destroy, too," Miss Martin began.

Dave took a deep breath and clenched his fists. He wouldn't be afraid of a giant. He was ready to fight.

"Here are some of the giants we must fight as Christians," continued the teacher. "The ugly-looking one's name is 'Anger.' This sly-looking fellow is 'Cheating.' This one with the green suit is 'Jealousy.' This arrogant-looking fellow is 'Pride.' And this sneaky one is 'Lying.'

"It's hard to fight against these giants because we can't see them as David could see Goliath, but they are all around us trying to defeat us.

"How did David win the victory over Goliath?" asked Miss Martin.

Dave's hand popped up. "With his slingshot," he answered breathlessly.

"Well," hesitated the teacher, "he used a slingshot, that's true, but—"

"I know!" Another hand shot up. "God helped him kill the gaint."

"That's right," smiled Miss Martin. "Don't forget, boys and girls, that the only way we can have victory over our giants is to trust God to help us. He will help us just as He helped David, if we ask Him."

Dave was still thinking about the story as he walked home from Bible school. It was easier to imagine after Allen turned down his street and left Dave by himself.

Dave pretended he was the shepherd boy, pretended he had a slingshot, pretended that Goliath was just around the next corner. He even wound up his imaginary weapon as he rounded the corner, but suddenly—there stood a giant! Well, almost!

Dave stopped dead still and stared at George, the biggest boy on the block and the neighborhood bully.

George planted himself squarely in front of the smaller boy. "I've been waiting for you," he growled menacingly. "What to fight?"

Dave's heart beat fast with excitement. Sure he wanted to fight.

"Guess you won't fight any more since you've become a Sunday school sissy," sneered the big boy.

Dave hated being called a sissy. He could feel his temper rising. He'd show George once and for all that he couldn't talk to him like that!

But suddenly George's words helped Dave to remember. When he received Jesus as his Saviour, he had asked Jesus to help him not to fight any more.

Dave remembered the giants on the flannelboard—"Anger, Jealousy, Pride . . ." Miss Martin's words came back to him: "God will help you overcome your giants, too, if you ask Him for help as David did."

Dave hesitated. It would be much easier to fight George than his "anger" giant. In an instant he made up his mind. He breathed a quick prayer to the Lord for help. Suddenly his anger was gone. He grinned at George and said, "No, I don't want to fight, George. I think it would be more fun to round up the fellows for a game of baseball after lunch."

Surprise registered on George's face. He opened his mouth to say something but suddenly closed it and moved over so Dave could pass by.

"See you at the ball field at 12:30," called Dave as he hurried home.

"That's the only kind of fighting I'm going to do from now on," murmured David happily to himself as he ran up the steps to his home. "Thank you, God, for helping me win over my 'anger' giant today."—Selected

## THE RAPTURE FLIGHT IS NUMBER ONE—GET ABOARD!

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and live under the same religious tenets. Now, in the church age, these tenets are being referred to the church and all people to be saved must need come into the church and be saved by the formula of God as offered through the church to the world. Jesus is the bridegroom and the church is the bride, therefore the church is the mystical body of Christ. Jesus reminds us that we will need to drink His blood and eat His flesh so that He in turn becomes a part of us and we a part of Him. How marvelous! How glorious! And, yet, it is the truth!

The treasure which a man found in a field is the true church of Christ in the world. It is hidden under the surface of ordinary living. It lies deeply buried under the crust of circumstance, business, and the changes of time. It is hidden among the stuff declared to be worldly, sinful, and utterly devoid of eternal endurance. It takes a cunning and determined soul to make the discovery. You know, I think, it can only come when a man makes up his mind that there is a God and somewhere in this world He can be found! He then begins to turn about and search through nature. He inquires among the learned men, doctors, lawyers, ministers of the gospel, and he is sure to come upon the challenge of the Holy Spirit and will heed His power. He also reasons that only God can make a grain of sand, light a star, or make a newborn baby cry.

When the man was sure of the treasure he had found and sensed its value, he hid it again! This is what we are taught to do in God's Holy Word. We are to hide the Word of God away in our hearts. We are to cherish, fondle, caress, assimilate, and digest the Word of God until we are properly but surely in line to obey and keep the commandments of God. A person who hides the Word of God in his heart is always conscious of the severity of punishment which will come his way should he violate the trust which God has put into him.

The man who found the treasure and hid it away in his heart now returns home and begins to negotiate a sale of all his personal and real properities; all of his assets must be taken into account. He must sell everything in order to raise a sum great enough to purchase the field so that the treasure will be totally and legally his. I think it is interesting to note that he sold all his possessions. He did not allow the devil to hold anything that was his. He did not borrow from the possessions, allowing the devil to keep the original documents. He did not allow the devil the chance to take out a mortgage on the property where upon he could again sieze the property upon default of the owner. He had sense enough to know a thing of value when he saw it. He sold all his possessions, raised the cash and laid it on the barrelhead to close the deal. The field is now his and the treasure is his! The transfer of title and all properties have been invested. He now belongs to God and God becomes his Lord! All this is required to become a member of the church of Christ in the world today.

Many people who pretend to find the treasure (the church) must be fooling around because many times they do not sell everything. They hold on to a few choice cattle and claim they are holding them to make an offering unto the Lord and to make a sacrifice unto the Lord. As a matter of fact, it is better to obey God than to make great sacrifices or give of rich earthly goods. They want to hold on to things this world affords so that they may "return to the flesh pots" of Egypt and participate in their earthly lusts again.

The devil is very difficult to deal with. He will try to blind you and turn your thoughts until you will be as clay in the potter's hand and he will mold you and make you into a demon. Moses said to Pharaoh, ". . . there shall not be an hoof left behind; . . ." (Exodus 10:26). Just so are we obliged to sell everything we have so as to meet the price needed to purchase the field—the whole field? We must not negotiate with anyone! We must take it all to the Cross of Calvary and leave it there! We must not make plans to return to these worldly possessions ever! All this is necessary to get aboard the rapture flight! All we have and all we ever hope to have must be taken into account. All or nothing is the way.

When the price is paid, there will be glory in your soul! Everyone who boards the ship will surely reach the heavenly port, and everyone who is in the church will reach the port—none will be left behind! There will be no strangers or wayfaring men aboard. All will be true-blue Christians and no one who paid the fare will be left behind.

I call attention again to the ark whic Noah built. That was man's first shi and the rapture flight will be the last shi with earthly ties! The ark performe perfectly and Noah and his family wer saved. Jesus is the Captain of the ship c Zion and the ship (church) will als perform perfectly and will make a superjets look like ants and turtles—s different will be their performance. Th church will rise from earth and will be i glory before the rest of the world ca know what has happened!

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## YOUTH RETREAT AT RIVERSIDE CAMI GROUND

Dear Fellow YFA Directors,

A Youth Retreat is being planned fo the second weekend in September.

We will arrive Friday night, Septembe 12, and begin setting up camp. W realize that it may too far for some of yo to get there on Friday, so just come a early as you can on Saturday. The cam ground is located just a few miles pas Belhaven.

We have set a few rules which w think are needed in helping us maintain Christian atmosphere and have a we organized weekend. The rules are a follows:

1. Each group will bring its ow supplies (tent, food, sleeping bags etc.).
2. Each group must hav chaperons.
3. There will be water sports. Th owner does not allow anyone to swim i the pool in shorts; you must have bathing suit. However, we ask that you bathing suit be modest.

There is no charge to camp on th grounds, but there is a $1 per da charge for use of the pool. There are als other things that can be rented such a canoes, paddle boats, and minature golf Bring money to spend as you feel yo would like.

Please send a list of the YFA member that are going as we will need to knov how many to expect. Send this in formation to the following adrdress Sherriee Singleton, Route 1, Box 92 Pinetown, North Carolina 27865 telephone 943-2810.

Yours in His service.
Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Singleto
YFA Directors
Shiloh FWB Church

## New Growth

BY MRS. BOYCE MATTHEWS

### PROOF OF GOD'S LOVE

Nothing attests to the proof of God's magnificant love more than the human body. If He had to answer in court on charges that He did not love, the human body would be "Exhibit A" for the defense.

A tiny baby comes complete from the factory with a water filtration plant, power plant, computer, sound system, electrical system, odor detector, electric eye, self-balancing device, air-cooled engine, radiator, communication system, water lines, fuel lines, automatic thermostat, air conditioner, heater, permanent custom paint job, and waste disposal system.

Not only that, the body has the power to reproduce itself, and is the only piece of machinery that can repair itself. Medicine doesn't cure simple cuts. It only fights harmful germs while the body heals the cut. Isn't that amazing?

The body is self-contained, flexible, and moves under its own power from place to place. What other machine can boast of this ability?

In our modern times a newly designed machine becomes obsolete almost before it comes off the assembly line. But the human body will never become obsolete. It is forever new. It is forever renewing itself. It would be hard to think of one improvement that could be made in the design.

And pretty too! Is there anything more beautiful than a human being? Suppose we looked like a crocodile or a rhinoceros. Imagine a 16 year old rhinoceros looking moon-eyed at a female rhinoceros the same age, saying "Oh, you beautiful doll!" Aren't you glad we're people!

We have a demonstration of God's love before us twenty-four hours each day. Have you thanked Him lately?

## BULLMAN ENTERS FULL-TIME EVANGELISM WORK



For months I have felt the call of God in my heart to get loose from any full-time church work and enter into evangelistic revival work all over this state and others as well. After much prayer and thought, I believe with all my heart that this is what God wants me to do. So this is a step in faith. I will not have any income other than what I receive in revivals; so please pray for me as I go out as a full-time evangelist on the field.

Having pastored churches for about 15 years, I am familiar with the pastors' burdens and probelms and feel that the Lord has called me to help them with their work.

Pastors, all I ask you to do is to pray about this call from God in my life. Then, and only then, do just what He tells you to do. If for any reason you can't use me in your church, please pray for me.

My mailing address is P. O. Box 4203, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303; telephone (803) 578-8019.

Yours for souls,
Johnnie Bullman

## Questions & Answers

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the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Ephesians 2:2, 3); ". . . the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isaiah 57:20, 21). The above verses carry with them sufficient spiritual significance and weight to influence me to obey the command: "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6, 7).

### DEDICATION OF COMMUNION SET

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church and all visitors who are compassed with so great a cloud of witnesses do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of God in this service and the use of this communion set in this service.

Let us pray.

## Church Auxiliaries

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tablecloth, centered with a lovely arrangement of red gladiolus. The table appointments were of crystal.

Mrs. Dola Dudley poured the punch while Mrs. Bernice Godwin served party squares. Homemade pimento cheese and chicken salad sandwiches, along with pickles, were also served.

The prayer of benediction was prayed by Mr. Person Daughtry.

We live on a moving line between the past and the future. That line is our lifeline.

## Oh Nothing, Daddy. You Have Enough to Worry About . . .

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**If you, dear friend, happen to be a father or mother, and are asked any question by your own or another child, neglect not the opportunity to answer. Don't let your own self-centeredness damage a beautiful and meaningful relationship, despite your own "worries." How haunting and accusatory are those words: "Oh nothing, Daddy. You have enough to worry about." *Nothing* is important enough to cause one to neglect the plea of a child. . . .**

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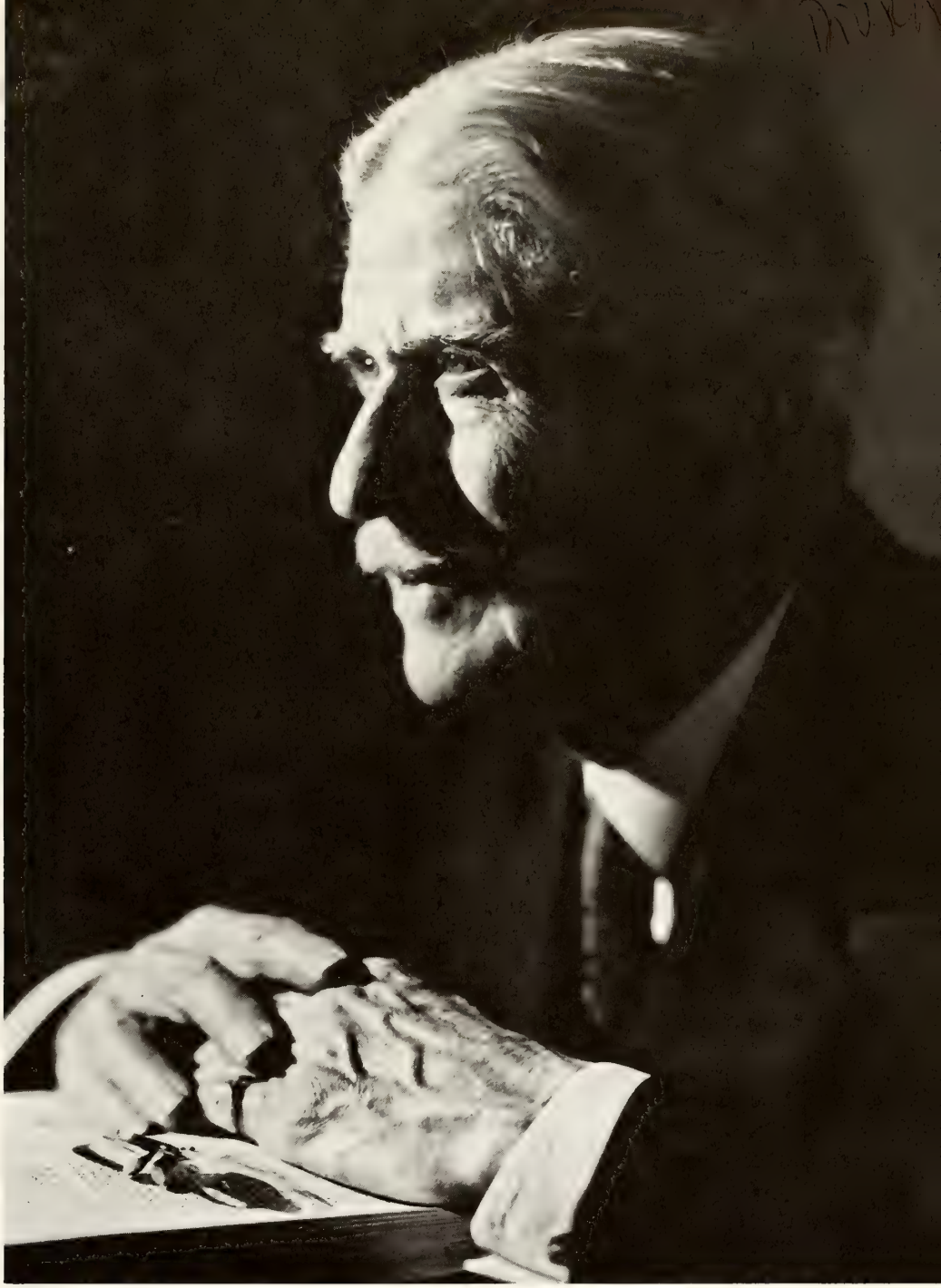




The two pictures show the exterior and interior of the recently completed Lanier's Chapel church. The new building was built on the site of the old church building.

The interior shows the pews which were installed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation of Ayden.

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NO ONE STAND SO TALL AS WHEN . . .

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# No One Stands So Tall . . .

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he admits to a mistake,
repents for that error,
asks for forgiveness,
and makes recompense.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he helps a blind man
find his way—
physically and spiritually—
and thanks God for the opportunity.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he affords to all people
the right to be themselves
in all situations
and does not prejudge their actions.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he forgives wrongs done to him,
thinks no evil of the foe,
not only returns good for evil,
but also prays for forgetfulness.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he offers his hand
to an alcoholic man,
befriends and understands,
and raises him up without condemnation.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he gives his shelter
to a sad and dying soul
whose body begs for comfort
and whose soul yearns for love.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he wipes away
the hurt from tear-filled eyes
and extends a heartfelt message of
"I am here with you."

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he shares his bounty—
gives his very best indeed
to the hungry, bruised, and broken,
and calls it no sacrifice.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he lifts the fallen
at the risk of being equated
with "sinners and publicans"
and "breakers of the law."

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# BUT SATAN HINDERED US

(1 Thessalonians 2:18)

by
Mrs. Laura Carawan
Deep Run, N. C.

HOW long has it been since you heard someone blame Satan for failure to attend to some Christian duty demand? Or have you ever? On the her hand, do you not hear all kinds of xcuses for this very thing! We've all eard it said, "Give credit where credit due." The Christian first learns to raise God for His wonderful gift of alvation. Then, as he grows in grace nd in knowledge, the sweetness of raise makes him realize that every lessing is God-given, and that He eserves all praise and honor and glory. ven in the little everyday occurrences hich so many take for granted, we see lis hand of love working for us; and the nore we praise Him (give Him credit) for hese, the more He blesses us.

Now, let's take the above quotation nd for the word "credit" substitute one neaning the opposite—"blame": "Give blame where blame is due." To express t better, perhaps, "Put the blame where blame belongs." Who gets the blame when things go wrong and life is full of perplexities and confusion? Neighbors, riends, family, yourself—even God, sometimes. But God is not the author of rouble and confusion; and, since it takes a spirit to influence the minds of men, there is only one other: **Satan**!

Just as we give God the praise (credit) for all good things that happen to us, let's place the blame for our failures, everyday annoyances, and in short, all that which works against us, on the one who is really the originator of all trouble and hindrances in the Christian life. The great Apostle Paul does not mince words but plainly puts the blame on Satan. No doubt, he might have written the Thessalonians the reason—a true one, of course—for not coming to them. But he chose, instead, to go straight to the bottom of the matter—blame **Satan**.

To admit that Satan hinders us takes, not only courage and honesty, but a high degree of humility as well. Watch out for pride here! That's what helps him switch the blame from himself to others. We'd rather take it ourselves than to let our friends know that such a character as Satan has been able to manipulate our lives in any way. But that is just what he does, unless we set a constant guard—**watch** and **pray**!

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 2:11, "... we are not ignorant of his (Satan's) devices." Yet the average Christian today appears to be just **that**! Mention some biblical demand of true Christianity (as in James 1:27) and see how we fall short of our standard as set forth in God's Word. Invariably the answer is the same: **People are just too busy**. Yes, and it seems to be true; but, "too busy" at what? In this present day when people work fewer hours on the job than ever before, and with so many time-savers in the home, it seems to me that we should have far more time for the Lord's work than Christians before us have ever had. More time spent in Bible study better prepares us to recognize the true source of all evil. That's why Satan delights in keeping us so **busy** that we remain ignorant of his modes of attack. May I point out here that blaming Satan does not free us of our own responsibility—to **watch** and **pray**.

I am greatly perturbed by this general state of being "too busy." Martha was too busy with the material side of living to sit at Jesus' feet and be taught of Him. Did she get any thanks for the beautiful table of specially prepared food she must have set before her guest? Not from her Lord; He would have preferred a plain, simple meal, or none at all, and have a part of Martha's time and attention, especially since her spiritual well-being was at stake. He chided her. I can almost hear His loving but grieved tone, "... Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things (material): But one thing is needful: . . ." (Luke 10:41, 42).

Let's deviate from the subject for a moment and do a little paper work. (You may be surprised at the time you have.) The average person works forty hours a week, plus commuting time of, say, five to ten hours—for many it's less. Add eight hours for sleep (rest) seven nights a week, total 101 to 106 hours (depending on commuting time) for rest and job. Subtract from 168 (hours in a week) and you come up with the surprising figures of 62 to 67 hours a week at your own disposal—more than 50 percent of your waking time. I heard a working wife saying, "My family takes up all my spare time." Here Satan really does his best work of hindering. "Family first," he says. He delights in seeing you, like Martha, "cumbered (burdened) about much serving."

If he cannot use your family, he had other suggestions quite as tempting to the person not fully committed to Christ. "You're tired." "You need rest and relaxation (before the TV, of course)." "Then you must get in some kind of recreation." All this appeals to your keeping physically fit. But his suggestions are designed to hinder you from improving your spiritual health. So, watch out! He leaves no stone unturned to obstruct your progress here.

"Blessed are they" who have found these **three R's: rest**, **relaxation**, and **recreation** in the service of our Lord and King. Rest need not be a state of total inactivity (that is attained in sleep for which a third of the time is already set aside), but a **change** of activity. You're too tried to go to prayer meeting; but, once there, how relaxing to your spirit, and thus to your body! Recreation should be refreshment to mind and body, that which builds up—does not tear down. As a young Christian, one of my favorite songs was, "I have pleasure in His service, more than all, yes, more than all." The more I sought my pleasure in His work, the more it became a shield from the temptations of Satan.

How many brilliant and talented young people today are being wooed away from the church by visions of big money and popularity in exchange for their superior ability—and in the end, for their souls! Imagine what a power for God they could be, if not hindered by Satan. God needs that gift; most any talent can be converted into use for His glory, instead of being wasted in the world. But Satan has planted his shining lure, and they are lost to the church while their youthful energy is so badly needed.

How can Satan hinder the dedicated Christian? The answer is: In just as many ways as there are such to succumb

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
Scripture Reading—John 5:24

LIFE

Let me but live my life from year to year
With forward face and unreluctant soul,
Not hastening to, nor turning from, the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but with a whole
And happy heart that pays its toll
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer:
So let the way wind up the hill or down,
Through rough or smooth, the journey will be joy.
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest.
Because the road's last turn will be the best.

—Henry Van Dyke

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pray that we may have the ability to look forward to a better future and not bemoan the bitter past.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 18
Scripture Reading—Psalm 55:14

WHY HE LIKED CHRISTIANA BEST

A little boy asked his mother which of the characters in "The Pilgrim's Progress" she liked best. She replied, "Christian, of course; he is the hero of the whole story." Her son said, "I don't, Mother; I like Christiana best, for when Christian went on his pilgrimage he started alone, but when Christiana went she took the children with her."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Jesus placed great emphasis on the children. We, as Christian parents, have an enormous responsibility! With God's help, we shall guide and direct the tiny feet in paths of greatness for His Name's sake.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
Scripture Reading—Romans 14:7, 8

MANY STARTERS—FEW FINISHERS

A missionary sat with the minister of the only church in a small town and watched the passers-by from the seclusion of the parsonage veranda. Said the minister: "That man made a great start a year ago. That young man came out in the meetings last fall. That little girl started when the evangelist was here in the spring." The missionary had seen none of the dozen or so persons of whom the minister spoke in church or Sunday school. At last he said, "You have indeed a great number of starters here, but are none of them planning to finish?" Let us not only start the temples of our Christian lives, but let us finish them.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It seems that it is much easier to start things than it is to finish them. Religion is quite a lot like any type of manufacturing. It is the finished product which counts; the beginning is useless unless it has a conclusion.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
Scripture Reading—Romans 4:20

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

"LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: . . ." (Psalm 30:7).

I could not do without thee,
I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
No wisdom of my own;
But thou, beloved Saviour,
Art all in all to me!
And perfect strength in weakness
Is theirs who lean on thee!

—F. R. Havergal

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our strength lies in our Redeemer. How true this statement is. All our courage and convictions are as tumbleweeds in a whirlwind without our Lord and Saviour.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:7

IRRETRIEVABLE ERROR

A pious but cranky old lady was greatly annoyed because her neighbors forgot to ask her to go on their picnic.

On the morning of the event they suddenly realized their affront and sent a little boy to ask her to come along.

"It's too late now," she snapped. "I've already prayed for rain."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The above story is a good example of why we should be more charitable. Occasionally our cantankerousness backfires.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:17

PRAYER TRACK

In a certain West African village the native Christians had no private for prayer in their huts. So each Christian made off to the bush, behind his hut, for seasons of prayer. After a while there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. Then if ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother, there is something wrong with your prayer track."—*Power*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We may not have a prayer track but others are still able to discern our lack of Christian discipline.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:13

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

"Humbly now, O Lord, I pray
Send revival here today.
All my coldness, all my sin,
All my doubtings deep within;
Forgive them, Lord, and cleanse away;
Oh, send revival here today!

"Humbly, Lord, I ask of thee,
Send this awakening through me;
Emptied out of self and pride,
Thy light no longer will I hide.
And, dear Lord, use me, I pray,
To bring revival here today!"

—*Moody Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are able to comprehend the need for refresher courses in scholastic education. Why is it so difficult to realize the need for refreshing our religious commitments?*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** Could Paul, Peter, and John rgive sins?

**Answer:** The Bible nowhere says they d or could forgive sins. Neither does it ywhere ever suggest that Mary, His ther, could or ever did forgive any one sin. It indicates that God, and God ne, has the power to forgive any one s sins. The model prayer Jesus gave s disciples, including us, teaches us to ay "forgive us our debts as we forgive r debtors"; but this, or any inructions in the Bible, say that we can rgive sins. However, we are to forgive ose who despitefully use us; that is, e are in no way to hold animosity in yway against those who mistreat us.

George H. Sandison in answering a nilar question makes the following mment on Page 83 in his book entitled, **00 Difficult Bible Questions swered:**

"There is no record in Scripture of any the apostles exercising in a literal and thoritative sense the power of pernally forgiving sins. They all, without ception, preached the forgiveness of ns through faith in and acceptance of sus Christ as Saviour. The passage in hn 20:21-23 is one that is frequently ted by Catholics in support of the claim their church of the power to forgive ns. But it has no relation to the Roman atholic Church, which did not exist until ng after apostolic times. Further, the st commentators hold that 'in any eral or authoritative sense, or as a rsonal act,' this power of forgiveness sins was never exercised by any one of e apostles, and plainly was never derstood by them as a power which ey possessed or which had been nveyed to them. All they were thorized to do, or ever did, was in a inisterial or declarative sense to inrpret the offer of divine clemency to pentant sinners. No Catholic can point a single text of Scripture to prove that there is any other mediator than Jesus Christ, or a single text to prove that priests can personally forgive sins. There are, however, other commentators and large church bodies who hold differently (see **Augsburg Confession** and **Lutheran Catechism**). These latter believe that there exists in the church of God 'a peculiar church power which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners unto them, but to retain the sins of the unpenitent, as long as they do not repent'; that the called ministers forgive sins and absolve those who repent and in so doing act as the instruments of God or in virtue of the external office of the ministry, and that 'this is as valid and certain in heaven as if Christ dealt with us Himself.' "

The idea that Mary, Jesus' mother, or any of the apostles or any saints or angels have or could forgive sins in the sense that the Bible teaches that God must forgive in order for us to get to heaven is purely myth and of heathen origin; as are many of the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church concerning Mary, the mother of Jesus, healing those that are ill and performing other miracles. The apostles prayed, their prayers were answered, and God (the Triune God) forgave sins and healed those who were made whole. But none of Jesus' followers apart from Him can do any of these miracles—they must be done by the omnipotent, omniscient God or they are not real.

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole" (Acts 4:10). Here Jesus Christ is the One the apostles gave credit for the miracle. If you read the whole context you will note that when these apostles were used of Christ in the performance of the miracle, it was while they were filled by the Holy Ghost.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit and God chooses to do so, He can use us in the performance of miracles, but not until then. Of course, He is going to allow the false prophets and antichrist to be used of the devil in performing miracles in the end of the age. But these will all be for an ill purpose. Jesus said that none but God could do good. When He does it through angels or saints, it is He who still does it.

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**Question:** Where was Solmon living at the time of his death?

**Answer:** I do not know for sure. Tradition says he lived in Jerusalem and that would seem the more likely place for him to be at the age of his death. There is nothing that I know of in the Bible that would indicate he moved his residence from there before he died. What the Bible teaches concerning him in his relation to the kingdom leads me to believe he retained his residence there as long as he lived for this is where he resided when he followed David, his father, as king.

George H. Sandison has the following to say in answering a similar question on Page 76 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"The Bible records his death in 1 Kings 11:43 and 2 Chronicles 9:31. It simply relates that he slept with his fathers and was buried in the City of David. Farrar narrates the tradition current among the Jews as to his death. It is that Solomon went up to the temple to worship. He stood there engaged in prayer, a picturesque figure with his long white hair floating over the imperial mantle, and wearing the gold crown that Bathsheba, his mother, gave him. As he stood leaning on his staff death came to him, but the staff supported the corpse. The priests saw that he was dead, but feared to touch him, because on his dead hand was the famous ring with which he had worked wonders of sorcery. But a mouse ran out from its hole and gnawed at the leather at the foot of the staff until it slipped and the great king fell on the floor and his crown rolled in the dust."

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## NOTICE

During July we stated in one of our articles that the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home has handled two items of business that we felt we should bring to your attention. One of these was that it was anticipated that the superintendent and his family would move off campus. However, due to the lack of available housing in the local area and to other circumstances, the superintendent and his family will continue to reside on campus. This move has been delayed for an indefinite period of time.

## FISH FOR THE HOME

Last week, the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Chandler of Oriental arrived with a load of fish which had been donated to the Home by Mr. Tom Caroon of Oriental. Mr. Caroon sent us 1,600 pounds of fish and 150 pounds of shrimp. We are very grateful to Mr. Caroon for his generosity and to the Rev. and Mrs. Chandler for taking the time to bring them to us.

## BOUND FOR CRAGMONT



Pictured above is Mrs. Sally Renfrow, Mrs. Gladys Weeks, and 36 of our children just as they were getting ready to get on the bus to go to camp. They departed on Monday morning, August 4, for a week of camp at Cragmont. They were all very excited and could hardly wait to get to the mountains.

We believe that they are going to have a wonderful spiritual week up there and are very glad that they had the opportunity to go.

We still have not received enough camp money to pay their way, so if anyone would like to pay for a child's week at Cragmont, please send $50 and be sure to designate it for the camp fund.

## CHURCH PASTORS AND CLERKS



On behalf of our Children's Home, I extend my deepest appreciation to you for your faithful support to this work over the past years. Each year your contributions have increased, but so have our expenses because of inflation. Our largest increase in expenses has been the same as yours, fuel and food. Even though the past year has been a good one, financially speaking, we are quick to admit that it took all the monies coming in to live on.

During 1974 we were caught up in a sizable building program. The Albemarle I Cottage was renovated and the State Cottage was built to replace the old Albemarle II Cottage. The cost of this construction was $100,000, and we managed by your help to pay for half of it during 1974. At the present time we are carrying a $50,000 mortgage note which is due prior to the end of this year. The work has been finished but the debt is ever present. We need your help and here's how!

Each year a special love offering is received for the Children's Home at the State Convention. This year our convention will be held at the American Legion Hall in Wilson on the 17th and 18th of September. We are requesting, as we did last year, that each church either **bring** or **send** a $200 gift to the convention for the Home. Last year many of you complied with our request and we received a record offering of nearly $20,000. Let's do even more for the Lord this year and make our offering exceed the one last year. If each church representing at the convention honors this request, then, we'll have sufficient monies to pay off this note.

In summary, I simply remind you that **your** Children's Home has a real **need** and **your church** can fulfill that need by giving a $200 love offering at the State Convention. With my trust being in God and my confidence being in your willingness to serve and share, I believe each of you will honor this request. Pray for each of us at the Home daily and come for a visit as often as possible. May God bless you and yours for helping us.

## RETIREMENT HOMES FIRST APARTMENT



Pictured above is the first duplex apartment for the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes which will be located at Middlesex. The construction on the apartment is progressing very satisfactorily.

In order to be able to complete this construction on schedule, your financial support is needed. If you would like to contribute to this project, send your contributions to: Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, General Delivery, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

## The Unmitigated




by the Rev. R. P. Harris

Scriptural basic: ''. . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live'' (Amos 5:4).

### WE SHOULD SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY

The dictionary states that mercy is an act of treating an offender with less severity than he deserves and forbearance to injure others when one has the power to do so.—**Funk and Wagnall.** ''. . . all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God'' (Romans 3:23). Man has offended God all his life. Even saved people often offend God because they tend toward sin everyday they live. ''. . . if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?'' (1 Peter 4:18). God's mercy will prevail with those who make an attempt to do right, but those who resist God waste their tie, money, and effort, and serve the devil, everyday, God will have no mercy for them.

We should seek the Lord because His mercy is great. We read in the Psalms, ''The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy'' (145:8). God will have mercy upon those who ask for mercy and upon those who show great compassion and mercy toward other deserving people. We must realize that God's mercy is the only way to hope. God's **grace** is sufficient, but if you remove the element of mercy from grace, then there is no longer grace. I thank God for grace and I never fail to ask God to have mercy upon my soul.

Not only is God's mercy great, but it is also extensive. ''The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance'' (2 Peter 3:9). In this Scripture again God's mercy is implied in no uncertain terms. God will extend His mercy down to the last breath man will breathe. As long as there is life and consciousness, God will have mercy and will save the soul that unconditionally commits itself to God.

We should seek the Lord because His mercy is eternal, is boundless, and it prolongs life. God is the only one who can pardon our sins and pass upon our transgressions with forgiveness. God is the only one who can make salvation possible; therefore, He encourages us to repent of our sins.

We should also seek the Lord because His mercy is toward sinners. Since we are all sinners (some are saved sinners, others are lost) we should call upon Him for mercy. Proverbs 28:13 tells us ''He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.'' This suggests a condition prevailing everywhere. Men and women cover up their sins. They try to hide them and in trying they become liars and hyprocrites. A feeling of guilt prevails and these sins continue to gnaw and tear away and destroy any principle or reason for living. Many destroy themselves by turning to alcohol, dope, a life of crime, or by killing themselves. They often reason with themselves that they have gone too far to be saved. But God is a merciful God! Saved people ought to know this in no uncertain terms and should be able to help the poor sinners by preaching Christ unto them.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. is available for full-time, part-time, or evangellstic and revival work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or telephoning 524-5186.

The Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Columbia, is seeking a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mr. W. David Cahoon, Route 1, Box 295, Columbia, North Carolina 27925; or call Mr. Joe T. Liverman at 796-5771.

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The Rev. H. M. Minchew announces that he is available for full-time, part-time, or supply pastoral work. He is in good standing with his conference and the State Convention. Mr. Minchew is also available for evangelistic work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by calling Fremont, 242-5625, after 7 p. m.

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Bass Mitchell, a licensed ministerial student, announces that he is available for supply work within the Free Will Baptist denomination. If interested you may contact him by writing Box 554, Bridgeton, North Carolina 28519; or Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; or calling 638-5233.

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## DEDICATION OF PULPIT HYMNAL

On Sunday, July 27, the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield dedicated a **Free Will Baptist Pulpit Hymnal**, given by Mr. and Mrs. David E. Pierce of Princeton, in loving memory of Mr. Garland Rayford Hinnant.

The liturgy of the dedication service was as follows:

**Acts of Dedication**

**Pastor:** Dearly beloved, we are gathered this morning in the sight of God, in the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the presence of the Holy Spirit to worship and to dedicate this pulpit hymnal given by Mr. and Mrs. David E. Pierce in loving memory of Mr. Garland Rayford Hinnant;

**Pastor:** Furthermore, it is in loving memory of Garland Rayford Hinnant as a humble person and his loyal and rewarding service to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, as a deacon and member of numerous committees, the town of Smithfield, Johnston County, and surrounding counties as a master builder; therefore, with grateful hearts—

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## O ZION! AWAKE,

by
**The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall, D. D.**
North India

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean" (Isaiah 52:1).

We are living in the most critical hour in the human history. Millions pass to Christless graves. Hell is filled with men due to negligence of Christians. Satan scorns at the feeble, fainting church, which stops at the door of Pentecost. Instead of being adorned in the bridal garments, the church is wearing the grave clothes. Her hands and feet are bound by the cords of the world. Resurrection life is not manifested. The tentacles of the world are tightening their grip on the church.

The church is in deep slumber. Christians are busy erecting gigantic buildings and institutions, while the communists are training men to conquer the world. Big church buildings in China and Russia are converted into cinema halls and community centers. How cleverly Satan uses the money and labors of Christians to build amenities for the devil's work. Russia, East Europe, China and Indo-China, Korea, and Cambodia all laugh at the complacent church.

Why have we fallen? What afflicts the church of today? Has God failed? Where has the Holy Spirit of the primitive church disappeared to? Beloved, God has not failed; we are failing God. We preferred programs to prayer, and planning to praying. Today's disciples desecrate the upper room to the detriment of their prayer. Preachers now play in the pulpit, because they do not pray in the closet. We tickle each other with the easy gospel and mistake the rattle for revival. Community dinners have replaced the communion tables. The fun-oritented Hollywood-patterned churches seek pleasure in fiction as the facts are painful. Prayer closets are deserted and tear-fountains are dried up. Apostasy has sucked the life of the church. Declension has set in. The church is not even lukewarm, but is ice-cold.

Why have we failed? Where have we failed? First of all, because we are not realistic in our assessment of the situation and in our approach. World population has more than doubled in the last quarter of a century. Has the church kept pace with the population explosion, by a comparable evangelism explosion or communication explosion? More babies are born in a day than are evangelized in one whole year by all Christian agencies put together. There is no business acumen, zeal, or enterprising spirit in Christian work anymore. The communists claim to overtake the world in this generation. They have almost overtaken Asia and most of Africa. They are only minutes away from controlling the world. With the modern means of transportation and communication we must give the gospel to the dying hungry people in this generation. Do you know that only 20 percent of the Christians alone have Bibles in the world. Man reached the moon and is on his way to Mars. But multiplied millions on this earth are still waiting for the first gospel message. Beloved, we are living on borrowed time. God's clock may strik anytime now. Awake, O Zion, to you responsibilities! Awake to your op portunities! Awake to your commitments Awake to the power available to you!

False cults and movements prin millions of books and magazines i attractive form and design. Thei disciples find out the clients to sell th books. They employ result-oriente methods, publicity, and advertisement But the church is still dragging her col feet with out-moded ways to witness Churches sell popcorn, lolly pops, an toy balloons to raise funds for missions where as liquor barons and cinema lords gulp in the gold from the church members. All coppers to God and a gold to the devil! is this honesty? Is this godliness? Should we give our best to the world, to the grocer, to the liquo store, and to the cinema houses, and then give a pittance to God? Should God wait for our copper coin, when we cast all our gold and silver to the devil's den?

Another reason why we failed is because of the lack of vision, revelation, and dedication. Many pastors are erecting gigantic buildings and furnishings them tastefully and lavishly, but give so little for proclaiming the gospel. Whom are we trying to impress? Does not God know our heart? The sword of the Lord is raised against this new brand of religious hypocrites who use God for their personal benefits. The church is on the retreat. Instead of blasting the gates of hell and hoisting the banner over liberated territories, the church is on the defensive. Destiny of millions is hanging in the balance. Don't we see the shadow of the nuclear umbrella precariously over this sin-soaked civilization? Oh, half-hearted disciples who are following the Lord far behind, decide now to go all the way with the Lord! Arise from your cozy bed of ease and indolence! How long will you sleep? Arise, awake, shake off your dust and the bondage! Look up, God is calllng you! God's eyes are now searching for a man to deliver this sin-sick, blood-hungry, hell-bound world, to lift high the torch of untarnished integrity in this hour of pitch-black moral turpitude, to declare in uncompromising terms the claims of Jesus. Karl Marx had men to die for communism. Jesus of Nazareth is calling for men who will deny all and follow Him.

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

**Black Mountain, North Carolina**

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Managers

## FINAL CONFERENCES

L. E. and Gertrude Ballard, Comangers

As this is being written, a four day conference of eighty young people from South Carolina is coming to an end. All their activities have been on the campus, and have consisted of study periods and church services at night. It has been a pleasure to have this group with us.

Two more convention sponsored conferences remain for the season. The Young People's Bible Conference is scheduled for the week of August 4-9, and we are expecting more than 100 for this conference. It will be followed the week of August 11-16 by the annual Woman's Auxiliary Conference, and already over 100 have been reported as registered.

At the end of the Woman's Conference, our fine group of young people, who have worked so faithfully during the summer, will have to leave us to return to school. This will leave us with a very limited staff, but we are planning to render as full service as possible to our people through the remaining of the year. Several family groups are expected during "Family Week," which will follow the Woman's Conference. Also four or five church groups have been scheduled for the last half of August and through September and October.

### Special Requests

Because of our limited staff, we will need some special cooperation from vacationing and other groups coming for the final weeks. There will be plenty of rooms available. The motel will be reserved strictly in the order applications are received. The prices are: one person to the room, $4 per night; two persons, $7; over two persons, $9. Rooms in the main building and cottages are $2 per person per night.

We are going to endeavor to serve breakfast to all who desire it. Groups wishing to be served other meals need to let us know in advance, so that we can endeavor to get extra local help as needed. Many who stay with us for their vacation plan to go on sightseeing trips during the day, and do not want to come back in for meals. Those who do not plan to have their meals here will not need to make advance reservations, except for motel rooms—though we will appreciate advance notice if more than three or four are coming together.

We hope that many will come to see the glorious mountains when God clothes them in their royal robes to bring final joy to our Cragmont visitors. Be assured we will do our best to serve well those who come.

## ATTENTION, CRAGMONTERS!

**Monday morning, August 4, one hundred fort-nine (149) single mattress covers and eighteen (18) double mattress covers boarded one of Roy Rouse's buses bound for Cragmont Assembly.**

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**I would like to thank all who have helped on this project.**

**In His service,**
**Margaret Ard**

## Coming Events . . .

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

September 17, 18—North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, American Legion Hall, Wilson, North Carolina

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### WHAT GEAR ARE YOU IN?

When God made man, it was to perfection. But when man made the decision to call his own shots, certain processes went into reverse.

Take the part of the brain whereby man thinks:

A clear thinking man will not be overdue on having the oil changed in his automobile, yet he'll put off his physical checkup for years.

His television goes on the blink and a specialist is called in. His body has a malfunction and he relies on the verdicts of studies made in drug commercials.

Now, what is really more important—man's possessions or man's body?

At home, the members of the family will be forced to make their own sandwiches, but when company is expected—the homemaker will spend two days in preparation. A scrumptious meal is laid out, and invariably, a well-meaning guest looks at the husband and asks, "With a cook like this, how do you stay so slim?"

The husband, beaming at his wife, answers, "I get plenty of exercise"; then he silently finishes the sentence, "making sandwiches."

Around her family, a lady in hair curlers will wear her favorite dilapidated yellow shorts, topped off with a sloppy red, white, and blue blouse. But when she goes out or company comes, the curlers are out, and she dons her bright pink outfit that does wonders for her fingure.

We have a verbal cloud burst of apologies when we must miss an outside obligation. But if something comes along to take us away from our family one night, we never give it a minute's thought.

Who is most important in our lives? By our actions, you'd think ourselves, and our families were the least.

Even after Adam and Eve sinned, God understood and went beyond human understanding to help them. Only He is big enough to stretch an understanding to cover our reverse gear thinking. What gear are you in?

Singing Preaching

# JUNIPER CHAPEL CHURCH



LaVerne Tripp will be the guest evangelist for a service of singing and preaching at Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, Saturday, August 23, beginning at 8 p. m.

Born to write and sing, are the words that best describe LaVerne Tripp for he is entirely dedicated to God and to God's music. Raised on a farm just outside of Chocowinity, LaVerne has always had a song in his heart. He began singing at camp meetings and in church when he was only two and a half years old, and as he grew, his love for music grew also. After finishing Bible school in Greenville, South Carolina, he sang with several part-time groups before joining the Blue Ridge Quartet with whom he traveled for six years and at the same time began building his fame. He is now in full-time evangelistic work, traveling throughout the country, preaching and singing.

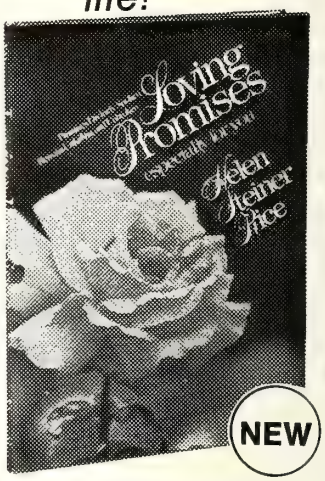
Many awards and honors have been presented to this singing evangelist. In 1971, his song, "I Know," was the number one song in gospel music for all twelve months of that year. His next composition, "That Day Is Almost Here," replaced "I Know," in the number one spot. This song was replaced by "After Calvary," making LaVerne Tripp three songs in a row to reach number one on the gospel music chart, a record that has never been duplicated or broken. In 1972, he was crowned "King of Gospel Music." In 1973, he won the award as the number one lead singer among all the gospel groups throughout the world.

LaVerne travels from coast to coast and border to border singing the gospel and proclaiming to the world that Jesus is coming soon. As the Holy Spirit leads this man and guides his life, many souls have been, and are being won into the kingdom of God through his ministry in song and word.

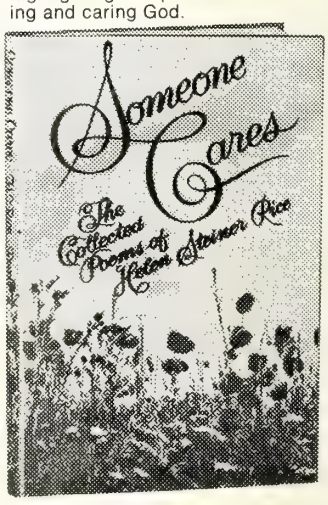
"We look forward, with high hopes, for an evening of spiritual uplifting which we will never forget. We are indeed proud to have such a man to be in service with us and to be able to invite our many friends and co-workers to attend this very special night service. May we all be in a special attitude of prayer, for this service that many lives will be touched and many souls saved," states Jackie D. Morris.


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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Warden's Grove Revival**
**August 18-23**

Revival services are scheduled to be held at Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Lowland, beginning Monday evening, August 18, and continuing through Saturday evening, August 23. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. A. B. Chandler, pastor of the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, as the visiting minister. The pastor, the Rev. Bill Twiddy, will assist in the services. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the Lowland Community to attend these services.

**Living Waters Members**
**Go to Eagles Nest**

Immediately following the eleven o'clock worship hour on Sunday, August 3, approximately 50 members of the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, left for an afternoon of fun and sweet fellowship at Eagles Nest Retreat Center near Dudley. After arriving at the center, a picnic lunch was spread; then some swimming was enjoyed by several of the group.

Just before departure from the retreat center, the group gathered beside the lake and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, read the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to everyone. It was most inspiring! The closeness and warmth of the Holy Spirit was felt by all during this time of fellowship.

# AMEN! LET US RUN!

by
Mrs. Dianne Raper

IN the July 30, 1975, issue of the "Baptist," our State Convention president, the Rev. Robert May, wrote an article that should shame every Free Will Baptist in our state. As he told us in that article, there are not enough funds to support an executive secretary, or even a headquarters in which our State Convention may carry on its work. Why isn't there enough money to properly (or even improperly) carry on the work of the various branches of our denomination? Why must our Missions Department, our Children's Home, Mount Olive College, and our other organizations continually beg, fight, and die, almost, to get funds to struggle along on? There can be only one reason—we, the people who make up this denomination, could care less.

In a poem entitled, "Paying the Price," from an old issue of the "Baptist," the minister sought to inspire his church to more action. He said, "This church must get up and walk." "Amen," said one member. "This church must run," said the minister. "Amen," from the church member; "let her run!" "More than that," said the minister, "this church must fly." Again came "Amen, let her fly!" Then the old minister told his congregation, "Brethren, it takes money to make a church fly." "Amen," from the church member; "let her walk!" This seems to be the attitude of the majority of our people when it comes to giving of time or money. Praise to our Father, all are not like that! Some of our people give almost all they have. They trust in God to provide for them. And you know what? He does. But it is not fair for a few to support us all.

It is the duty of each of us to give to God the tenth He has ask of us. After all, we are only returning that which is His. It is when we give over that amount that we are really giving to God, anyway. If we gave honestly and freely to our Father's work, there would be enough money to support any endeavor we chose to undertake.

God has given to us freely of His love, His mercy, and His blessings. If we do not use what He has given us to increase the yield for Him, He may take away all He has given us and cast us into outer darkness just as Matthew 25:14-30 tells us. Do you really want to face the horror of that?

Paul tells us, "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, . . ." (Hebrews 12:4), but the time is coming when some of us may. There are many things man cannot see nor understand, but of one thing we can be sure: God is real! His Word, "The Bible," is a factual reality. The things it tells us will come to pass just as we have been told. It is up to each of us to do God's will—and part of that will is to support Him. Please, give of yourself and of your "increase" so that when you see the Master He may say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"; instead of, "Depart from me; I never knew you" (see Matthew 25:21-30). We know how to walk, we aren't ready to fly; but unlike the church member, we can say, "Amen! let us run!"

## MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

### EVANGELISM TRAINING COURSE TO BE TAUGHT

A course in personal evangelism will be taught at Mount Olive College by the Revs. Joe Ingram and Stewart Humphrey, beginning Tuesday, September 9, 1975, at 7:30 p. m., in the Henderson Building, Room 111.

The course will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights for the following three weeks ending Thursday, September 25.

The course will be focusing on four main objectives: (1) To create a desire for personal evangelism, (2) to learn the basic steps on how to witness in a personal way, (3) overcoming the barriers to practicing evanglism, and (4) follow-up training for new converts.

A recommended text is **Evangelism Explosion** by Dr. James Kennedy. The book may be obtained at the Ayden Bible and Bookstore at $5.95 per copy. The course will be open to laymen and ministers alike.




## GROWING AS WITNESSES

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 1:14-17
**Memory Verse:** Romans 1:16

### I. INTRODUCTION

The general theme for today's lesson is "Growing as Witnesses," and since we have been charged of the Lord to witness to Him throughout the world, this is a type of growth that all of us need to cultivate. For many years the church was dependent upon revival services, or mass evangelism, to perform this facet of work. However, it has become obvious to one and all that sinners, those in need of the redemptive gospel of Christ, are not nearly as easily attracted to these services as they once were.

Though the preaching of the gospel from the pulpit has a very important role to play in the activities of any church, the time has come when that preaching has to be geared to the growth of believers, rather than to the conversion of the lost. This is true for the simple reason that in the vast majority of cases the pews are filled with professed believers and not a single confessed sinner is in the congregation.

The background for today's lesson is the New Testament at work throughout the world in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

The purpose of today's lesson is to influence us to become more effectual witnesses for the Lord.—**The Teenage Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We believe that if a person grows at all as a Christian, he will grow in his witness for Christ. This is true because there are so many ways to witness for Christ. However, we do not believe that people should say that they believe that we witness with our lives and never say a word for Jesus. We do witness with our lives, but this is no reason not to open our mouths and stand up for Him when the opportunity avails itself.

B. Christ gave the disciples figures of speech that show us something of the nature of the Christian life. He called them "salt" and "light." Both of these things show that by the process of contagion the gospel should be spread to all of the world.

C. The Christians at Jerusalem had been very successful in their witness for Christ. They seemed to be satisfied and apparently had no plans to carry the gospel further, but then persecution set in. Wherever they went as they were scattered by persecution, they witnessed for Christ and men were saved. Is it possible that we would be better witnesses today if we had a little more trouble?

D. Philip is an example of what an ordinary Christian can do for the Lord. He was not a professional preacher or evangelist. He was a deacon. But he preached or witnessed for the Lord and great were the results.

E. Why don't more people in the church give a better witness today? Think carefully about this question.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Nothing helps a child of God to grow better than witnessing to the lost. The writer recalls the wonderful joy he experienced when he led his first soul to Christ, and he had not been saved himself more than a month. How it fed his soul and thrilled him to know that he had just experienced one of the greatest evidences of his own salvation!

One of the saddest results of our failure to win souls is the attitude of the world toward us for our neglect. An infidel once said that if he believed as Christians say they believe, that a man's life in the world to come depends upon his life here in this world, then he would give men no rest, he would be at them day and night, urging them and entreating them to lead godly lives and to become men of faith that they might inherit eternal life. If this means that much to us, then we must testify unto the world, and both by our lives and by our words persuade men to live godly lives, that they not only may get the most out of this life but also may inherit eternal life.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

B. On July 6, 1415, under the watchful eye of armed guards, John Huss was taken to the place of execution. As he strode to the stake, where he subsequently was burned alive for preaching doctrines regarded as heretical by the Roman Catholic Church, he recited Psalms 51 and 31. The latter begins with these words: "In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed." The Apostle Paul had lived for years under the threat of death because of his preaching. Yet he looked danger in the face and declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel." Can we voice these words with the great apostle?

An old hymn cries out,

> Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
> Let evening blush to own a star.

And then the hymn ends with this sobering thought:

> And O, may this my glory be,
> That Christ is not ashamed of me!

That is the question, Will Christ be ashamed to own us at the judgment? People offer every excuse in the world to avoid the plain duty of witnessing for Christ. And they do so needlessly, for witnessing brings the greatest joy that we can ever know in Christian service. Surely if men like Huss were not ashamed to die for Christ, we will not be ashamed to live for him.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

C. There is an American missionary in a foreign field who is more interested in the spiritual health of his patients than in their physical health, while at the same time he is greatly used as a physician and surgeon. Difficult, even baffling, physical cases are brought to his hospitial, and, by keeping in touch with the latest medical and surgical research in America, he has been able to restore health in a wonderful way. But the fact in which he rejoices is, as he wrote in a letter home last year, "The more the patients come in, the more the gospel goes out."—Selected

# STORIES for our youth



## God's Unchanging Love

NEIL closed his book and went to look out the window. Why did it have to rain today of all days? he thought. Last Saturday when I didn't have anything special planned, it never rained one drop.

His disappointment had come because his father had promised to take him on a tour through the railroad yards where locomotives were made. He had looked forward to sitting in the cab of the big engine and pretending he was an engineer, but now that it was raining the trip had been postponed.

He sat back down and opened his book again. He liked to look at the pictures which showed how the early Americans had lived. One picture in particular caught his attention. As he looked at it closely, he noticed how much the old-fashioned kitchen differed from the one in his home.

I guess my mom would be hours cooking a meal if she had to cook like those women did, he thought as he looked at the big fireplace.

Neil was certainly glad he was living in the present time. He yawned as he took another look at the picture of a man standing in the doorway. He was wearing a heavy plaid jacket, a bright red cap pulled over his ears, heavy blue trousers, and high boots.

I guess the winters were extremely cold, and they needed all the heavy clothes they could put on, Neil thought.

He had to laugh when he saw the long, curled mustache on the man. He thought of how funny his dad would look with a mustache like that.

"What's so funny?" he heard a voice say.

The sound of the voice startled him. He sat up to look around him. He wasn't looking at a picture! There really was a man standing in the doorway, and he was wearing a jacket and boots and had the funny mustache.

"Hurry up, boy," he heard the man say, "or you won't be finished in time to go over to the Kelly place with me to help build that barn."

Neil stood up. He didn't know what he was supposed to do, but he put on his coat and started toward the man.

"You forgot the water bucket," the man said.

Neil began to understand. He was supposed to help with the chores. Getting the bucket from a table, he went outside and started down a hill toward a spring. It was strange how he knew which way to go, but soon he had his bucketful of the ice cold water and was on his way back to the house.

"Hurry back," the man called. "There's a lot of wood to be chopped."

Huh? chop wood! Neil thought. It's more like me to chop my toes.

After he had taken the water into the kitchen. Neil went back outside. Since he didn't see the man any place, he went over to the woodpile and looked at the ax. It was an enormous one, and when he tried to pick it up, it got bigger and bigger. He tugged and pulled, but he couldn't lift it. He didn't know what he would tell the man. He only hoped he wouldn't be angry. Once more he tried, but it was no use. He just couldn't lift the big ax.

Sitting down on the chopping block, he put his head in his hands. "I can't! I just can't," he moaned.

"What on earth are you talking about?" he heard another voice say. "What is it you can't do?"

Looking up, he saw his mother. He glanced around him and saw that he was still in his own living room. He wasn't trying to lift an ax at all!

"You must have gone to sleep," his mother said.

"Yes, I sure did," Neil told her.

He showed his mother the picture and told her about the dream. "Things sure are different these days," he said in a tone of relief.

"Yes," his mother agreed, "and I think mothers appreciate that more than anyone, but even though there are many things around us that are constantly changing, there is one thing which never changes."

"What's that?" Neil asked his mother.

"It's God's love. Because God loved people so much, He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to be sacrificed for their sins. Back in the days when women cooked on open fires and rode to church in wagons or buggies, they read John 3:16 just as we do and believed on Jesus and trusted Him to forgive their sins. That has never changed."

Neil closed the big book, "Well, I'm glad that the other things have changed, but I'm happy that God's love never has and never will change. I'm glad that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16)."

# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard

(Part Three)

## WITH THE GLORY HALLELUJAH PEOPLE

ON a Thursday morning in August of 1913, which was to mark the beginning of my association with Free Will Baptists beyond the little country church to which I had been carried as a baby, and which I attended throughout my boyhood days, my father hitched old Bessie to the family buggy and took Uncle John Munday and myself to Alexander Station, down the French Broad River, and put us out to walk the two miles or more to Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church where the association was to meet for the annual three-day session. Of course, my mother had made a last minute inspection of my "grip" —everybody carried a sort of satchel, called a grip—when they went to the association, to see if all things were in order. A regular suitcase would have made it look too much like a pleasure trip.

Uncle Tom Cole, the aging minister who was the moderator of the association, was on hand at Alexander to take the two mile walk with us. Along the way, these two aging servants of the Lord talked about the great privilege they had of initiating a promising young man, meaning me, into the work of God, and crammed my head with well-meant advice on how I ought to conduct myself at the meeting.

When we reached the church, we found a number of people already there who had arrived in buggies, on horseback, or walked. A group of men were busy getting things in order in Evangelist Bob Self's big tent where the evening evangelistic services were to be conducted by the rising young evangelist, who was destined to have a big part in putting the Free Will Baptists of the area on the denominational map during the coming years.

Promptly at 10 a. m., Uncle Tom Cole banged the top of the pulpit in the church and declared the association in session. I do not remember much about the devotional period and other preliminaries prior to the beginning of the business session. What I do remember is that from the very beginning of the reading of the Scripture, the whole period was punctuated by constant "amens," "glory hallelujahs," and "praise the Lords." It may surprise some who have had the idea that all Free Will Baptists of the mountains are highly emotional and given to shouting to learn that this was my first introduction to this type of worship. I had been used to a lot of deep feeling in my home church, especially in times of revival, but it expressed itself in a calmer manner. Both my Uncle John Henry, who had pastored the church during most of my life, and my father who had been the song leader, had always been very moderate in showing their emotion. However, I was to learn during the time of the associational meeting and as I ventured out more and more from my home church, that this highly emotional atmosphere prevailed generally among Free Will Baptists of the mountain areas of North Carolina and Tennessee. While I have never been able to bring myself to personally endorse it, I came to respect it as a sincere practice among Free Will Baptists of some sections.

Three unforgettable days followed at old Mountain View church. There was a business session from nine until eleven each morning, followed by the traditional preaching and rejoicing service at eleven. In keeping with the custom of the time, two preachers were assigned for each service—one to "open" and the other to "continue." Sometimes they agreed upon a subject which one spoke on for about thirty minutes and the other "carried it on" for another thirty minutes. At other times there would be two entirely different sermons, usually with a song in between, during which there was usually some shouting. Around one o'clock lunch—dinner they always called it then—was spread on the ground, and all enjoyed it. After dinner the business session was resumed and continued on until about 4:30 in the afternoon.

I can never forget the evening services during this annual association time. I had heard the Rev. Bob Self a time or two in my home church, but never had he preached like he did those three nights in his big tent in the yard of Mountain View church! This rugged evangelist moved people from laughter to tears, and sometimes to anger almost strong enough to cause them to want to drag him out of the pulpit, as he ruthlessly exposed their sinful lives. But it always ended the same way—with people coming to the altar to repent of their sin and seek pardon of the Lord.

I have forgotten most of what business was attended to during these days; and, unfortunately I do not have a minute of the session among my historical collection. However, I do remember that I tried to think clearly and prayerfully about every motion that came up, and to vote conscientiously. I was always conscious of my responsibility to the church that had chosen me to represent them. I attended faithfully every session and every service of worship during the three days. I really wanted to be a good delegate.

My father came for us Saturday afternoon, and we got home late that night. I went to bed tired, but with a feeling that I had experienced something that would enrich my life. I had come to know that Free Will Baptists were a people of deep convictions, desiring to serve faithfully the God they loved, and I wanted—O yes! I wanted above everything else—to be one of this God-fearing denomination; and if it required shouting, "Glory Hallelujah," I was ready to shout!

(Next week: A Broadening of the Horizon)

## NO ONE STANDS SO TALL . . .

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No one stands so tall . . .
as when he prays the prayer of
"Forgive me, dear Lord,
for my many, many wrongs,
as well as for the things I've failed to do."

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he sees himself
as he really is and realizes the need
of helping his fellowman
and finding a warmer relationship to his God.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he bows in reverence,
knowing his true unworthiness,
and resigns himself
to God's perfect will.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he bends low enough
to see that he is no better
than anyone else
and can be thankful for the enlightenment.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he is on his knees
in humble adoration
and submission to
his Master.

No one stands so tall . . .
as when he kneels down to pray
and rises to all occasions
to do something for his Lord.

## FEATURE

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to his power of suggestion. I truly believe all his vicious work is accomplished through this very channel, either directly or indirectly. Christ said, "Love your enemies." Satan knows this is amost impossible from a human standpoint. "All who do you wrong," he subtilizes, "is your enemy." How easy to "fall" for such suggestion. But in learning to think of Satan as the source of all wrong, you understand that he is our only real enemy.

Can your picture that person you think is your enemy as being a prisoner under the power of Satan's suggestion? Could be that he has whispered to that one that you are not treating him or her right. He does work at both ends of the line simultaneously to stir up strife, plant hatred, malice, and distrust in mankind. Only in this knowledge of how he works to hinder you, can you find grace to **love, forgive, and "pray** for them which despitefully use you."

O that we could see this crafty fellow in the light of God's Holy Word! He cannot stand light. So that's just what we have to do: **Turn that light fully on him**. To make him the culprit for all wrong and misery is to drive him out of his dark corner. Exposed, blinded by the light, he quickly flees!

But don't lower your guard. **Watch** and **Pray!** He **will** be back.

## DEDICATION

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**People:** We dedicate this pulpit hymnal.

**Pastor:** For the use of this pulpit hymnal to aid and increase fellowship and worship in music among God's people as they sing praises to God in the services of this church; therefore, with grateful hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this pulpit hymnal.

**Pastor:** For the beauty of the loyal and rewarding examples of love and forgiveness that Garland Rayford Hinnant set before others in Christlike living; therefore, with grateful hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this pulpit hymnal.

**Pastor:** For the beauty of the examples of loyal and rewarding family life, neighborliness, brotherhood, and brotherly love that he set before his own family and others; therefore, with grateful hearts—

**People:** We dedicate this pulpit hymnal.

**Pastor and People:** We the people of this church and all visitors who are so compassed with so great a cloud of witnesses do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of God in this service and services to be in the use of this pulpit hymnal to the loving memory of Garland Rayford Hinnant.

Let us pray.

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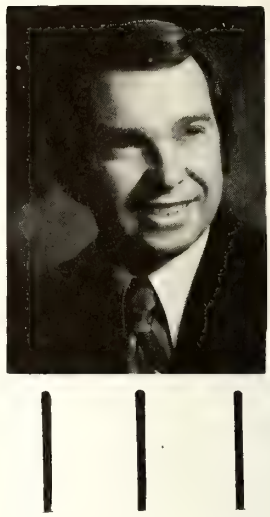
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## Do Good Fences Equal Good Neighbors?



## DO GOOD FENCES REALLY MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS?

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It is said that familiarity breeds contempt. How so? Could it be that the better one gets to know another, the more unfavorable traits he discovers in that persons and subsequently is led to dislike him?

Quote Robert Frost in "Mending Wall," which is considered one of his greatest poems: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall, That sends the frozen ground swell under it, and spills the upper boulders in the sun; And makes gaps even two can pass abreast." It is evident here that the *frozen ground* bulging under the wall is what causes the wall to "fall apart " and need repair each spring. Continues the poem: "The work of hunters is another thing; I have come after them and made repair Where they have left not one stone on a stone, . . ."

Each spring the narrator in the poem reminds his neighbor that it's mending wall time, though he considers it ". . . just another kind of outdoor game, One on a side. It comes to little more: There where it (the wall) is we do not need the wall: He is *all pine* and I am *apple orchard* (referring to their individual property). My apple trees will never get across and eat the cones under his pines, I tell him. He (the neighbor) only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors.' " Good neighbors? Could it be that a wall of separation makes one mind his own business?

*What* actually *is* being walled *out* with the mending? Could it not be friendship, companionship, a spirit of brotherhood and love? *What* actually is being walled *in* with the mending of the wall? Could it not be selfishness at its height? Could it not be self-inflicted friendlessness, an unhappy solitude, an aloneness that brings despair rather than contentment?

Do fences or walls or any other type of barrier serve to one's advantage? Do fences indeed make good *neighbors*? In some cases, yes; in other cases, no! The narrator of the poem looks somewhat in scorn upon his neighbor, and the implication is that the narrator himself wants the barrier as much if not more than the neighbor. Observe the following which the narrator states: "I see him there (the neighbor) Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top In each hand, *like an old-stone savage armed. He moves in darkness as it seems to me, Not of woods only and the shade of trees.*" It seems here that the narrator considers the neighbor a savage-like enemy of whom he is afraid, though he (the narrator) defends his own feeling by concluding that the neighbor is really the one who wants the wall between them repaired: "He says again (relying upon his father's traditional advice) 'Good fences make good neighbors.' "

Separating oneself from his fellowman is not the best solution to societal problems—no more now than in the early 1900s when the poem was written by the noted American poet. In fact, most problems between individuals arise *because of separation*. Dissociating oneself from his neighbor and his concerns can never promote understanding, goodwill, and compassion. Usually total disregard for one's fellow is the result of "walling in" or "walling out." Disregard begets fear sometimes, and fear begets hate, and hate begets violence, and violence begets destruction, and destruction begets devastation—physically and spiritually.

Familiarity may indeed breed contempt, but on the other hand it may promote understanding. That is to say, with the proper attitude, one can tackle any "task"—even an unpleasant interpersonal relationship and dissolve walls of hatred and distrust.

Certainly there are times when people ought to tend to their own business, but there is something about the spirit of *neighborliness* that dispels the thought of "prying." A good neighbor may indeed "wall" himself in at times, but not forever.

Good fences may make good neighbors, but this writer's idea of a good fence is a fence that is not so high that one can't see over, not so low that one can't see under, and not so closely put together that one can't pass through. Better still, we feel that the best fence is that one with an open gate. . . .

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard
(Part Four)

### A Broadening of the Horizon

MY attendance at the annual meeting of the French Broad Association as a delegate in 1913 not only brought me a greater knowledge of that segment of the denomination to which my home church belonged, but it aroused within me a desire to know more about that denomination. Up to this time there had been but little contact between the three small associations existing in the North Carolina mountains and Free Will Baptists to either the east or west of us. In a little book he had printed some years alter, my great-uncle, John Henry, mentions that in 1910 he "met a man from over the mountains who claimed to be a Free Will Baptist," but he does not say whether it was the mountains to the east or to the west. Uncle John Henry and a young preacher by the name of Reeves had made one trip north before the uniting of the Northern General Conference with the Missionary Baptists to attend a meeting of that body. I remember that he made a report of that trip to the Union Valley church, but I do not remember anything of the details of the report. The following year, Reeves returned to the north to go to Hillsbury College. He became a minister in the Northern Baptist Convention after the merger in 1911. He returned to visit his people in Madison County a few times, and I understand preached a time or two in the church of his family; but he was generally received rather coolly, because he was thought to have helped "sell out" the Free Will Baptists to the Northern Baptist Convention.

Very soon after my first experience as an active part of the denomination, opportunities began to open up for me to learn more about the Free Will Baptists. In the spring of 1914, a minister from the West visited our section upon the invitation of the Rev. Bob Self. I have forgotten his name, but I remember that Mr. Self called him "Brother Ira," and I am of the opinion that it was the Rev. Ira Waterman. In my recent research for these notes, however, I was unable to find any confirmation of this. Every Free Will Baptist minister living at that time in the Western North Carolina area has departed this life, as have other denominational leaders.

This Brother Ira spent one night in my father's home, and when he learned that I was interested in learning more about Free Will Baptists, he told me a lot of things about the groups he knew about in his area, who were generally known as "Freewill Baptists." Those left from the 1911 merger were in small, scattered groups, but efforts were being made to get them together in some sort of general organization; which, incidentally, was effected two years later. This visitor had in his possession a small book containing a history of the work of Benjamin Randall in the North, and I read the book through during his stay in my father's home. It was from this book that I learned of the association of one of my ancestors, the Rev. Jeremiah Ballard, with Randall, whom he worked with faithfully for two or three years. Then the Rev. Jeremiah began preaching some strange doctrine regarding the possibility of Christians becoming angels during this lifetime—suggested probably from the mention of angels in the churches of Revelation. Jeremiah was tried and excommunicated from the Randall church because of this strange preaching. Later he confessed his error and was restored to fellowship in the church; but seemingly Randall did not restore him to his favor, since there is no record of any cooperation between them in later years. I have never seen another copy of this old history and cannot recall who wrote it.

In August of 1914, two brethren from Eastern North Carolina came as the first fraternal delegates from the North Carolina State Convention to the French Broad Association. One of them was the Rev. Luke Wetherington, but I do not recall who was with him. The association met that year at Cedar Hill church, and Mr. Wetherington preached—the first Free Will Baptist preacher from "over the mountain" that I heard preach. It was at this time that my father subscribed for **The Free Will Baptist**, and this opened the way for me to learn much about Free Will Baptists during the months that followed. Brother Wetherington also distributed some literature about the Ayden Seminary, and talked to me about the convictions I was beginning to have about entering the ministry, and urged me to consider attending the Seminary at Ayden. The following year, the Rev. J. C. Griffin spent some time in our area, preaching at two or three of our churches. I remember the text of the first sermon I heard him preach. It was from the words of Nehemiah: "I am doing a great work: why should I come down?" It glorified the work of a minister of the Lord, and I must say that it had a great influence in my life during the years that followed. That day at Cedar Hill church marked the beginning of a friendship with a man who made a constant contribution to my life for more than fifty years; and, in fact, still lives on although Brother Griffin has been with the Lord for several years now. I must confess that up until I met this great man of God (with my limited knowledge of Free Will Baptists) when I contemplated the possibility of becoming a minister of the gospel it was with the feeling that if I ever got anywhere in the ministry I would have to go with some other denomination. Brother Griffin helped me to see that success in the ministry was not so much a matter of advantage, but of faith in God.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
Scriptural Reading—Exodus 20:8-11

A SERIOUS PROBLEM

"I am a druggist. From the time our little town was founded up until a short time ago, it was a quiet, clean place with its three churches full and everything you could ask for in a town. Sunday was a day of rest and quiet. About five or six years ago, ice-cream parlors began to open Sundays, some grocery stores remained open Sunday mornings. Then came the beer gardens and the picture show, all open on Sunday.

"The demand has been increasing that I also open on Sundays and keep liquor. We have always stood ready to answer any emergency call in times of illness on Sunday. This I believe to be right, but to open my store on Sunday for commercial purposes I feel is wrong. Very little medicine is sold by the majority of drug stores on Sunday. If they were held strictly to the selling of medicine, few drug stores would be open on this day.

"I was brought up by a dear mother to remember the Lord's Day and to keep it holy, to do all my work in six days, and to rest on the seventh and serve my Master. I have tried to do this and have done much work with young people. This decision now faces me, but I feel that if I were to do these two things I would be selling my soul and the price would be too great, and that I had better get out and find something else to do. It seems to me if I did those two things, I would lose the respect of all these young people, as well as doing it in the face of the teachings of my Master, and that would be more than I could bear."—*Moody Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have been instructed to remember the Sabbath Day and to keep it holy. This really sums up the situation quite clearly.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 25
Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:3

A TALENT TO BE BURIED

One of the best stories told at a missionary conference in Shanghai was of a man who said he was afraid he was going to be of no use in the world because he had only one talent. "Oh, that need not discourage you," said his pastor. "What is your talent?" "The talent of criticism." "Well, I advise you," said his pastor, "to do with it what the man of one talent did with his. Criticism may be useful when mixed with other talents, but those whose only activity is to criticize the workers might as well be buried, talent and all."—Expositor

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We will never know if we are of any use or not if we never do anything to enable us to find out for sure.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
Scripture Reading—Luke 12:32

THE OMNISCIENT CAPTAIN

A story is told that once the passengers of a vessel steaming along the St. Lawrence River were very angry because, in spite of the fact that heavy fog was encircling the boat, full speed ahead was maintained. At last they went to the first mate, and complained. "Oh, don't be afraid!" the mate replied, with a smile. "The fog lies low, and the captain is high above it, and can see where we are going."

Are you tempted to complain of the way your Great Captain is leading you? Believe that He can see the end of the way. Then, declare, "Thou, Lord . . . makest me dwell in safety."—*Sunday Circle*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Captains are qualified to have full control of their ships, but unless we become passengers we will never obtain the use of the Captain's services.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 4:18

SHINING AT HOME

Hudson Taylor has said, "A small circle of usefulness is not to be despised. A light that does not shine beautifully around the family table at home, is not fit to rush a long way off to do a great service elsewhere."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Nothing is so repugnant than t hear a beautiful oratory and the listen to some of the same orator when they are not aware of a audience.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28
Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:22

WHAT A PRETTY SOUL!

"Often we say to one another, 'Wha a pretty frock!' or, 'What an adorabl coat!' or, 'What an exquisite gown! But we seldom say, 'What a prett soul! What a charming heart!' " Ye the inner life is the thing of highes value. Said an old and wise writer "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues o life."—Margaret G. Sangster

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In truth our inner selves are the determining factors in our lives. Have you checked this vital organ lately?*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:15

THANKFUL HENRY

Matthew Henry, the famous scholar, was once accosted by thieves and robbed of his purse. He wrote these words in his diary:

"Let me be thankful first, because I was never robbed before; second, because, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."—*Church of Ireland Gazette*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have a great deal for which to be thankful. Our tendencies are to long for the good qualities we do not possess instead of being thankful that we missed the bad qualities we could have had.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:10

"A RENDEZVOUS WITH CHRIST!"

I have a rendezvous with Christ,
And that time not far away,
When all I am and do and say
Shall counted be, and weighed by Him—
I have a rendezvous with Christ
Ere days are run and eyes grow dim.

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** Please explain, "Beware st any man spoil you through ilosophy and vain deceit, after the dition of men, after the rudiments of e world, and not after Christ. For in m dwelleth all the fulness of the dhead bodily" (Colossians 2:8, 9).

**Answer:** In this wonderful little Book Colossians, the great Apostle Paul ves valid instructions against some lse conceptions that were plaguing the urch at the time and some like which ave come down to us this very day. The wn of Colossae in which this church as located was an ancient commercial enter of quite some renown, but at this me this ancient glory was waning. It as located about one hundred miles ast of Ephesus in a Lycus Valley aravan route not far from the cities of aodicea and Hierapolis (see Colossians :13). The Colossians may have heard ne gospel from Paul in his visit to phesus about A. D. 55. The commercial ecline of Colossae, there is no doubt, ft many things to be desired in its moral nd spiritual status which if taken under onsideration helps to see the need for ne kind of instructions found in the pistle. A one time flourishing but eclined city such as this left its scars of any false religions.

Traditions of men in the declining ewish faith served as a hindrance to the ospel in Jerusalem in Jesus' day and eems to have had even a more evastating effect on some heathens in olossae since Judeans had a correct ackground, but a decadent one. The almud had at the beginning of the hristian era a bad effect upon the dherents of Judaism in that they eglected the Torah (the law) and aught the young people to respect the almud (traditions and interpretations of 'the fathers") former Rabbis, and the aw or for that matter, the whole Old Testament was weighed under the scrutiny of the opinions of the former teachers, which indeed was bad enough, but nothing to compare with the traditions stemming out of the heathen religions that were basically false from their inception. Vain philosophy, a worthless baseless philosophy, one that even though it had a grain of truth here and there was false for it sprung from the defiled heart of fallen man.

In one place the Bible represents these religionists as being like unto the idols they, in their perversed nature, had brought into being. Whereas, Judaism was founded on truth from God since "holy men of old wrote" that which the Holy Spirit controlled and manipulated them in the writing of and Judaic false teaching came only as they strayed away from this original concept with them. The heathen, on the other hand, had strayed away from God, making and honoring gods that their hands had formed, building up a philosophy and tradition on a false foundation.

When God sent Jesus, both God the Father and God the Holy Spirit were present in Him. The Holy Spirit was upon Him from His mother's womb. And Jesus said He did nothing apart from the Father for the Father was in Him doing those things that Jesus was performing.

The fullness of the Godhead was in Him so the whole Trinity acted as Jesus did His performance. Jesus said, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake . . . . At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you" (John 14:10, 11, 20). Again we read, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:28).

John Trap gives some details in his comment not cited by most who comment on these verses, Pages 616-17, in Trap's **Commentary on the New Testament:**

"Verse 8. **Lest any man spoil you**—A metaphor either from sheep-stealers or plunderers. Seducers plunder men of their precious souls. They take them prisoners, 2 Timothy 3:6. They make merchandise of them, 2 Peter 2:3; or bring them into bondage, smiting them on the face, 2 Corinthians 11:20. Constantius the emperor suspecting Julian's proneness to paganism, sent him to be carefully grounded in Christianity to Nicomedia; but he frequented by stealth the company of Libanus and Jamblichus the philosophers, who warped him fully to their bent; which brake out afterwards.

"**Through philosophy**—In the year of Christ 220, the Artemonites, a certain kind of heretics, corrupted Scripture out of Aristotle and Theophrastus, turning all into questions, as afterwards the schoolmen also did, that evil generation of dunghill divines, as one calleth them. Tertullian not unfitly saith, that the philosophers were the patriarchs of the heretics. Not but that there is an excellent and necessary use of philosophy, truly so-called; but the apostle meaneth it of their idle speculations and vain deceits, those airy nothings, as the apostle expounds himself. See the note on Romans 1:21, 22.

"**And not after Christ**—The Gentiles then could not be saved by their philosophy without Christ. And yet not only the divines of Cullen set forth a book concerning the salvation of Aristotle, whom they called Christ's forerunner in naturals, as John the Baptist was in supernaturals; but also some of the school doctors, grave men (saith Acosta), do promise men salvation without the knowledge of Christ (**Agippa, Balaeus**).

"Verse 9. **All the fulness of the Godhead bodily**—That is, essentially, not in clouds and ceremonies, as once between the cherubims, which the Jews called Shechinah; whereunto the apostle here alludeth.

"Verse 10. **And ye are complete**—Ye have that true happiness of a man, which philosophers hunted after in the thicket

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**The Home Missions Board makes the following proposal as a start for this fiscal year: Fifty churches pledging $1,000, 100 churches pledging $500, and every mission pledging $100. All pledges are to be sent to Taylor Hill for publication. Pledges sent in so far are Eastwood church, Fayetteville, $1,000; Northeast church, Durham, $1,000; Holly Springs church, Newport, $1,000; Faith church, Morehead City, $1,000; Winterville church, $500; and Tarboro church, $500.**

**This is truly a work of faith! Our current cash on hand amounts to approximately one week's expenses. "Where there is no vision, the people perish: . . ." [Proverbs 29:18].**

**Taylor Hill**
**Director-Treasurer**

## ROANOKE RAPIDS CHURCH



Printed below is a letter received by the Rev. Taylor Hill, director-treasurer of the State Home Missions Board, from the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, secretary-treasurer of the Central Conference Missions Board, concerning the Roanoke Rapids Free Will Baptist Church which is now under the auspices of the North Carolina State Home Missions Department.

This will confirm the telephone conversation you had recently with the Rev. Jack Mayo, a member of our board, regarding the possibility of your committee taking over the Roanoke Rapids church.

This young church was begun as a mission by our committee several years ago, the Rev. Noah Brown, missionary. Under a later missionary, at his recommendation, it was organized as a church. For a time the young church made progress, and appeared to be on the way to become a fruitful church.

For about a couple of years, some adverse conditions and backsets have made it very difficult for the young church to do more than hold its own. These conditions include several members moving out of town, due to health or employment conditions. Throughout the history of this mission enterprise, our conference has supported it in a remarkable manner. The church is on a "watch care basis" with our committee.

After much prayer and deliberation, we have felt led to recommend to the church that they vote to petition your committee to take over this work. They planned to have a meeting about this Sunday, July 20, and to get a letter to you in time for your meeting, Thursday, July 24. We recommended that they vote to allow you to handle the work just as if it were a mission, with the power to send the missionary of your choosing, and other important matters of mission work.

Our board voted to contribute $75 per week to you to help support this work. Plans are for this to continue for twelve months.

We trust that this petition will receive favorable attention by your committee. With this we include our prayers for your continued successful mission work. Our denomination needs it!

## NEW HOME MISSIONARY TO VICTORY MISSION



It all began in August of 1967, when felt the call of God to become a minister. was licensed to preach by my hom church, the East Rockingham Free Wil Baptist Church, that same month. I February, 1968, I enrolled in Mount Oliv College to better prepare myself for the calling of God. While at Mount Olive I ha the opportunity of preaching in many o our state churches, filling in fo vacationing or ill pastors.

In August of 1968, I was called t pastor the Friendship Free Will Baptis Church in Johnston County, a wonderfu place for any minister to begin his pastorate. As Friendship church was only a part-time church, I also pastored Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church a Bailey. Together these churches were able to lead me through the early years o my ministry, which sometimes are very difficult years.

While pastoring these two churches transferred to Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, where I continued my education for another year.

I was called to my first full-time church in June of 1971—Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Pikeville. It was there that I learned the true meaning of missions, and truly this must be a large factor in my decison to become a director on the home mission field.

After two wonderful years at Pleasant Grove church, God led me to Weldon, where I became pastor of the Community Free Will Baptist Church. Community church is a young church, very mission minded, having already given up one pastor to the foreign mission field. It is with great confidence that I leave these people, knowing their prayers will follow me wherever I go.

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## REVIVAL SERVICES OFFERED



Shown in the picture is the Rev. David Thick standing in front of a 1974 Dodge Station Wagon. This car was recently bought to replace the old worn out green van (100,000 miles) at the Children's Home. Mr. Thick is offering to conduct revival services for any church during the fall without any monetary compensation. The offerings normally received for the evangelist would instead go to the Children's Home to help pay for his new station wagon.

Any church desiring to use Mr. Thick in their fall revival should contact him by telephoning 235-4343.

## COTTAGE LIST

Listed below are the cottages at the Children's Home along with the housemothers and the children in each cottage:

**Smith Cottage:** Mrs. Sandy Thick, housemother; phone 235-4343. Children are Lena Davidson, Sandra Eason, Brenda Jones, Judy Carol Jones, Kenneth Jones, Jeffrey Lamn, Mary Ann Lamn, Jackie Speight, Roy Speight, Rosa Lee Summerlin, and Sherry Summerlin.

**Deans Cottage:** Mrs. Sally Renfrow, housemother; phone 235-4444. Children are Jo Ann Anderson, Ellen Davidson, Lou Davidson, Bonnie Dement, Margaret Dement, Mollie Garris, Romona Hopkins, Kim Mills, Linda Mills, Angie Nichols, Debbie Sasser, and Audrey Worley.

**Central Cottage:** Mrs. Thelma Rulli, housemother; phone 235-4543. Children are Sally Alford, Sandra Anderson, Becky Christian, Brenda Garris, Kay Hill, Janice Jones, Julie King, Donna Lee, Vickie Lee, Debra Marlow, Betty J. McLawhorn, and Judy Warren.

**Albemarle Cottage:** Mrs. Mary Mitchell, housemother; phone 235-4736. Children are Andy Anderson, Jeff Eason, Junior Eason, Ricky Eason, Delma Gay, Johnny Gay, Tony Hill, Johnny Wayne Hopkins, Mitch Joyner, Steve Nichols, and Donald Sasser.

**State Cottage:** Mrs. Joyce Batchelor, housemother; phone 235-4643. Children are Donald Anderson, Robin Anderson, Donnie Dement, Jimmy Dement, Allen Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson, Tim Mills, Jimmy Speight, Ann Worley, Bettie Worley, and Roger Worley.

**Rodgers Cottage:** Mrs. Margaret Holland, housemother; phone 235-4637. Children are Donnie Anderson, Bobby Bottoms, Tim Elks, Johnny Faircloth, Randy Faircloth, Terry Faircloth, Cliff Garris, Ray Gay, Ronnie Gay, Bud Hill, Gary Hill, Sammy Mansour, and Tim Pittman.

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### CHILDREN ARE UNGRATEFUL

Children are so ungrateful. They take your hard work and concern for them for granted.

You come home exhausted from work and off-beat music meets you down the street. You plug your ears and follow the sound to a room that's a shambles. There you find them draped over the unmade bed or lounged on the floor without a care in the world.

When you ask them to dry the dishes you hear a loud protest, "But, Mama, I'm on vacation." Wouldn't you love a three month vacation each year?

The telephone rings. A lady advises you that it hasn't rained for days and your son couldn't have hit the mudhole with the evening paper by mistake; it had to take perfect aim and timing.

"What are children coming to? How do you get them to the point they will not be selfish, irresponsible, and lazy?" you ask.

Then they leave for a six week summer job.

You return from work to a house quiet as a tomb. Their room is in a strange state of order, the bed made, no clothes strewn, no records lying around. But you can't sit down to enjoy it; no not yet!

You quickly change clothes to wrestle with a bike loaded with 109 evening papers—a bike that has a certain magnetism for chuckholes and ditches, and one that isn't above bucking and kicking at the slightest provocation. You can't believe the obstacle courses people have planted in their front yards. Slowly, but surely, against your preconceived notions, respect for him begins to grow.

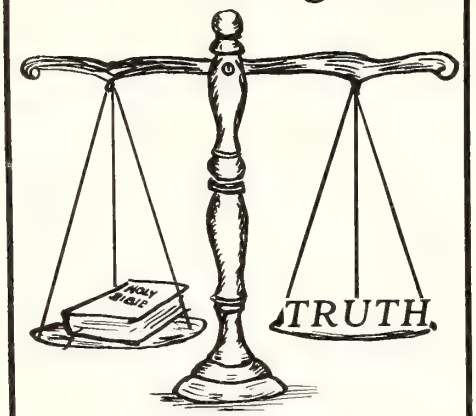
You make your last delivery, then pedal snail-like back up the hill to home, your breath coming in labored spurts. But you can't stop now; supper must be cooked.

Finally, completely spent, you fall into bed and wonder who took out the garbage before? Who washed and dried the clothes? Who vacuumed the floors? Who made all those little trips to the store? Who watered the flowers?

It makes you realize why they were draped out every evening. They were exhausted! Do you reckon that's why they were so excited about going away for the summer job? That will probably be a rest for them.

Taking people for granted is a two-way street, isn't it? It's hard to admit, but sometimes we parents are much more ungrateful for our children than they are for us.

# The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural basis: ''. . . thus saith the LORD . . . seek ye me, and ye shall live'' (Amos 5:4).

### WE SHOULD SEEK THE LORD BECAUSE OF HIS FORGIVENESS

Early in childhood I was taught the practice of forgiveness. When I mistreated one of my brothers my parents saw to it that I, upon their request for forgiveness, should respond and ask him to please forgive me for my conduct. I learned the joy of peace and brotherhood because all bitterness and animosity went with the act of forgiving. If anyone ever has the occasion to warrant forgiveness for the way you have treated him, please do so because you will be the one who will benefit the most. The one doing the forgiving is relieved and joy floods his soul; but the one who is being forgiven has joy untold and he is happier by far.

The Lord is deeply concerned about our iniquities. He desires to forgive our iniquities. ''The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation'' (Numbers 14:18). Iniquity is the deviation from the right. It includes wickedness and gross injustice. This act of deviation may be transgressions against God, one's fellowman, or even one's own person. Many people sin against their body by abusing it and by neglecting to do things which promote good health and good relations toward their fellowman.

Sin comes as a result of our deviation from the good and our iniquities cause us to deteriorate in character and personality until we become a demon belonging to Satan. That's the reason God wants us to seek Him for forgiveness. He knows the awful penalty for sin.

We should seek the Lord because of His forgiveness and because He invites us to come to Him. He is the one that provides the means for pardon and forgiveness. We read in Isaiah 1:18, ''Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'' The invitation is so generous and beautiful that sinners find it hard to accept. The invitation is so wonderful and the sins of the sinner are so ugly, that he finds it hard to believe. The responsibility of the Christian is to help persuade the sinner that God is love and He really loves him—not his sins, but his person—and that is what really counts.

Not only does the Lord desire to forgive iniquities, and not only does He give us an invitation to come to Him for forgiveness, but the Lord wants us to know that He will abundantly forgive us. The psalmist David tells us, ''As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us'' (103:12). It is interesting to note that the Lord says that He will remove our sins as far as the East is from the West. You can start traveling (preferably by air) toward the West and you can encircle the earth and still be traveling west. On the other hand, if you went on a journey from south to north, when you reached the farthest point north, you would then begin traveling south. What a blessed joy it is to know that God will thus remove our iniquities from us!

The Bible also teaches that God will separate our sins from His face by putting them in His back or dropping them into the depths of the deepest sea. God does not just abundantly **forgive** us, but He gives us an abundant life too. Then our lives are full, fruitful, and full of glory.

# RETIREMENT HOMES



In previous issues of **The Free Will Baptist** a Founders' Club for the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes was announced. Essentially there were three categories of founders, which are as follows:

1. Those who contribute over one half of the total construction cost of an apartment or a duplex unit; that apartment or duplex would be named in their honor.

2. Those who contribute $1,000 or over; their name would be engraved in a permanent type marker placed in a suitable location on the grounds.

3. Those who contribute at least $100 and below $1,000; their name will be placed on a wall plaque located in the appropriate apartment.

In addition, each of the above donors will receive an attractive Founders' Club Membership Certificate.

The following is a list of those who have already contributed enough to become a member of the Founders' Club:

D. W. Barrow
Bank of Winterville
Mrs. E. C. Davenport
Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church
Otway Free Will Baptist Church
Flood's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church
Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church
Beaver Dam Sunday School
Second Sunday School Convention (Central)
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weeks
Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church
Nellie Jones
Mrs. H. W. Mills
Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church
British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Calvary Free Will Baptist Church (Western)

rapahoe Free Will Baptist Church
pring Hill Free Will Baptist Church
ak Grove Free Will Baptist Church (Eastern)
dwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
yden Free Will Baptist Church
riendship Men's Class (Central)
ethany Free Will Baptist Church (Central)
Mildred Bowen
White Oak Auxiliary (Eastern)
. C. Ralph
rants Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Friendship Sunday School (Central)
Reedy Branch Auxiliary (Central)
Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist Church (Central)
St. Mary's Julia Matthews Class
C. D. Langston
Executive Board of Eastern District Auxiliary
Superannuation Board
Jack Davenport
Rev. L. S. Joyner
Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church (Eastern)
Hardy Talton
Hickory Grove Sunday School (Central)
Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church (Western)

We need your contributions real soon in order to get the first duplex completed. As you can see in the picture the work is progressing rapidly, but unless we hear from **you** soon, we'll have to stop the construction. It takes $70 to pay for 1,000 bricks, and we need 15 people who will send us that amount. Send your contributions today to: Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, General Delivery, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. is available for full-time, part-time, or evangelistic and revival work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or telephoning 524-5186.

The Rev. H. M. Minchew announces that he is available for full-time, part-time, or supply pastoral work. He is in good standing with his conference and the State Convention. Mr. Minchew is also available for evangelistic work. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by calling Fremont, 242-5625, after 7 p. m.

Bass Mitchell, a licensed ministerial student, announces that he is available for supply work within the Free Will Baptist denomination. If interested you may contact him by writing Box 554, Bridgeton, North Carolina 28519; or Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; or calling 638-5233.

## Coming Events . . .

August 29, 30—State Layman's League Conference, Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, North Carolina

September 17, 18—North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, American Legion Hall, Wilson, North Carolina

## MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

### DR. RAPER ON WNCT-TV

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, will be interviewed on WNCT-TV (Channel 9) Greenville, on Tuesday, August 26, at 7:30 a. m.

Dr. Raper will discuss plans for the 1975-76 academic year at Mount Olive College, and he will also answer questions about what Mount Olive College is doing to overcome the problems confronting church-related colleges today.

### 1975 MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

Plans for the 1975 Mount Olive College dinners are now being completed according to Harold Herring, Director of Development at the College.

Organizational meetings have been scheduled to plan the seventeen dinners which are held each October and November. Each church is requested to appoint a Mount Olive College committee which it will send to these meetings at which additional information will be provided and the date and place of each dinner will be decided.

**Schedule of Dinner Organizational Meetings**

**Greene County**, Tuesday, August 26, 8 p. m., Hull Road church.

**Lenoir County**, Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston.

**Wayne County**, Thursday, September 4, 7:30 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro.

**Jones County**, Friday, September 5, 7:30 p. m., Friendship church.

**Carteret County**, Saturday, September 6, 7:30 p. m., Crab Point church.

**Pamlico County**, Sunday, September 7, 3 p. m., Mount Zion church.

**Craven County**, Monday, September 8, 8 p. m., Saint Mary's church.

**Pitt County**, Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p. m., Reedy Branch church.

**Johnston-Wake Counties**, Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield.

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties**, Friday, September 12, 7:30 p. m., Folkstone church.

**Beaufort County**, Monday, September 15, 7:30 p. m., Memorial church.

**Washington, Martin, Tyrrell and Pasquotank Counties**, Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 p. m., Mount Tabor church.

**Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties**, Thursday, September 18, 8 p. m., Oak Grove church.

**Edgecombe-Halifax Counties**, Friday, September 19, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro.

**Nash County**, Sunday, September 21, 3 p. m., Free Union church.

**Wilson County**, Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 p. m., Daniels Chapel church.

**Duplin County**, Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p. m., Beulaville church.

Mr. Herring said, "It is our sincere hope that every Free Will Baptist Church will be represented at these organizational meetings. This year we will present a copy of **Say It With Love** by Dr. Howard Hendricks to each church represented at the organizational meetings. This inspirational book has been recommended as a study course

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Mount Zion to Host First Union of Western**

The First Union of the Western Conference will convene with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, Saturday, August 30, 1975. Following is the program.

10:00—Devotional, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, Host Pastor
—Response, Mr. Sam Johnson
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises
11:20—Report of Committees
11:30—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing and Special Music
Offering for the Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. Jimmie Barfield
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch

**People's Chapel YFA Presents Church with Bulletin Board**

If you have driven by People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, lately, you may have noticed that a new outdoor bulletin board has been erected on the church grounds.

Some of the YFA members noticed that the old bulletin board was beginning to show signs of age. In fact, it was beginning to look "worn-out." So they decided to do something about this "eyesore." They took the problem to the YFA meeting and presented it to the other members. All of the members agreed that something should be done and they decided that they wanted to be the ones to do it. Under the leadership of their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joyner, they decided that for their next project they would work toward having a new one built.

After visiting several other churches, the members finally decided on a bulletin board that they thought would be most suitable for their church. Since the church has been bricked since the old bulletin board was built, they chose a brick bulletin board to replace the old wooden one.

After much hard work and many projects to raise enough funds for the cost, the YFA members proudly presented the bulletin board to the church on Sunday, June 29, 1975. A dedication service was held that Sunday morning by the pastor, the Rev. Delmas J. Brown, to dedicate the bulletin board unto the Lord.

The bulletin board really adds to the appearance of the church grounds and each YFA member is proud to say that he or she had a part in giving this gift to honor and glorify the name of God.

**Beaver Dam YFA Holds August Meeting**

The YFA of Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County, held its monthly meeting August 4, at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Edna McPherson. Hostesses for the evening were Avis McPherson and Priscilla Cartrette. Those present enjoyed the meeting held around a campfire beside an outdoor pond.

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cartrette. The group joined together in singing the opening song, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," followed with prayer by the Rev. Jackie Godwin. Devotions were read from 1 Peter 2:11-21. The topic for the lesson was "Christ Is Still the Answer: Be Like Him, an Example." Subtopics were (1) An Example for Christ at School, (2) An Example for Christ While Dating, and (3) An Example for Christ Through the Church.

During the meeting new officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Priscilla Cartrette; vice-president, Deborah Housand; secretary Ginger McPherson; treasurer, Donna Cartrette; and, reporter, Phyllis Godwin.

Adult supervisors present were Mrs. Shelby Edwards, Mrs. Myrtle Cartrette, and Mrs. Edna McPherson. A special guest was the Rev. Jackie Godwin.

The meeting adjourned with the praying in unison of the Lord's Prayer.

Refreshments and Christian fellowship followed.

**Chandler to Conduct East Rockingham Revival**

The Rev. A. B. Chandler, pastor of the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, the week of August 24-29. Services will begin each evening at seven o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Walter Carter, assisting Mr. Chandler. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the Rockingham area to attend these services.

**Albemarle Union, Sunday School And League Conventions**

The Rev. Charlie Overton, program chairman of the Albemarle Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention, makes the following statement: "For several years the people of the Albemarle Conference have been talking about having the Sunday School Convention to meet on Saturday afternoon, following the Union Meeting. It has now become a reality because it goes into effect on Saturday, August 30, when they meet with the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church at Route 2, Columbia.

"All who favored such a change should truly give it their loyal support. They should be faithful at each meeting in order to make it a success. To neglect the Sunday School Convention means that it will surely die.

"People can find time for other things, why not take time for the Lord's work? The actions of many people shows, 'Lord, if you will allow me first place, then I'll try to give you second place.' However, the Bible teaches us different: '. . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33).

"Please make a special effort to be at the Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention on the above date."

**Union Meeting**
**Morning Session**

0:00—Devotions, Miss Kimberley Oliver
0:10—Welcome, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs
—Response, the Rev. John Owens
0:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
0:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
1:05—Business Session:
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Press Foundation, via Literature
Report of Cragmont, via Literature
1:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcement of Next Union
1:30—Minutes Read and Approval
1:35—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs
2:30—Benediction
Adjournment and Lunch

**Sunday School Convention**
**Afternoon Session**

1:45—Devotions, the Rev. Marvin Waters
1:55—Welcome, Mrs. Wayne Brickhouse, Host Superintendent
—Response, the Rev. John Owens
2:00—President's Message, Mr. Bobby Phelps
2:05—Enrollment of Ministers
Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
2:20—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention Read
Treasurer's Report
New Business
Report of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approval
3:20—Special Music, Host Sunday School
3:30—Benediction and Adjournment

**League Convention**
**Evening Session**

7:30—Devotions, Mrs. Marvin Sawyer
7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host League
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mr. Graig Oliver

**Dixie Melody Boys in Concert**
**First Church, Greenville**



On Sunday, August 31, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville will feature the Dixie Melody Boys in concert during the 7:30 p. m. worship service. Operating out of Kinston, these men have served as an inspiration to Free Will Baptists all across North Carolina as well as becoming nationally known for their excellent performances.

The church membership invites all gospel music lovers to attend and receive a great blessing. The church is located on North Carolina Highway 43, one-half mile from Pitt Plaza Shopping Center.

**Milbournie Church Honors**
**Pastor and His Wife**

A reception honoring the Rev. Harry C. Grubbs, minister of Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, and Mrs. Grubbs, took place Sunday evening, July 20, in the church's social hall.

Mr. Grubbs who has pastored the Milbournie church for seven years has accepted the pastorate of Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham. He began his duties there the first of August.

Upon arrival the honorees received a corsage and boutonniere, gifts from Mrs. Elbert Bottoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs were presented a mantel clock as a gift from the congregation. Making the presentation was Mr. D. K. Williamston.

An arrangement of mixed summer flowers and burning candles in candelabra decorated the serving table. Assisting in the service of punch, party cakes, cheese straws, mints, and nuts were Mrs. Margie Crocker, Mrs. Bobby Lamm, Mrs. Randolph Lamm, Mrs. Melton Lamm, Mrs. Ollie Williamston, Mrs. Willie Finch, Mrs. Burt Page, and Mrs. Bill Glove, Mrs. Ricky Watson and Mrs. Randy Bunn presidended at the guest book.

Around 75 guests called to greet the minister and his wife.

**Holly Springs Church Presents**
**Film, "The Burning Hell'**

The Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church located on the Nine Mile Road, Newport, will present the film, "The Burning Hell," Tuesday, August 26, at 7:30 p. m. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, and the congregation extend a special invitation to everyone to attend and bring someone with you.

**Highland Pines Church to**
**Observe Homecoming**

The Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, August 24. The pastor, the Rev. Fred Johnson, will bring the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served in the fellowship hall.

Beginning at 1:30 p. m., an afternoon service of gospel singing will be held, featuring the Thompson Family Singers

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## ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE TO GROW

**Lesson Text:** 2 Timothy 1:6-10; 2:1-7
**Memory Verse:** Colossians 2:6, 7

### I. INTRODUCTION

For the past nine weeks we have pursued a study in Christian growth. We have tried to define Christian growth, viewed it in terms of a changing world, observed its several hindrances, seen how the Holy Spirit aids it, examined some resources for it, and in general have seen its necessity for our happiness. All in all it should have been an enlightening experience for the Bible student.

But to study these matters without facing the challenge, and accepting it, to grow in Christ is to spend much of this time in vain. In these days of uncertainty there is a great need for Christian brethren to take a realistic look at their Christian testimony. In what ways have we been challenged? What is our response to the call of Christ to more dedicated living? How well are we prepared now to face the challenge and to accept it?

These, and similar questions, crowd our minds as we come to the last lesson in this series. As a means of finding the answers, we turn to one of the most beautiful and challenging letters of Paul, Second Timothy, Paul was writing to his "son" in the ministry and its message was primarily for him, but in it we will find much food for thought for ourselves. Let us consider this letter as being written to us and thereby make it a personal matter.—**TheAdvancedQuarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. If we are to grow in grace, we must accept the challenge to grow. Physical growth has nothing to do with our desires, but we must have a great desire to grow spiritually if we are to grow. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Just how badly do you want to grow in grace?

B. Paul was soon to leave young Timothy. He knew that Timothy had depended upon him, and that now he would have to go it alone, except for the Lord's help. He challenges Timothy to grow in grace so that he will be able to meet the difficulties he will face as a minister of Jesus Christ.

C. We can grow in grace through sharing the Word of God. It is one thing that the more you give the more it grows. One has more after he has given it away than he had before he started giving.

D. Another way that one can grow in grace is through Christian separation. We must live clean, separated lives. This does not mean that we are not to associate with the world, but it does mean that we are not to accept its principles, policies, and practices.

E. The Christian life is a very strenuous life. Paul compares it to being a soldier who must fight, an athlete who must strive, and a farmer who must labor. Nowhere does the Bible teach that the Christian will have it easy.

**—The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITONAL TRUTHS

A. Julius Caesar rode triumphantly into Rome as a fourfold conqueror. He had defeated Gaul, Africa, Egypt, and Asia. Caesar built his kingdom on force, and within less than two years from his triumphal entry he lay dead by the hands of his friends.

Jesus built His kingdom on love. He expects us to obey orders, but He looks for soldiers strong enough to take wrong, suffer injustice, and be kind. He expects us to endure whatever life offers without losing faith or without losing heart. That makes a good soldier.

Julius Caesar's men fought well because they believed in him. We can endure hardness as good soldiers only if we have an undying faith in our Commander and in the cause for which He gladly gave His life. No one is drafted into His army. All are volunteers. All serve for life. None rob or pillage, but each gives and sacrifices. Truly, the world never saw an army like Christ's army.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. In the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., is a carefully protected bar made of a special alloy. Upon this bar are two marks designating the exact length of a yard. All linear measure used in the United States is based upon this length. There are many other yardsticks, rulers, and tape measures, but this is the only standard.

Christians also have a Standard: Our Standard is Christ as revealed to us in the Bible and by His Spirit. No other standard of conduct or service will suffice for those who are called by His name.—Adapted from **Inspiring Illustrations**

C. "Yours must be a very responsible position," said a traveler to a switchman who had charge of the switches where five lines converge. "Yes," was the reply, "but it is as nothing compared to yours as a Christian."—**Three Thousand Illustrations for Christian Service**

D. Imagine such a headline—"Death Abolished!" Men would set it in the boldest type. It would be on the front page of every newspaper. The truth is, death has been abolished. It no longer has power over us, for Christ has conquered it. It is true that the Christian still will "shuffle off this mortal coil"; he still will exchange the earthly body for a heavenly body; he still will be translated from earth to heaven. But he need not fear what lies beyond this life. Christ has illuminated the way and has shown us the life that awaits us.

Jesus beautifully expressed the transition from this life to the next when He expired on the Cross, saying, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." In departing this life a Christian commits his spirit into the hands of his Father in heaven, that is all.—Selected

# STORIES

## for our youth



## UNHEEDED WARNING

As John dug fish worms the heat of the sun became so ot on his bare back that he stood up, rked his shirt off the fence and put it n. He wanted a good suntan but not a urn so early in the season.

He sang as he picked up his spade nd started to dig again. Just then he eard his name called.

"Come on, John, put up your spade nd come swimming with us."

John turned to see Terry and Jack oming toward him.

"Sorry, fellows, but I have to dig hese worms. The creek's rising, and I'll e selling hundreds of them."

"We won't be swimming all day," ack frowned, "just for an hour or two nd then you can work."

"Sorry," John replied thoughtfully, 'I got to sell as many as I can. Besides he creek's dirty and dangerous."

"You're scared," Terry ridiculed, 'You asked me to be a Christian. Well, I don't want to be one if it makes you a sissy. The creek doesn't look too bad to me."

John flushed under the sting of the words. He had been praying for these wo for a long time. Had he failed his Saviour after all?

But after a sentence of silent prayer he shook his head. "Maybe not," he replied, "but it is rising and the current's swift and dangerous. You better stay away." John faced them, his hands on his hips. "You know how I like to swim, but with the water coming from upstream and bringing all kinds of filth with it, it's just not good. Danger of typhoid, too."

"Not for us," laughed Jack. "We both had shots last month."

"Anyway, you'll not go if you're smart. Last year when the creek was rising, Mr. Johnson tried to ride his horse across. It got scared and Mr. Johnson had to jump off in the middle of the stream. The horse swam across but Mr. Johnson almost got washed downstream. He grabbed hold of a log that was floating past and by hanging on and swimming he got to shore. But he almost drowned."

"That's some story. How long did it take you to make that one up?" Terry slapped his head and howled. "You can't scare us that easy, 'fraidy-cat."

Then grabbing Jack's arm, he started toward the creek. After they had crossed the farm fence, they turned and pointing their fingers at John, yelled, "Scaredy-cat is scared silly."

John stood silently watching them until they got out of sight. He'd tried so hard to win them for the Lord. But he seemed to always make them get angry at him or laugh. He was just a failure at this. He sighed. Then he prayed for them as he continued his digging.

The worms were so thick and John was so busy that the next time he looked at his watch two hours had passed. He looked at all the worms he had for sale. And, as he had done so often while digging, he again looked toward the creek.

He could see no sign of Terry and Jack returning. His uneasiness grew. He started toward the creek, praying as he went. He wondered if the fellows would tease him for being uneasy and call him yellow again.

As he drew near the creek he heard a faint sound. It sounded like a shout. He stopped and listened. Again he heard the noise. He ran a few steps closer. Now he could distinctly hear a call for help. He hurried on following the direction of the sound.

When he reached the creek, he found Jack at the edge of the water. He was holding on to a sapling with one hand and holding Terry's head out of the water with the other. He quickly braced himself and took hold of Terry's arms. Gently he pulled him out of the water and started artificial respiration while Jack slowly climbed out of the water.

"Go get Dad," John panted as he worked with Terry. "Hurry as fast as you can."

Jack started off running.

The next few minutes passed slowly for John but by the time Mr. Black arrived, Terry was breathing slowly and talking a little. Mr. Black carried him to the car and hurriedly left for the hospital.

John started slowly for the farm. Jack didn't follow. But in a few minutes John heard someone behind him. He turned as Jack came up beside him.

"You should know what happened," Jack explained. "Terry and I were swimming and still making fun of you. We thought you were a sissy and we were having so much fun. The current was swift, but we thought we were strong and could easily swim where we wanted to. We got out into midstream. Terry got tired, so we decided to go back to the bank. We were swimming along talking, and I was staying close to Terry since he had to swim so slowly. I thought he might need help. Then Terry looked and there was a big log floating down the stream. It was so close when we noticed it that we did not have time to swim out of the way. I told him to dive and then I dived. When I came up, I could not see Terry so I dived again and was able to find him. I got his head out of the water and took him to shore. But I was too tired to get him up on the bank. Then I called for help. It was an awful job getting him to shore. We were glad you came so soon."

"God did it," John said as they crossed the farmyard and came to the place where he had been digging. "He answered my prayers for you."

"You prayed for us after we were so mean to you?" Jack was amazed.

"You were in danger and you really needed God's help. So I prayed and you know He answered," John replied.

"Yes, I know," Jack thoughtfully replied. "And I also know you are not a sissy because a sissy would not do what you did today. This happening has made me realize that I need to get ready to

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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from Henderson. The pastor and the church congregation invite the public to attend and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

**Senior Citizen Day**
**At Faith Church**



Senior Citizen Day was held at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, on Sunday, July 20. Mrs. Geneva Bass and Mrs. Lonnie Boykin served as a committee for the program. For the morning worship service there were twelve senior citizens who occupied the choir. They sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "The Old-Time Religion." Mr. Boykin led in prayer, followed with Mrs. Boykin reading the Scripture.

Each honored guest gave his or her name, age, and a word of testimony on how good God had been to them and thanked Him for the years spent here on this earth. Mrs. Bass sang for her testimony "If Anyone Makes It Lord."

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Noah Brown, brought a very timely message on the subject, "Our Stewardship."

Mrs. Brown, church reporter, states. "I think this was one of the sweetest and most beautiful services we have had in Faith church. It was well attended and each received a blessing by attending and seeing our senior citizens still working for the Lord and wanting to do more in His services."

**Living Waters Revival**
**In Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church located near Pikeville, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes as the guest minister. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30, and will continue through Friday evening, August 22. The pastor, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, is assisting in the services. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of the services.

**Eastwood Church to**
**Host Cape Fear Union**

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Saturday morning, August 30, with the Westwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville. The moderator, the Rev. C. M. Coats, will preside with the local church rendering special music and the church pianist playing for the union. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. Taylor Hill
—Welcome, Mr. John Adcox
—Response, the Rev. Billy Newell
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading Minutes of Last Union
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Report of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Special Music, Host Church
—Offering and Offertory Prayer
—Message, the Rev. Sexton Vann
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Report of Nominating Committee
—Unfinished Business
—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

**Central Fourth Union at**
**Spring Branch Church**

The Fourth Union District of the Central Conference will convene with Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, Sunday, August 31. Due to a wedding in the church there will not be an afternoon service. The Union theme will be "The Master Calls Us to Service," with Scripture taken from Romans 12:1. The program is as follows:

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "In the Service of the King"
—Welcome, Mrs. Lois Strickland
—Response, Mrs. Albert Proctor
—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
11:15—Mount Olive News
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Mission Report
—Hymn, "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes"
11:25—Special Music, Memorial Chapel Quartet
—Business
11:45—Sermon, the Rev. Royce Reynolds
12:15—Adjournment
—Lunch

## MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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on evangelism by the State Woman's Auxiliary. This book may be placed in the church library or circulated to key lay persons in each church."

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## Questions & Answers

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of earthly vanities, and lost themselves in the chase. Varro makes report of 288 several opinions that they had about this subject, and were out in all, whilst they caught at the shadow of fruits in a hedge of thorns, but could not come at the Tree of Life, Christ Jesus, on whom we are complete.''

The Gnostics were probably the most damaging of the philosophers in Colossae when Paul wrote this. These were vain philosophers that thought they knew ''it.'' They considered their reasoning that which had arrived at the truth. Whereas, Jesus said He was the way, the truth and the life. The Christians who had found Jesus and personally appropriated Him as theirs needed not to reason with these false teachers. Eve reasoned with the devil and sinned thereby and brought Adam and all their descendants down with her. We are not to stop to reason with false teachers as Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventists, Mormons, Christian Scientist, or any except God. ''Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool'' (Isaiah 1:18); ''And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as you have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist'' (2 John 6, 7).

For additional reading on this question, read **The New Testament and Wycliffe Bible Commentary**, Page 791.

## MISSIONS

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In the midst of all that has happened in my ministry, there is one factor which cannot be overlooked, my wife. She has always been there when I needed her and has never failed to stand strong when the going got tough. Without her I would have given up long ago.

We are blessed with three wonderful children, two girls and one boy. Jody is the oldest at nine, Eugene is four, and Jennifer is nine months old.



**We ask for your prayers as we undertake the pastorate of the Victory Free Will Baptist Mission at Hope Mills.**

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meet my Saviour. I want to be ready to meet Him at anytime.''

''Then let's pray,'' John spoke as he knelt. ''And we'll pray for Terry, too He said almost those same words as Dad came for him. I'm so glad God answers prayer.''

And Jack nodded as he, too, knelt to pray.—Selected

## FEATURE

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These wonderful men who came ''from over the mountains,'' both ways, came at just the right time to give me the courage to face up to the challenge to contemplate a life of service to God in the church of my fathers. They broadened not only the horizon of my knowledge of Free Will Baptists, but also the horizon of my faith in God.

(Next Week: A Letter and a New Challenge)

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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**It seemed 'twere better far**
**To follow the career I'd chose**
**Than let some mighty Power**
**Turn my course at His high will—**
**And all for self my own days fill:**
**But I have a rendezvous with Christ!**
**All other aims in that must pale—**
**For fatal is it if I fail—**
**And I to my pledged word am true,**
**I shall not fail that rendezvous!**

**—Selected**

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We worry about keeping our appointments with our friends, business associates and our families. Do we ever concern ourselves with our rendezvous with Christ?*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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semester hours) or without credit. Cost $10.

**Tuesday Night**

**The Minister and His Work** (Religion 105). A course designed to give the young minister a general introduction to the work of a church pastor. Included is a study of preaching and worship, pastoral care, and Christian education in the local church. Taught by the Rev. Frank Harrison, Dr. Michael Pelt, and the Rev. Sheldon Howard. Registration and first class September 9; ends December 16. Meets in the Henderson Building. May be taken for college credit (3 semester hours) or noncredit. Cost $10. Classes 7-9:50 p. m.

**Thursday Night**

**Introduction to the New Testament** (Religion 102). A careful study of the writings of the New Testament and their message for our time. Taught by Dr. Michael Pelt. Registration and first class September 11; ends December 18. Meets in the Henderson Building. May be taken for college credit (3 semester hours) or noncredit. Cost $10. Meets 7-9:50 p. m.

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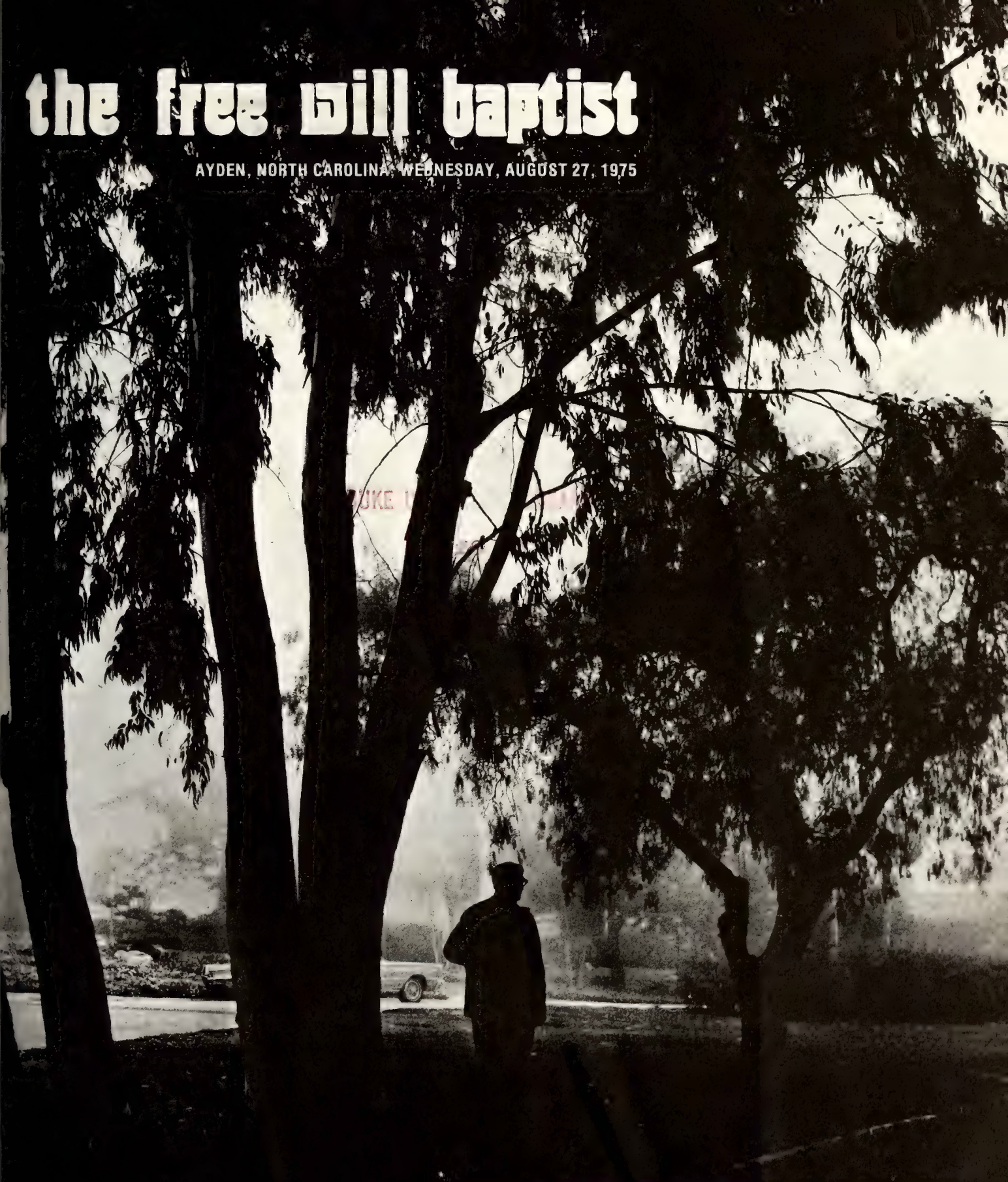
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Are you living in the past or looking toward the future? Are you so consumed with self-interest that little else seems important? Examine yourself "Behind and Before."

## BEHIND AND BEFORE

I stood quite straight and looked behind
To years ago of ancient time;
And there I saw some burdens past
And loads I thought upon me cast.

I saw some tears, and in my heart
I felt an old familiar part
Which said, "Oh Sorrow, pitied be
This poor soul who waits on thee."

My mind was vexed; I suffered sore,
And life held even more in store;
A veil was drawn to hide the day,
Yet I never thought to pray.

I saw me strain and try to rise
To reach some goal, to claim some prize;
And as I looked beyond this shelf,
I found I thought just of myself.

Now . . .

I stand quite straight and look before
To years to come which offer more;
And there I see some blessings wait;
A crown of hope to be my fate.

I see some smiles, and in their wake
I see some more their place to take;
And there above me in the sky
I find the reason of the "Why?"

I see me pray, and in repose
I'm casting off the olden clothes;
And toward the light I press my face
To help some others win the race.

I see me reach a higher plane
Where others be who share His name;
And as I look beyond this shelf,
I find so little of myself.

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard
(Part Five)

## A LETTER AND A NEW CHALLENGE

AT last the letter came! I had been anxiously looking for it for several days. It was in answer to the one I had written after seeing a little note stuck away in a corner of a page in **The Free Will Baptist** for which my father had subscribed in August of 1913. It was now October of the year 1915.

The letter was from New Bern, North Carolina, and the name in the left-hand corner of the envelope was "Alice E. Lupton." I had seen her name in **The Free Will Baptist** often, the last time being in connection with an account of a young people's society in St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern. A young people's society in the church was something about which I knew but little. A little while before this time, a young minister of the Methodist Church had organized an "Epworth League" in the Methodist church of our community, and I had joined it along with two or three other young people of the Free Will Baptist Church. I enjoyed the meetings, and began to wonder why the Free Will Baptist Church did not have such an organization. I asked my father about it, and he said that he had never heard of such an organization among Free Will Baptists. He agreed that it would be a good thing, but said that he doubted if some of the older members would go along with having any kind of a "society" in our church. When I talked with two or three others, his fears were sustained. I was promptly told that they did not believe in "societies in the church." When I read of the society in the St. Mary's church, I resolved to find out more about it. Hence my letter to Mrs. Lupton.

I opened the letter, and found therein much to read. Mrs. Lupton was never stingy with her writing. As I remember it, there were around five sheets of paper with closely written words. She told me how that she, the Rev. Bill Everette, and some others had been concerned over the need for an organization for the young people for sometime, and how they had called a meeting of the young people on a Sunday evening in February of 1915 and organized them into a youth society which they simply called the "Young People's Union," it being modeled after the "Baptist Young People's Union," from which they obtained the first literature used, adapting it as best they could to their need.

Mrs. Lupton said that already the new organization was bringing about a great change in the relationship of the young people to the church. They were beginning to feel like they had a vital part in the work of the Lord. The young people were fastly becoming an asset to the church instead of a liability. I am sorry that in the course of time this letter got away from me, but I read it over and over so many times that I still retain a good memory of what it said. The more I read it, the more convinced I became that I was destined to become involved in this new movement; and this conviction has sustained me for more than fifty years during practically all of which time I have had some kind of relationship with the Free Will Baptist League, as these notes will confirm as we move along. The friendship with Mrs. Alice Lupton which began with that never-to-be forgotten letter, persisted throughout her life; and for four years in the late 1940s, I had the privilege of being her pastor—an experience which was a source of great blessing to me.

During the months that followed the receipt of Mrs. Lupton's letter, I became involved in efforts to establish the new organization in my area of the state. I soon gave up the idea of beginning efforts in my home church. The Epworth League, mentioned earlier, was involving most of the young people of the community, and doing a good work. When I talked with my father about an organization in our church, he told me that he thought it best to let the fine spirit of cooperation that existed between the churches of the community continue unhindered for the time being. At the time, there was a union Sunday school, of which my father was superintendent; and it was quite natural for him to want to avoid any conflict of interests in the religious life of the community.

In the spring of 1916, I graduated from Hemphill Academy, a Presbyterian high school, which was in process of becoming a state high school, and obtained a job in Asheville, with the hope of obtaining money with which to further my education. I found a place to board in the city, and began attending Cedar Hill church near West Asheville. At this church I met a fine girl about my age, named Terrie Pittit, and learned that she had the same kind of convictions that I had about the need for an organization. I shared with her the correspondence I had carried on with Mrs. Lupton, and together we organized a similar organization at Cedar Hill. We called it the "Free Will Baptist Young People's Union." Under the leadership of Miss Pittit, the group met regularly every Sunday and put on a program. We obtained literature from one place and another, and the programs were very interesting.

During the summer of 1916, this fine young lady (who later became a Mrs. Wilson) and I were able to organize youth societies in two other churches in the vicinity. Miss Pittit continued to boost this work and later, when the French Broad Association endorsed it, she became the field secretary for youth work for the association. Later notes in this series will contain more about our cooperation in youth work. Throughout the years, Miss Pittit (Mrs. Wilson) has continued her friendly concern for Free Will Baptist young people with commendable results. She became in time a music teacher and organized a youth quartet, which for several years was popular at singing conventions and other musical gatherings.

(Next Week: The Cooperative General Association)




SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:8

STRETCHING HIS SOUL

I was just a kid. One spring day Father called me to go with him to Old Man Trussel's blacksmith shop. He had left a rake and a hoe to be repaired. There they were fixed like new. Father handed over a silver dollar for the repairing, but Mr. Trussel refused to take it. "No," he said, "there's no charge for that little job." But Father insisted that he take the pay, still extending to him the dollar. If I live a thousand years, I'll never forget that great man's reply, "Ed, can't you let a man do something now and then—just to stretch his soul?" That short but big sermon from the lips of that humble, lovable blacksmith has caused us to find, again and again, the great joy and quiet happiness which comes from a little "stretching of the soul."—*Alabama Baptist*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We must learn to graciously accept hospitality as well as to extend it. Many times it is easier to be hospitable than it is to allow another to be generous and kind.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:35

IF YOU WERE BUSY

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That some one was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are so busy with so many activities! How often do we busy ourselves with our work for God?*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 12:10

DIFFERENT HANDS

The Rev. Ira Gillett, missionary in Portugese East Africa, tells the story of a group of natives who had made a long journey and walked past a government hospital to come to the mission hospital for treatment. When asked why they had walked the extra distance to reach the mission hospital when the same medicines were available at the government institution, they replied, "The medicines may be the same, but the hands are different!"—*Upper Room*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The attitude with which we are treated makes a larger impression than the actual treatment. A loving attitude makes all the difference in the world to our reception.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—John 1:4, 5

REFLECTIONS

I asked the roses as they grew,
Richer and lovelier in their hue,
What made their tints so rich and bright,
They answered: "Looking toward the light."
Ah, secret dear, said heart of mine,
God meant my life to be like thine,
Radiant with heavenly beauty bright,
Simply by looking toward the light.

—Alfie W. Hallmann

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we could bring ourselves to view God and His word and works in the clear light of His loving grace we would be able to shine a light as bright as any lighthouse.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:24

HE WAS A LOSER AT LAST

A successful farmer, whose flocks and herds increased, was wont to say to those who spoke to him about eternal things, "I must make my fortune first, then I shall attend to these matters."

One day he took suddenly ill whi at market, and was hurriedly drive home to be laid on the bed from whic he never rose. To one who sat by h side during the last hours of life, or who had often spoken to him c eternal things, he said in tones bitter remorse, "I am a loser at last. have gained the world, but have lo my soul."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Don't be a loser! Accept Christ a our Saviour and be able to say wit Him, "Father, into your hands w commend our souls."*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 53:6

HOW POOR!

Who walks beside a rosebud
And does not sense its bloom,
Its lovely form and color,
Its delicate perfume;
Who walks beneath the heavens
And does not see the sky,
The sunrise and the sunset,
The tints that glow and die.

Who treads a rural pathway
And never hears a bird,
Nor notes the trembling grasses
A passing breeze has stirred;
Who dwells among his fellows,
And sees them pass his door,
Nor ever hears their heartbeats—
Is pitifully poor.

—Kind Words

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we are too busy or too wrapped up in our own selfish thoughts to take notice of God's many wonders all about us, then we are truly to be pitied.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—James 3:2

BLOWING ONE'S TOP!

Keep your temper! Nobody else wants it! When under fire, how easy it is to give offending ones a piece of our minds, which results in our losing our own peace of mind.—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A tea kettle can let off steam, but as we all know, it is just a tempest in a teapot. Our letting off steam is not much more effective, and in both cases the aftermath is either that the kettle is mercifully removed from heat or it is eventually consumed.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

**Question:** What do you think of church irs and chance games as means to get oney for the church?

**Answer:** I do not feel that God would e pleased in having His work supported y other means than free-will offerings in hich only Christians are invited to take art. God, who works through Christians ho are dedicated to Him and His urpose in making helpful changes ecessary to carry on His work, can upply the church's need this way.

It is indeed evident to any saint of God ho knows the contents of the Bible well nough to make personal application of od's Word to his daily living that hristendom in our time is soliciting oney and using it in many ways that are ot pleasing to God, and are using more f it in unscriptural ways than in ways we re called upon to use our wealth.

In many cases we find the history of a cal church which indicates that it once as a gigantic power house of blessing the name of the Lord, but now it is old, indifferent, formal, and worldly fluence has rendered it next to orthless as a spiritual help in s surroundings. This church was oor, not having much material goods hen it showed itself to be a spiritual rce for the world and the indifferent hristians to reckon with.

God says of the Laodician church: "I now thy works, that thou art neither old nor hot: I would thou wert cold or ot. So then because thou art lukewarm, nd neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee ut of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I m rich, and increased with goods, and ave need of nothing; and knowest not hat thou art wretched, and miserable, nd poor, and blind, and naked: I ounsel thee to buy of me gold tried in he fire, that thou mayest be rich; and hite raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Revelation 3:15-22).

Many noted scholars say that we are living in the age symbolized by this worldly, back-slidden church, and I am inclined to so believe. Those fostering this belief are of the opinion that the great missionary movement that began over a century ago is cooling down and that heathenistic practices have been inserted into the activities of many local churches. These churches, in some cases, once had a ringing testimony to the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and they indeed were one time a light set or placed upon a hill which guided the poor sin-sick and poor lost souls which were dead in trespasses and sins unto Christ, the sure haven of rest and transquility.

But now those who once were rich in spiritual things and poor in material things, being now rich in this present world's wealth and poor in spiritual things, are destined to failure and defeat. I would to God that many churches having beautiful edifices and large annual budgets were poor materially, if that's what it takes to make one useful in the kingdom of God and rich in spiritual things. My guess, based on what the Word says on the subject, is that even though there may be a slight swinging back and forth of the pendulum, the spiritual decadence is here to stay until it has for the most part destroyed the effectiveness of the church.

George H. Sandison has the following to say on Page 114 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"Prize packages, as popularly understood, are a lottery, wherein the value and sometimes even the character of the contents are unknown. They are a species of gambling, and an imposition upon credulous people. Better select what you want, buy it in the regular way, and leave all games of chance alone. The more you are acquainted with such games the poorer you will become. There are many counterfeit methods of giving and they cultivate bogus benevolence. All methods of raising money for the Lord that are contrary to the precepts and examples of His Word are to be condemned. The simple method of free-will offerings alone is approved (see Exodus 35:5, 21, 29; 2 Corinthians 8—9; Matthew 10:8). Lottery and grab-bag and similar devices involving the gambling principle are all 'works of the flesh' and a distrinct desecration of the Lord's house."

Paul's writes, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). In my way of thinking, all methods used by decadent spiritual churches such as suppers, selling tickets to entertainments, etc., smells of the world and these could be the means of deterring sinners from the church and its services.

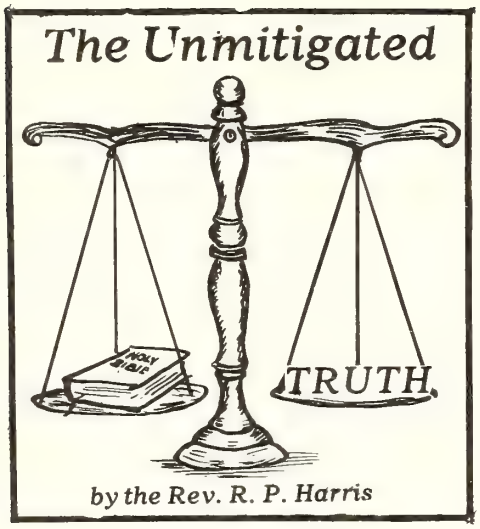
The Bible also teaches, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2); "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

It will take all the energy and ingenuity that one may have all his Christian life for him to obey this commandment correctly. Rightly dividing the truth requires a personal application to one's life even to the extent that whatever wealth he may have will be used with an eye single to God's glory.




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
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Scriptural Basis: ''. . . God sent forth his son, . . . To redeem them that were under the law, . . . '' (Galatians 4:4, 5).

**THE BIBLE WAY OF SALVATION**

Salvation originated with God, the Father, was activated by the Son of God, and was sealed by the Holy Ghost of God. By this we should know that salvation is of God! ''Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation'' (Isaiah 12:2). God is the only one who can create, and He is the only one who can destroy. Since God made us for Himself, He must **save us** or He must **destroy us!** This destruction, of course, will be everlasting in the everlasting torment of wicked men. God will not submit to anything else. But God's love is so great for us that He will not destroy us until He has exhausted every way of persuasion upon us to come to Him for salvation. This is His message, and He has no other messengers but the ones He saves, like you and me! If we do not deliver the message of salvation, then God has no other way to get the job done.

I recently heard a minister preach on the subject, ''Are You Carrying Your Corner?'' This subject was based on the Bible story recorded in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 2, Verses 1-12, where Jesus healed a palsied man who was brought to Him by four men. Because of the crowd, the man was let down on a sheet through a hole in the roof so Jesus could see him and heal him. Each man had the responsibility of one corner of the bed. The four men cooperated in the project to the end so that the palsied man could be brought to the Lord who could heal him and also save his soul from hell. Jesus did just that! This is the kind of salvation I am talking about, and we are to take men to Jesus, or, as it were, take Jesus to men wherever they are and He will heal them of their diseases and save their souls from sin! We take them to Jesus by serving Him and by offering a helping hand to the ones who are sick (or sin-sick) to realize that the Saviour is available to heal. We also take Jesus to people by letting Him live in our hearts, having control of our habits, activities, and our lives.

Christians cannot take Jesus to people if they are going to the wrong places or doing the wrong things! People who do this are not going to hold a corner of a bed upon which lies a sick and helpless person so that he can be borne to the Lord. They are too busy attending to their own personal and selfish things. This is the reason churches do not progress and individual Christians are not blessed. Too many want to shirk their duty. We need to learn that **no one else can do our job.** We, and we alone, can do the work God wants us to do. God has given work to each of us to do and, as far as He is concerned, if we do not do it ourselves it is never, never done! The person who is always saying, ''Let George do it,'' is in for a great surprise because even though George does do it for someone else, the credit will go to George and no one else. That's the way it works! You cannot put work off on someone else without relinquishing your credit for doing it.

''The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?'' (Psalm 27:1). We are individually responsible and God will reward us accordingly! You must warn your children, respond to your convictions, and make sure that you answer a **good** conscience toward your God in all your life.

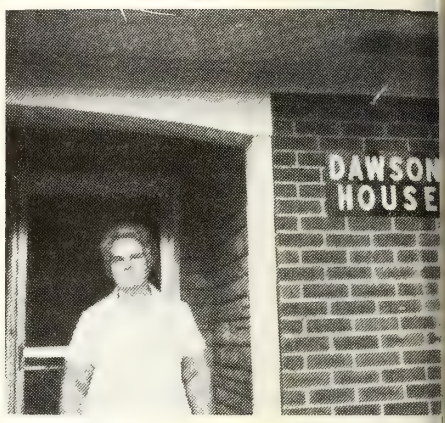
## NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who sent me letters and contributions, and especially your prayers during my recent confinement in the Wayne Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro.

The Rev. James Lupton

## CHILDREN'S HOME

### NEW EMPLOYEES




Pictured in the above photograph i Mrs. Eunice K. Smith who is working a a relief houseparent here at th Children's Home. Mrs. Smith former lived in Pink Hill and is a member Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church We are very grateful that she has joine our staff for she is doing a fine job.



This photograph shows the Batchelo family: Kim, Mrs. Joyce Batchelor, Mr Donald Batchelor, Melody, and Michelle Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor ar houseparents for State Cottage, and i addition to that, Mr. Batchelor assists i our maintenance work.

The Batchelors formerly lived in Blac Creek and are members of Saint Mary' Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly. This i a very fine family and a real asset to th Home.

### Change of Address

The Rev. R. W. Allman announces a change of address from 504 West Parrish Drive, Benson, North Carolina 27504, t P. O. Box 196, Saratoga, North Carolin 27873. All future correspondence to hin should be to his new address.

## "YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

by
The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall
North India

"Ye are the light of the world. . . . " Matthew 5:14). As the sun goes forth n its errand of love, dispelling the hades of night, and awakening the orld to life; so the followers of Christ e to go forth on their mission, diffusing he light of heaven upon those who are in he darkness of error and sin.

In the brilliant light of the morning, the owns and villages upon the surrounding ills stood forth clearly, making an ttractive feature of the scene. Pointing o them, Jesus said, "A city set on a hill annot be hid." And He added, Neither do men light a lamp, and put it nder the bushel, but on the stand; and shineth unto all that are in the ouse" (Matthew 5:14, 15 RV). Most f these who listened to the words of Jesus were peasants and fishermen, whose owly dwellings contained but one room, in which the single lamp, on ts stand, shone to all in the house. Even so, said Jesus, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

No other light ever has shone or ever will shine upon fallen men, save that which emanates from Christ Jesus the Saviour, which is the only light that can illuminate the darkness of a world lying n sin. Of Christ it is written, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). It was by the receiving of His life that His disciples could become light bearers. The life of Christ in the soul, His love revealed in the character, would make them the light of the world.

Humanity has in itself no light. Apart from Cnrist, we are like an unkindled taper. Like the moon, when her face is turned away from the sun, we have not a single ray of brightness to shed into the darkness of the world. But when we turn toward the Sun of Righteousness, when we come in touch with Christ, the whole soul is aglow with the brightness of the divine presence.

Christ's followers are to be more than a light in the midst of men. They are the light of the world. Jesus says to all who have named His name, "You have given yourselves to me, and I have given you to the world as my representatives." As the Father had sent Him into the world, so, He declares,". . . have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18). As Christ is the channel for the revelation of the Father, so we are to be the channel for the revelation of Christ. While our Savior is the great source of illumination, forget not that He is revealed through humanity. God's blessings are bestowed through human instrumentality. Christ himself came to the world as the Son of man. Humanity, united to the divine nature, must touch humanity. The church of Christ and every individual disciple of the Master are heaven's appointed channels for the revelation of God to men. Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's light and power to souls that are ready to perish. Should the human agent fail in accomplishing his appointed work, then to that degree is the world robbed of the promised influence of the Holy Spirit!

But Jesus did not bid the disciples, "Strive to make your light shine"; He said, "Let it shine." If Christ is dwelling in the heart, it is impossible to conceal the light of His presence. If those who profess to be followers of Christ are not the light of the world, it is because the vital power has left them. If they have no light or give, it is because they have no connection with the Source of light.

In all ages the "Spirit of Christ which was in them" has made God's true children the light of the people of their generation. Joseph was a light bearer in Egypt. In his purity and benevolence and filial love, he represented Christ in the midst of a nation of idolaters. While the Israelites were on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land, the true hearted among them were a light to the surrounding nations. Through them God was revealed to the world. From Daniel and his companions in Babylon, and from Mordecai in Persia, bright beams of light shone out amid the darkness of the kingly courts. In like manner the disciples of Christ are set as light bearers on the way to heaven. Through them the Father's mercy and goodness are made manifest to a world enshrouded in the darkness of misapprehension of God. By seeing their good works, others are led to glorify the Father who is above; for it is made manifest that there is a God on the throne of the universe whose character is worthy of praise and imitation. The divine love glowing in the heart and the Christlike harmony manifested in the life are as a glimpse of heaven granted to the men of the world, that they may appreciate its excellence.

It is thus that men are led to ". . . believe the love that God hath to us. . . . " (1 John 4:16). Thus hearts once sinful and corrupt are purified and transformed, to be presented ". . . faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

The Saviour's words, "Ye are the light of the world," points to the fact that He has committed to His followers a worldwide mission. In the days of Christ selfishness, pride, and prejudice had built strong and high the wall of partition between the appointed guardians of the sacred oracles and every other nation on the globe. But the Saviour had come to change all this. The words which the people were hearing from His lips were unlike anything to which they had ever listened from priest or rabbi. Christ tears away the wall of partition, the self-love, the dividing prejudice of nationality, and teaches a love for all the human family. He lifts men from the narrow circle that selfishness prescribes; He abolishes all territorial lines and artificial distinctions of society. He makes no difference between neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. He teaches us to look upon every needy soul as our neighbor, and the world as our field.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

# MISSIONS

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# NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
## (Treasurer's Report, End of First Quarter, July 31, 1975)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in Bank, April 30, 1975 | | | $3,626.90 |
| **Receipts** | | | |
| General Fund: | | | |
| Registration Fees | | $ 460.00 | |
| Per Capita Dues | | 5.20 | |
| Life Memberships | | 20.00 | |
| Contributions | | 64.00 | |
| Promotional (CSF) | | 73.97 | |
| Interest | | 48.16 | |
| Denominational Enterprises | | 5,017.76 | |
| Total Receipts | | | 5,689.09 |
| Total for Which to Account | | | 9,315.99 |
| **Disbursements** | | | |
| Convention Expenses and Allocations | | | |
| Denominational Enterprises | | | |
| Total Disbursements | | $ 355.07 | 5,372.83 |
| Balance in Bank, July 31, 1975 | | 5,017.76 | $3,943.16 |
| **Summary of Bank Account Balances** | | | |
| General Fund | | | $3,463.19 |
| Interest | | | 479.97 |
| Total | | | $3,943.16 |
| Branch Banking and Trust Co. (Checking) | | | $2,963.19 |
| Atlantic Savings and Loan | | | 979.97 |
| Total | | | $3,943.16 |

**Denominational Enterprises Report**

| | Itemize | Received | Disbursed |
|---|---|---|---|
| Missions: | | | |
| Church Extension (Home Missions) | | $ 737.94 | $ 737.94 |
| Foreign Missions: | | | |
| General | 36.25 | | |
| Mexico | 145.00 | | |
| State Project (Equally Divided Among Mrs. Link, Mrs. Timmons, and Mrs. King) | 712.42 | 893.67 | 893.67 |
| Central Conference Missions | | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Mount Olive College: | | | |
| General Fund | 26.33 | | |
| Alice Lupton Scholarship | 29.00 | | |
| J. C. Griffin Scholarship | 25.00 | | |
| Chapel Carpet (State Project) | 422.80 | | |
| Books | 15.00 | | |
| Fred Baker Funds | 25.00 | 543.13 | 543.13 |
| Children's Home: | | | |
| General Fund | 16.83 | | |
| Clothing | 692.50 | | |
| Allowance | 45.00 | | |
| Appliances (State Project) | 491.35 | | |
| Mother's Day Offering | 48.90 | 1,294.58 | 1,294.58 |
| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | | | |
| Pastor Retirement | | | |
| Widows | | | |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc.: | | | |
| General Fund | | | |
| Mattress Covers | | | |
| Building Fund | | | |
| Swimming Pool | | | |
| Life Membership Fees (Cragmont) | | | |
| Anna Phillips Loan Funds | | | |
| Retirement Homes, Inc. | | | |
| Camp Vandemere | | | |
| State Youth Convention (Kenan Stadium Expense) | | | |
| Eastern District Convention (Correct Error) | | | |
| Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Missions ($73.97; $73.98) | | | |
| Mount Olive College | | | |
| Children's Home | | | |
| Cragmont Assembly | | | |
| Superannuation | | | |
| Retirement Home, Inc. | | | |
| Totals | | | |
| 10 percent retained for promotional (see receipt | | | |

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## EXECUTIVE

The North Carolina Wom Auxiliary Executive Committee Saturday, August 2, in the Olive Roo Mount Olive College.

Mrs. D. W. Hancock, presi presided at the meeting. She brough devotions from Psalm 46. Mrs. R Jackson gave the invocation.

Minutes of the state meetin Rockingham were read by Mrs. W Raper, secretary. They were adopte read.

The treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Sasser, read the quarterly report dicating that the state porject's tributions were commensurate with elapsed since the convention.

Mrs. Dola Dudley, mis chairman, announced the mis meetings on Tuesday and Friday ni at the Cragmont Woman's Confer with Dr. E. M. Lall of India as g speaker. Also Mrs. Vance Link and

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| 80.00 | 80.00 |
| 22.27 | 22.27 |
| 23.40 | 23.40 |
| 35.00 | 35.00 |
| 25.00 | 25.00 |
| 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 665.77 | 665.77 |
| $5,017.76 | $5,017.76 |

submitted,
nd T. Sasser, Treasurer

## ARY EETING

ons of Quemado, Texas, and ker will be present as guest

ruce Barrow, program-prayer announced that the yearbook, ," for 1976 has been given to Will Baptist Press with a few ils to be worked out.

William Dale, study course told of plans for district study on Evangelism. She recom- e book, "Say It with Love," rses.

illie Mae Sasser reported a the Anna Phillips Loan Fund of 2. She stressed the im- f informing our young people oney is available for loans up to r student, at 4 percent in- e also asked that we take the nd stamps to our district o that our people will be better



*Members of the executive committee and others who attended the meeting are as follows, reading left to right: Hattie A. Bright, field secretary, Ruby Hancock, president; Alma Dale, study course chairman; Ruth Warrick, corresponding secretary; Alice Barrow, program-prayer chairman. Second row: Mrs. H. L. Spivey, honorary member of the executive committee; Dola Dudley, missions chairman; Rachel Duncan, vice-president; Elizabeth Hansley, youth chairman; Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, treasurer; Rose Raper, secretary. Third row: Myrtie Cartrette, Pee Dee District; Mrs. R. H. Jackson, president of the Cape Fear District; Lillie Mae Sasser, secretary-treasurer of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund; Minnie Chandler, president of the Central District; Lula Daw, president of the Albemarle District.*

acquainted with raising funds for this worthy cause.

The president appointed Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Mrs. W. B. Raper, and Mrs. Dola Dudley as a planning committee for the 50th anniversary of the convention in 1977, which the committee voted to be held in Rodgers Chapel at Mount Olive College.

Motion carried to accept the invitation of Memorial Chapel at the Children's Home to hold the 1976 session, hosted by the Western District.

A clarification of the Life Memberships, under the direction of the treasurer, was made. According to the bylaws, a person who has received a life membership award can also be awarded a seal. All fees for awards this convention year go to Cragmont Assembly. However, these fees should be sent to the treasurer—she will send them to Cragmont.

Dr. W. B. Raper joined us for lunch and gave a brief report of Mount Olive College and thanked the committee for the support of the college.

The following District Conventions, their meeting places, and dates were announced:

Albemarle District, October 16, at Trinity church, Pantego.

Cape Fear District, October 8, Robert's Grove church, Dunn.

Eastern District, September 17, Arapahoe church.

Central District, September 24, Daniels Chapel church, Wilson.

Pee Dee District, October 4, Beaver Dam church, Chadbourn.

Piedmont District (date to be announced), First church, Durham.

Western District, October 1 (place to be announced).

Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, cochairman of the Cragmont Woman's Conference, announced that 131 women had registered for the conference and three buses had been chartered.

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

## Young People's Bible Conference Cragmont Assembly




The Carteret County Young People's Bible Conference was held at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, the week of August 4-9. The Rev. J. B. Starnes, director; Mr. James Gurganus, assistant director; the Rev. Marvin Waters, evangelist, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, comanagers, and camp counselors did an outstanding job throughout the week with their help and guidance to make the conference a great success.

The theme for the conference was "The Love of God," with material written by Mrs. Diane Rielly. The experiences throughout the week proved that God's love is never ending and there is a boundless supply. It was a week that had **down in the valley** tears, and through God's great love the **mountaintop joy** was beyond compare

The conference ended Friday night with singing around a bonfire and a closer relationship between everyone and God.

### Spring Hope Church Calls New Pastor

The Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church near New Bern has called for its new pastor, the Rev. James Warren of Kinston. The church extends to Mr. Warren and his family its very best wishes and prayers. The church also asks for your prayers that it may be used of God to win souls that will come to know the Lord as their Saviour. Mr. Warren assumed his duties as pastor on Sunday, August 17.



### Eastwood Mission Announces Revival

Revival services are scheduled for the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Mission 5217 Catalpa Drive, Fayetteville, for the week of September 8-12. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Jesse Caton as the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Alton Howard. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Pleasant Grove Church to Host Cape Fear Youth Rally

The Cape Fear Youth Rally will meet with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Erwin, Saturday evening, September 6, beginning at 7:30. All the youth of the Cape Fear District are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

### Sound View W. A. Gives Welcome Reception for New Pastor

On Sunday afternoon, August 3, the Woman's Auxiliary of Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, gave its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Carol B. Hansley, a welcome reception in the church's fellowship hall. The reception was to welcome them back to the church as Mr. Hansley pastored the church around twenty years ago. The church is very glad to have the Hansleys back. The reception turned out very well as it was a lovely afternoon and the presence of God could be felt.

The church reporter states: "We are a very small country church. We need your prayers and our pastor needs them too. The church today is what we plan for it to be tomorrow."

**Senior Citizen Day at Spring Branch Church**



The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg honored the senior citizens of the church in a very special way on Sunday, July 6. All the senior citizens were sent special invitations announcing the plans that were being made in their honor for this special occasion. Plans were developed and carried out by the Young Women's Fellowship of the church.

Upon the arrival of the senior citizens for the morning worship service a member of the YFA pinned a carnation on them. The members of the YFA also escorted the senior citizens to their reserved seats of honor.

The church sanctuary was decorated with a beautiful arrangement of red and white carnations. Each flower in this arrangement was representative of a senior citizen who for some reason was not able to attend. Following the service each flower was taken to the home of its senior citizen with the blessings and prayers of each member of Spring Branch church.

The morning service was dedicated to the honorees with special renditions of music by the youth choir. Betty Sue Horton read a tribute to the senior citizens written by Janice Vandiford. The Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of the church, delivered a most inspiring message on the subject, "Living Our Faith."

Following the service, the senior citizens gathered in front of the church for the taking of group pictures.

The other members of the church then invited the senior citizens into the fellowship hall where a delicious picnic lunch was ready to be served. Each one was served and directed to tables. The meal and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

A member of the church stated, "We, at Spring Branch church, feel that one of God's greatest blessings to us and our church is our senior citizens. We thank God for His blessings and pray that we will always be appreciative of this gift. We trust that each senior citizen will know in some small way the great meaning that their guidance and joy of Christian living have given to each of us everyday of our Christian life."

**Trent Church to Observe Annual Homecoming**

The Trent Free Will Baptist Church of Merritt will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, August 31. The pastor and the congregation invite everyone to attend and enjoy a day of good preaching, eating, and Christian fellowship.



**Vacation Bible School St. Mary's Church**

Vacation Bible School was held at tne St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church recently with an average attendance of 98. The theme for the school was "Jesus Touch Me." Janice Mann served as director and Jean Burroughs as codirector. On Friday, the last day of the school, a picnic was enjoyed by all the teachers, students, and helpers on the church grounds. The following Sunday night a commencement program was given by each department of the school. The week proved to be a blessing to everyone.

**Howell Swamp YFA Visits Former Pastor**

The YFA of Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Holloman on Sunday afternoon, August 10. The group enjoyed a weiner roast complete with toasted marshmallows and homemade brownies.

After the weiner roast the group went to the home of the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mr. Morris being their former pastor, but is now confined to his home. Jeff Gay presented to the Morrises a gift from the YFA. Pam Smith read a passage of Scripture, followed with prayer by their pastor, the Rev. Joseph Lehmann. Other readings were by Don Holloman, Donna Taylor, Pete Holloman, and Beth Rogers. The group then joined together in singing some of Mr. Morris' favorite hymns. Mr. Morris dismissed the group with prayer.

The YFA then attended the Sunday evening worship service at the church where they occupied the choir. After the group rendered special music led by Dot Gay, the evening message was delivered by the pastor. The occasion was most enjoyable for everyone.

**First Church, Wilson, Honors Former Pastor and His Wife**

Sunday, August 10, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Bullman, on Mr. Bullman's last Sunday as pastor of the Wilson Church. Mr. Bullman has accepted the call to enter into full-time evangelistic work. The reception was held during the hours of 2:30—4:30 p. m.

Guests were greeted by Mr. Roman Lucas, chairman of the board of deacons, and Mrs. Lucas.

An arrangement of red roses flanked by white candles was used on the table where lime punch, cake squares, nuts, mints, and sandwiches were served. Approximately 200 guests called during the afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bullman have moved to Spartanburg, South Carolina.



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## THE IMAGE OF GOD

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7, 18-25

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 2:7

### I. INTRODUCTION

Anthropologists and other men of science are still engaged in an unnecessary search for the origin of man. It is unnecessary because we have the greatest truth in the universe which tells us how man began—the Word of God. ''So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them'' (Genesis 1:27).

The Word further declares that ''. . . In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him'' (Genesis 5:1). However, in the third verse of Chapter 5, we have an interesting statement: ''And Adam . . . begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth.'' Between the time God created Adam **in his own image** and the time Seth was born, who was begotten in **Adam's Likeness**, sin had come into the world and man was no longer created or born in the image of God, but in the image of fallen man.

But fallen man may be re-created or reborn in the likeness of God once more, through Jesus Christ. The poet expresses this hope in a beautiful Christmas carol:

''Come, Desire of nations, come!
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head;
Adam's likeness now efface,
Stamp Thine image in its place;
Second Adam from above,
Re-instate us in Thy love.''

—Charles Wesley

If man were created in the likeness and image of God, and he was, then we cannot believe that God was some kind of microscopic, one-celled amebic animal as the antropologists would have us believe man was in his preevolved state. Whatever image or likeness God possessed was given to men, His highest earthly creation.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There is no way that one can be an evolutionist and a Christian. The theory of evolution is in contradiction to the Bible. How could one possibly be a Christian and not believe the Word of God?

B. There are three acts of creation recorded in Genesis one. First, there is the creation of the heavens and the earth. Second, there is the creation of animal and plant life. Third, there is the creation of man. This is not theory. This is the revealed Word of God. Anything that does not agree with this is not in accord with God's Word.

C. Man is either an animal of the earth which evolved from a lower order of life or he is a creature of God created by direct creation. If man is an animal, he is here for one purpose and will have one destiny. On the other hand, if man is a creature of God created by direct creation in the image of God, he has a different purpose and a different destiny.

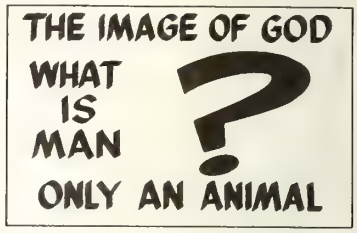
D. It has been said that life is a circle and that man forms only a semicircle and woman a semicircle. Neither man nor woman is complete without the other. Men and women need each other. This is normal and natural.

E. Marriage is a divine institution instituted by the Lord for many purposes: (1) To give man and woman companionship; (2) to provide for reproduction and the populating of the earth; (3) to provide for the nurture of small children.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Life poses many questions to us, but few are of more significance than the one we have considered today. The question is, What is man? This question is of vital importance, because the answer we give to it becomes t compass by which the entire course our lives is set.




Basically the answers are only two. O one hand there are those who say th man is only an animal. If this be true there is no more purpose in our existenc than in that of a cow or a horse. If man ''only an animal,'' then the world will b ruled by the law of the jungle.

But this is a false view of man. H does possess a body formed from th dust of the ground, it is true. But he is spiritual being, created in the image God. Since our God is also the Creator all things, then we may be certain that a the forces of the universe work with u when we seek to be what God intende us to be. In our search to do His will, t have a part in His great purposes, we wi find our highest joy.—**Standard Lesso Commentary**

B. It is said that on one occasion th great Supreme Court justice, Olive Wendell Holmes, walked along the stree with a small girl, a neighbor of his. Whe it came time for her to go home, sh informed him of the fact, and the grea Chief Justice said to her, ''All right When your mother asks you wher you've been tell her you've been walkin with Oliver Wendell Homes.''

''I will,'' said the young lady. ''And i your folks ask you where you've been tell them you were walking with Mar Jane Brown.''

Mary Jane Brown was an individual i her own right, created in the image o God; she demanded respect for that. A a Christian do you value your personalit in this way? It is the best way to gain th respect of others for you.—C. F. Bowen

C. When Dr. Bonnell asked if ex ploring the uncharted spaces did not give him a feeling of loneliness and in significance, the astronomer replied very reverently, ''No, there is nothing in significant about man. Wherever I turn this telescope, I can trace my heavenly Father's handiwork.''—Selected

# STORIES

## for our youth



### A Gold Mine and a Prayer

RONNIE roused up from the back seat. The humming of e motor and the thump of the tires had ade him sleepy. "Will we get there efore it gets dark?" he asked.

"Oh, sure!" declared the driver. The aded station wagon left the pavement nd aimed down a narrow dirt road. The ick bushes scraped the sides of the ar.

Now wide awake, Ronnie leaned rward. "I just can't believe it, Uncle ssie! I'm finally going camping with u!"

"Just wait until you're sleeping on the rd ground, then you'll believe it!"

They were traveling much slower on hat did not look like a road at all. The y's uncle owned some property near a ountain. On it was a gold mine, where ng ago people had actually found gold! f course, that was many years ago, but ccasionally one could still find a rock ecked with gold.

The car creaked to a halt. "Load up, n. We will have to walk the rest of the ay." Together they stumbled up a tle trail. Ronnie's legs were aching hen they arrived at the campsite.

"Just put the supplies over there." e man motioned toward a lean-to.

"Then may I go exploring?"

"Exploring? What are you looking r?" asked Ronnie's uncle.

"I want to see everything!" It was rd for Ronnie to stand still. He was hing to do a little rock climbing.

"Well." Uncle Jessie looked up at the n. "First let's gather a little firewood. hen you may take a quick look ound." He picked up a rope from the pplies and fastened it to his belt.

"What's that for?" Ronnie wanted to ow.

"Well, you never can tell. It's a pretty good idea always to be prepared up here."

"Oh," said the boy. It didn't take long to gather a pile of wood. "May I go now, Uncle Jessie?"

"I'd rather you didn't go alone, son."

"But I'll be careful, and I won't go far," promised Ronnie.

The man knew his nephew was a sensible lad and could be trusted. "All right, Ronnie. You take a short walk while I store our food more safely. But remember, there are a lot of uncovered, abandoned mines around here, so be careful. Stay away from the mountain till I can go with you and don't get out of calling range."

"I'll remember." Ronnie walked over to the lean-to. If his uncle always carried a rope, the boy thought that he should have one, too. Rummaging through the supplies, he found one and fastened it to his belt.

Ronnie made a game of jumping over the large boulders lying on the ground. A bright speckled stone caught his eye. Shoving it deep in his pocket, he again leaped from one big rock to another.

Far ahead he saw a cluster of rocks piled high. Once there, he climbed up on the wobbly heap. He took another step, and the whole mass gave way beneath him! The slide over sharp rocks snatched at his clothes and scratched his back. He had fallen into an abandoned mine!

He felt tiny, stabbing pains in his right foot. It was dark inside the mine, and he could not see very well. He managed to get his left foot on another rock and tried to pull upward. The movement caused him to cry out in terror, for the rock rolled away, leaving him standing on his one uninjured leg.

He had not fallen as far as he first thought. Reaching both arms over his head, he stretched as far as he could, but he could not reach the top. "I'm only a few feet from the top," he said. "If I could only reach another few feet!" He must have hurt his foot badly, for each time he tried to turn, the pain was almost unbearable. "Oh, well, Uncle Jessie will find me soon. I'm not worried." Ronnie tried to cheer himself up, but he was already tired, standing on one leg.

He could barely see except for the light overhead. He could not tell how deep the cave was because he was caught on what seemed to be a ledge on the side.

"The thing for me to do is to stop worrying and try to do something about getting out of here." The boy tried to make his voice sound natural. Ronnie planned to try climbing out, but the sharp edges of the stones cut into his hands, and several loose ones began tumbling down.

He tried to bend sideways and rub his throbbing leg, but he got tangled up in the rope hanging from his belt. "The rope!" he almost shouted. "This is why Uncle Jessie always carries one!" Moving cautiously, he freed the rope from his belt. He found the end and was ready to throw. It never occurred to Ronnie that he needed something to anchor it among the rocks.

He made several throws, and each time the rope playfully slid right down again. It proved to be exasprating and left him breathing hard. "If I just weren't so green! If I only knew more about camping!" muttered Ronnie.

The trapped boy tried everything he could think of. Now he resorted to yelling. Over and over he called his uncle's name, but there was no response.

The little patch of sky overhead told him that daylight would soon be gone. "And there's nothing more that I can do!" admitted Ronnie. "Absolutely nothing!"

But then an afterthought got him so excited that he weaved on the ledge. "Wait a minute! I can pray!" he said. "Here I am so busy trying to do things all by myself that I forgot about God! After all, a Christian can always pray!"

Ronnie was ashamed he had not thought of it before. Standing on one leg, already numb with pain, he asked God's help and blessing.

He heard his name twice before he looked up and saw Uncle Jessie's familiar face peering down. "Am I glad

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# SHADY GROVE CHURCH CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

IN 1850, ten years before the Civil War began, Shady Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church was born to minister to the spiritual needs of the people who lived in the Northern Sampson County, North Carolina, community which later became known as Spivey's Corner. At that time she was the only Free Will Baptist church within a 20 to 40 mile radius, and was one of the very few churches of any denomination in the area.

The church is located on U. S. Highway 13, one-half mile east of Spivey's Corner with a Route 5, Dunn, address. Serving as pastor presently is the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

The Shady Grove congregation agrees with David who wrote, ''. . . yea, I have a goodly heritage'' (Psalm 16:6). The people love their church dearly and are proud of her rich heritage. They proclaim with Ezra Pound:

''What thou lovest well remains, the rest is dross
What thou lov'st well shall not be reft from thee
What thou lov'st well is thy true heritage.
. . .''

As a tribute to the church's 125-year heritage this entire year has been a time of jubilant celebration. However, a series of upcoming events and activities are planned to climax this season of rejoicing to which everyone is invited and visitors are urged to participate.

To ''kick-off'' these final events a ''covered-dish supper'' was held at 7 p. m. , on Saturday night, August 23, all. A spirited evangelistic service followed at 8 p. m. in the sanctuary which included a lot of good singing and a special sermon for the occasion delivered by the Rev. Jim Harman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Erwin.

During the weekend of September 13 and 14 the church will observe her ''Youth Happening.'' The young people of the church will have charge of a Saturday night service at 7:30 p. m., the Sunday morning and evening worship services, and the Sunday school hour. Assisting the youth of the local church will be the ''New Creations'' from Kenly. Howard Scott of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church and Debra Pittman from the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church (near Kenly) will give their testimony in words and songs. Michael Wehner of the local church will have charge of the Sunday morning service. All the youth of the Shady Grove church invite any young person who is interested in having a good Christian fellowship experience to come and visit with them during this weekend.

History will come alive as ''Old-fashioned Sunday'' is observed on October 5, beginning at 10 a. m., as a part of the 125th anniversary celebration. Worshipers will enter the sanctuary dressed as they did 125 years ago and worship similarly. Relics portraying her history will be on display at the church with persons owning them on hand to relate the nature of their history. Included in the evening worship service will be the showing of slides taken during past events in the church.

The highlight of the entire year will come on October 19 when the church will observe her 125th anniversary homecoming. Following Sunday school, the morning worship service will feature a special anniversary sermon by the pastor. An afternoon service will be in the form of a pageant portraying the history of the church which promises to be very interesting and enjoyable.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor of the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, will be guest speaker for a series of revival services at 7:30 p. m., nightly, October 20-25. These evangelistic services will also include special music and delightful ''bird-story'' messages for the children.

Finally, the congregation will rejoice together and glorify God when the church's adutlt choir presents John Peterson's musical, ''The Good Life,'' in November. The great heritage of the church which has developed throughout 125 years of rich history makes ''The Good Life'' possible today in the church community. It is hoped that all of the friends and neighbors of the church will join the Shady Grove people in the sharing of this good life by participating with them in each of these 125th anniversary celebration events.

By changing one word, a portion o John F. Kennedy's **Inaugural Address** or January 20, 1961, can summarize: ''Le the word go forth from this time and place. . . that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans, born in this century, tempered by war disciplined by a hard and bitter peace proud of our ancient heritage, and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this **church** has always been committed and to which we are committed today. . . .''

## Church Auxiliary

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Mrs. D. W. Hancock named nominating committee as follows Albemarle District, Mrs. Lula Daw; Cape Fear District, Mrs. Lillian Stanley Central district, Mrs Frank Walston Eastern District, Miss Velma Morris; Pee Dee District, Mrs. Shelba Jean Edwards Piedmont District, Mrs. Fred Johnson and Western District, Miss Louis Edgerton.

The meeting adjourned with prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Almond R. Warrick
Corresponding Secretary

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed for any church that is seeking a pastor and fo any minister who is seeking a church to serv and would like to give such notice. Please sen the necessary information to the editor of "Th Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for tw issues only.)

August 29, 30—State Layman's Leagu Conference, Eagles Nest Retrea Center, Dudley, North Carolina

September 17, 18—North Carolina Stat Convention of the Free Will Baptis Church, American Legion Hal Wilson, North Carolina

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### WATER PICTURES

Have you ever been sitting in a parked
ır during a rain shower and noticed how
e picture is distorted by the water
attering and running down the
indshield? It can make you see a
ilding in all kinds of grotesque shapes.
can make people seem to move when
ey aren't moving at all.

By means of modern communication,
e live in the age of the religious shower.
y flipping a switch in your living room,
no uncertain terms, you can hear and
e persons ministering the Word. Their
eaching and singing are showered onto
ır "windshield," giving us a view of
hat life and God is all about.

Before these thoughts solidify, we
ck up a magazine and a religious writer
rns loose a shower of written words,
anging the picture considerably.

You flip the button in your car and
ar still another downpour, washing
way the previous view.

Then from Sunday morning pulpits
ross the country, more rain drops
atter on our windshields wiping away
l the other sketches, giving a whole
fferent picture.

To compound the issue, most
eryone presents his version to be the
e and only true picture. Many make
eat claims on divine authority. It is
nough to confuse the Bible scholar until
e spends all his time trying to find
uth in the confusion.

It is only common sense that every
authority" cannot possibly be right
hen their doctrines disagree so
emendously.

The Bible warns us to beware of false
ophets. Maybe we need to pray that
od will use His windshield wipers to
ipe these false doctrines from our
inds so we can see the picture clean
nd clear.

The Bible is the best "windshield
iper" you can find.

## MISSIONS

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As the rays of the sun penetrate to the
motest corners of the globe, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth. If the church of Christ were fulfilling the purpose of our Lord, light would be shed upon all that sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. Instead of congregating together and shunning responsibility and crossbearing, the members of the church would scatter into all lands, letting the light of Christ shine out from them, working as He did for the salvation of souls, and this "gospel of the kingdom" would speedily be carried to all the world.

It is thus that God's purpose in calling His people, from Abraham on the plains of Mesopotamia to us in this age, is to reach its fulfillment. He says, ". . .I will bless the, . . . and thou shalt be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). The words of Christ through the gospel prophet, which are but reechoed in the Sermon on the Mount, are for us in this last generation, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1). If upon your spirit the glory of the Lord has risen; if you have beheld His beauty who is the chiefest among ten thousand, and the One altogether lovely; if your soul has become radiant in the presence of His glory, to you is this word from the Master sent. Have you stood with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration? Down in the plain there are souls enslaved by Satan; they are waiting for the word of faith and prayer to set them free.

We are not only to contemplate the glory of Christ, but also to speak of His excellences. Isaiah not only beheld the glory of Christ, but he also spoke of Him. While David mused,the fire burned; then spoke he with his tongue. While he mused upon the wondrous love of God, he could not but speak of that which he saw and felt. Who can by faith behold the wonderful plan of redemption, the glory of the only begotten Son of God, and not speak of it? Who can contemplate the unfathomable love that was manifested upon the Cross of Calvary in the death of Christ, that we might not perish, but have everlasting life? Who can behold this, and have no words with which to extol the Saviour's glory?

". . . in his temple doth every one speak of his glory" (Psalm 29:9). The sweet singer of Israel praised Him upon the harp, saying, "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness" (Psalm 145:5, 6).

The Cross of Calvary is to be lifted high above the people, absorbing their minds, and concentrating their thoughts. Then all the spiritual faculties will be charged with divine power direct from God. Then there will be a concentration of the energies in genuine work for the Master. The workers will send forth to the world beams of light, as living agencies to enlighten the earth.

Christ accepts, oh, so gladly, every human agency that is surrendered to Him! He brings the human into union with the divine, that He may communicate to the world the mysteries of incarnate love. Talk it, pray it, sing it; proclaim abroad the message of His glory, and keep pressing onward to the regions beyond!

Trials patiently borne, blessings gratefully received, temptations manfully resisted, meekness, kindness, mercy, and love habitually revealed, are the lights that shine forth in the character in contrast with the darkness of the selfish heart, into which the light of life has never shone.

## CORRECTION, PLEASE

**In the July 30 issue of "The Free Will Baptist," under the "News and Notes" section, it was stated that the Woman's Auxiliary of Welcome Home church honored its pastor, the Rev. Jerry Rowe, and his family with a surprised farewell dinner in the fellowship hall of the church.**

**We would like to make a correction, please. It was the Woman's Auxiliary of South View church that honored Mr. Rowe and his family with a farewell dinner, Mr. Rowe having accepted the pastorate of the Welcome Home church. We apologize for this error.—Ralph A. Bowen, assistant editor.**

**In the August 20 issue of "The Free Will Baptist," on the missions page, the article, "New Home Missionary to Victory Mission," through error the missionary's name was omitted. The writer of the article was the Rev. Joe E. Gerald, pastor of the Victory Free Will Baptist Mission at Hope Mills. We apologize for this error.—Ralph A. Bowen. Assistant Editor**

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## STORIES FOR OUR YOUTH

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to see you!'' The boy's voice shook with relief. ''How did you ever find me?''

''I thought it was time for you to be back, and then quite suddenly I remembered that I forgot to warn you about this place, so I came here first.'' All the while the older man was lowering a rope with a big loop on the end of it.

A quick examination revealed that the boy was unharmed except for a badly sprained ankle. Leaning on his bedroll and smelling bacon frying on an open fire almost made him forget that.

The campers watched the fire make shadows on the ground. ''Tomorrow I'll show you how to pan for gold in that little stream over there,'' promised Uncle Jessie.

Ronnie fingered the rock he had put in his pocket. His uncle had assured him the flecks were actually specks of gold! He marveled at the tiny treasure he possessed.

But Ronnie was more pleased with the new-found treasure in his heart; for almost too late he had remembered that there is always one thing a Christian can do in a hard situation—a Christian can **always** pray.—Selected

## NEWS AND NOTES

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**Ayden Church to Host Central District YFA**

The Central District Youth Fellowship Auxiliary will meet on Saturday evening, September 6, with the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30. Even if your church does not have a YFA or AFC, your attendance will be appreciated. The young people are working hard on group projects such as donating money for a swimming pool at Cragmont Assembly, and they would like to get all the young people of the Central District involved in such projects. All the youth of the district are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

**Gospel Sing at Winterville Church, Sunday, August 31**

The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church will have a gospel sing Sunday, August 31, featuring the ''Singing Ormonds'' from New Bern. The sing will begin at 7:30 p. m. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, and the church membership invite all who possibly can to attend and enjoy this musical program.

**Second Central S. S. Convention and Union at Hickory Grove**

The Second Central Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting will convene with the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Bethel, Sunday, August 31, at 3 p. m. All Sunday schools and churches of the district are urged to be represented at this combined meeting.

**Fifth Eastern S. S. Convention Meets at Camp Vandemere**

The Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention will convene at Camp Vandemere, Sunday, August 31, for its quarterly convention. Each church of the district is requested to be represented. Some churches are planning to attend in a body instead of having their regular Sunday school. A good convention is expected and it is hoped that the people will become better informed of the activities of Camp Vandemere.

## SECOND ANNUAL LAYMAN'S CONFERENCE

All Free Will Baptist laymen, their wives, and children are invited to attend the second annual Layman's Conference to be held at Eagles Nest Retreat Center near Dudley the weekend of September 5 and 6. Registration will begin at 5 p. m., Friday, September 5. However, those who are unable to come on Friday and spend the night are welcome to come Saturday morning, at 9 a. m.

The cost for the conference will be $1.50 per meal and $3 for lodging. There are plenty of beds available, but each person needs to bring a sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, and personal toiletries. There is also room for campers, but no hookup facilities are available.

**Conference Schedule**

(Friday Evening, September 5)

5:00—Registration
6:30—Dinner
6:30—Devotions, Keith Cobb, Dilda's Grove Church
7:00—Welcome, Denver Mitchell, Chairman of State Layman's Board
7:15—Talent Time:
Stoney Creek Church, Men's Choir
Tarboro Church, Men's Quartet
Black Jack Church, The Surrenders and the Haddock Family

(Saturday Morning, September 6)

7:00—Get Up Time
8:00—Breakfast
9:00—Devotions, James Rawls, Tarboro Church
9:30—Educational Period for Adults and Youth
11:30—Business Session
12:00—Lunch

(Afternoon Session)

1:00—Fellowship and Game Time
4:30—Layman of the Year Award
5:00—Break Camp

Even though a church may not have a layman's group it is still asked to send the name of its outstanding layman as its nominee for the **Layman of the Year** award. Send all nominees to the board secretary.

Please send the following information to the board secretary by September 3: The number of party attendingh conference _____ and the number of meals each member of the party will eat: dinner _____ , breakfast _____ , lunch _____ .

Respectfully submitted,
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## MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!



# Editorial...

## MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

by Ralph A. Bowen
Assistant Editor

The oldest and most important art of man is music. It is an international language that almost everyone finds joy in.

To most of us the word **music** means **melody**. Melody is the part of music that we can sing or whistle. Some music can be just that simple; however, it can also be complicated, as in a symphony played by a large orchestra.

One of the earliest forms of communication was music. By listening to music from around the world, people are able to paint a picture in their minds (called **notation**) as to the traits and characteristics of these people.

There are many kinds of music, ranging from folk songs to operas, from musical comedies to symphonies. To enjoy music, one must find the kind of music that interests him and listen to it. This music might be in several forms; such as, folk, jazz, popular, country, gospel, etc.

The two forms of music that have taken the world by storm today are **country** and **gospel**. In a recent news article, under the title, ''Country Music Goes Behind Closed Doors,'' by Bill Morrison, Billy Grammer, a star of the Grand Ole Opry, stated: ''Country music has become a smutty world.'' In the same article Loretta Lynn, queen of country music, stated: ''I don't approve of affairs. I write about them, but I don't go for them. Why, I wrote a song the other day that was so dirty I had to close my eyes to sing it.''

What has happened to such country songs as ''Red River Valley,'' ''On Top of Old Smoky,'' ''I Saw the Light,'' etc.?

However, all country music does not fall into the category of smutty or dirty music. Such songs as ''Country Road,'' ''Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Old Oak Tree,'' and ''The Green, Green Grass of Home,'' are good wholesome songs that will live on forever.

The trend today in sacred music is what we term **gospel music**. Back in the Middle Ages **chanting** was a part of Christian worship. The chant gradually developed into what we call **plain song**. Through the years this **plain song** has developed into what we call **gospel music**. In many of our churches this gospel music has replaced the old hymns of the church. This writer has his reservations about this gospel, foot-tapping music. This music certainly has its place, but should it replace the old hymns of the church that our forefathers sang and enjoyed so much?

Psalm 95:1, 2 reads, ''O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.'' Does this ''joyful noise'' mean the type of music with a tempo that one could easily dance to?

The youth of today seem to go for this type of church music, along with quite a few of the elderly members. Truthfully this writer enjoys and likes some of this type of music; but again, does not think it should completely replace the old hymns of the church. Such songs as those written by Fanny J. Crosby, Isaac Watts, George Bennard, and others can never be replaced.

Music! Music! Music! Truly this is one of the most accepted and joyful pastimes of our day; so please, let's keep it wholesome and let it play the role in our lives it is intended to play!

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# "THIS IS YOUR LIFE"
# Emmitt E. Jones

ON August 17, the Woman's Auxiliary of Grant's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Mount Olive honored its pastor, the Rev. Emmitt E. Jones, with a "This Is Your Life" program. During the program the auxiliary gave to Mr. and Mrs. Jones a beautiful arrangement of flowers. The occasion was also the seventeenth wedding anniversary for the Joneses.

The program was narrated by Mrs. Doris Lupton who also presented to Mr. Jones, at the end of the program, a beautiful Bible as a gift from the auxiliary.



*Left to right, first row: The Rev. and Mrs. Emmitt E. Jones and their children: William, Jackie, and Gary Jones. Second row: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, parents of Mr. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sutton, parents of Mrs. Jones; the Rev. Lloyd Vernon; and, Mrs. Doris Lupton.*

The narration was as follows:

In a small neighborhood about six miles from Kenansville, on a hot June day, the twenty-eighth to be exact, at 5 p. m., a baby boy was born to two proud parents, Herbert and Mildred Perry Jones, which they named Emmitt E. Jones. He weighed between 8 and 9 pounds and had long black hair. He was born in the same house his father was, in fact, the same room.

Emmitt grew each year as any normal healthy boy would. He had the same childhood diseases most children have, being blessed with nothing more serious than a light case of whooping cough. This young man had the same desires and ambitions as any typical boy. These brought much joy and some anxious moments to his parents.

Next to be born was his sister, Linda, then brothers, Cecil and Herman. As he was the first and only child for five years, his playmates were his cousins who lived just across the road. They would meet each day at a certain spot they called the "brick pile." There grew a bond of love and friendship that has lasted until this day. They have all gone their separate ways, having families of their own, but there is still a closeness.

A familiar sight to see when Emmitt was just a tot was him walking behind his father with a pair of overalls on and his bottle in his back pocket. When he was six years old it was time to start to school. He was anxious to go as he was always easy to meet friends. But his mother never forgot that first day. He got along well in school. His first-grade teacher was the same teacher his father had had in the first grade. He went through school as a good average student. One of his classmates, Nancy Lane, well remembers the good times they used to have in class.

Coach Helton said "Emmitt Earl was a person who got along well with his teachers and his classmates. Emmitt Earl was one of those few who was honest, trustworthy, dependable, quiet, and all the things associated with a good person."

The best compliment one can receive is one from his peers. This is what several of his classmates had to say, "He was always a good old boy." What more can you say?

Emmitt was very active in Sunday school and church. He enjoyed music very much and still does. He was a member of the young people's choir at Sarecta church. They all sang so well that they won a cup at the Benson Sing Festival. Music just seems to be Emmitt's thing. It was born in him as his father and grandfather loved music. His grandmother died when he was three years old and Emmitt and his family lived with his grandfather. He helped his grandfather pass many lonesome hours after his grandmother's death. His grandfather was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, the Rev. F. E. Jones, who could see nothing but the best in everyone. His music, influence, and kindness probably made a great impression on Emmitt causing him to become the man he is today.

Emmitt finished high school in 1957. After he completed high school he worked for a short time and then entered the Air Force. During all those years he had been seeing a cute little girl that he started dating when she was only thirteen. By this time they felt they were mature enough to marry and begin a family. This girl's mother will tell you to this day that Emmitt kept waiting until he found the perfect mother-in-law and then married her daughter. These in-laws are better known to Emmitt as "Ma" Pearl and "Pa" Ben. To Emmitt, this girl was the most beautiful girl in the world and the girl of his dreams—Annie Pearl Sutton Jones.

Soon they began their family. The first

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:3

FAR MORE SATISFYING

A pastor called two or three times and asked a certain young married man of his church to teach a class of fifteen-year-old boys in the Sunday school, only to be refused. At last the wife of the man urged her husband to tell the minister frankly why he would not teach. It appeared that he played golf on Sunday afternoons, and he felt he could not do that and teach the class, too. Finally he was convinced that here was a real challenge, and that he should renounce the Sunday golf and teach the class. He did so, and after about five months he walked down the aisle of the church with the sixth and last unsaved boy in a class of thirteen, thus bringing the entire class to Christ. After the service the pastor said to the teacher: "Has it been worthwhile giving up your game of golf on Sundays, or would you like to spend your Sundays as you formerly did?" There were tears of joy in his eyes and a jubilancy in the tremble of his voice as the man replied: "This is the greatest time of my life. I had rather spend my time telling others about Christ who has done so much for me. I'm sorry that I did not begin teaching years ago instead of wasting my time doing worldly things." If someone some Sunday morning now suggested golf, it was easy to say, "Not today, thank you, I have something more satisfying to occupy my Sundays."—J. E. Harris

PRAYER THOUGHT

*First things, first, is a saying that is old but true. Remember to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. God may be the One you are mistreating.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:1

GOD'S GLORY

The heavens declare God's glory
The wonders of the sky
Repeat each day the message
That He is ever nigh.

The earth takes up the chorus,
The mountains, hills, and plains
Stand forth in testimony
That He forever reigns.

The rivers, lakes, and valleys
Bear witness of His power;
He speaks through every forest tree
And smiles through every flower.

—Florence Jansson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Sculptors and artists have spent lifetimes attempting to emulate the masterpieces of God's creations. We might all achieve greater success if we tried to emulate God.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 12:15

WHEN TASKS ARE HARD

In a certain cotton factory there is a card on the walls of the workrooms that reads: "If your threads get tangled send for the foreman." One day a new worker got her threads tangled, and she tried to disentangle them, but only made them worse. Then she sent for the foreman.

He came and looked. Then he said to her: "You have been doing this yourself?"

"Yes," she said.

"But why did you not send for me according to instructions?"

"I did my best," she said.

"No, you did not," the foreman said.

"Remember that doing your best is sending for me."—*Moody Monthly*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Time, worry, and energy are saved when we call in a specialist in the solving of our particular problems. In matters pertaining to the soul, call on the Saviour.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:22

THE POWER OF PRAYER

J. Edgar Hoover, former director of the F. B. I. , says: "The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. Invoking by prayer the mercy and might of God is our most efficacious means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless peoples of the earth."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In prayer we talk to God. We are soothed and comforted by talking to friends. No wonder we are strengthened through contact with the greatest Counselor of all.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Scripture Reading—Psalm 147:5

BOTH GREAT AND SMALL

An infidel saw a Christian walking, and asked him where he was going. "To church, sir." "What to do there?" "To worship God." "Pray tell, whether your God is a great or a little God?" "He is both, sir." "How can He be both?" "He is so great, sir, that heaven cannot contain Him; and so little that He can dwell in my heart!" The infidel afterward admitted that that answer had affected him more than volumes he had read by gifted authors.—Tom Olson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In truth, God has the penetrating Holy Spirit which is invincible and omnipresent. To know that we are never alone is one of the Christian's most treasured realizations.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Scripture Reading—Psalm 104:34

MEDITATION

I sat and watched the evening star
And my thoughts were full of God—
I felt His breath on the evening breeze,
His pulse beat through the sod.

I saw His smile on a pansy's face,
Heard His voice in the night-bird's call;
I knew He had passed through the waving grass—
As a hush fell over all.

He drew His mantle of dusk about
Every bush, and flower and clod—
I sat and watched the evening star,
And my thoughts were full of God.

—Audred Pitts

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** What biblical requirements are made for candidates seeking membership in a New Testament church?

**Answer:** 1. The Bible requires that all who would enter into the fellowship of a local church patterned after the apostolic church should **repent, be born again,** and **be baptized**. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:38-41).

2. Another requirement is that they have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Redeemer. "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:16-18). (Read all of Acts 2.)

3. It requires that the members of this unique body be saved—regenerated. "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47); "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:3, 5). They were to be added to the Lord before being added to the local church. "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); "Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (John 11:24).

4. Baptism by immersion in the name of the triune God is a confession to the world and to other Christians of the faith of the candidate that Jesus Christ is his new found Saviour and Lord. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). (See Acts 2:38-41 quoted above.) "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days" (Acts 10:47, 48); "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

5. Adherence to the apostles' faith and doctrine is another requirement for membership. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42); "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed in unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:16-19). When the gospel is preached by a disciple, heard and received by a sinner, the bonds with which Satan has had him shackled are broken and he becomes a free man in Christ. The power of the gospel is sufficient and will do this each time it is preached by a called Christian and thus received by one that is not saved. ". . . the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); ". . . I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:16-18); ". . . through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:18-22). (Read the preceding verses of this chapter.)

6. Members of the church should portray the following characteristics:

a. They were known and recognized as believers (see Acts 4:32).

b. They portrayed a oneness in thought and activities.

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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| **Albemarle Conference** | |
| Malachi's Chapel | $ 100.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 32.50 |
| Sound Side | 50.00 |
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| **Blue Ridge Association** | |
| Cedar Hill | $ 17.88 |
| **Cape Fear Conference** | |
| Johnston Union | $ 100.00 |
| Eastwood Mission | 25.00 |
| Palmer Memorial | 181.64 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Steven's Chapel | 42.00 |
| Yelverton's Grove | 351.59 |
| Total | $ 705.23 |
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| Aspen Grove | $ 188.00 |
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| Black Jack | 90.68 |
| Community | 3.00 |
| Dawson's Grove | 125.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 198.25 |
| Edgewood | 235.00 |
| Elm Grove | 445.00 |
| Free Union | 190.60 |
| Friendship | 1,033.51 |
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| Oak Grove | 44.21 |
| Oriental | 150.57 |
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| Smith's New Home | 200.00 |
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| Warden's Grove | 500.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 40.61 |
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| Cypress Creek | 87.94 |
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| White Oak | 290.00 |
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| **Piedmont Conference** | |
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| Conference | $ 26.07 |
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| Everett's Chapel | 236.50 |
| Fremont | 50.00 |
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Mrs. Mamie Heath by Mr. George Ipock.

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Larry Mattocks by Trent Free Will Baptist Church.




### DON'T FIGHT THE DEVIL

There are many times during our lives that we run into the devil and his works. Our reactions are numerous and varied; but more than likely, our first thoughts are to fight back the way he fights. If he shows a fist, our natural instinct is to tighten our hand into a hard ball; if he grits his teeth, we grit ours back; if he argues, we argue; if he shouts, we shout. The fight becomes so enormous that if he's say, "God is good," we'd search our brain cells individually for a reason to argue the reverse.

That's just how it is with us mortals.

But we error when we fight the devil at his game. It's a complete waste of time and calories. It's like trying to outride Evel Knievel on a motorcycle; like trying to strike out Hank Aaron; like being in the ring with Mohammed Ali. You've lost before you begin.

Where we can't, but God can.

The Philistine giant was ferocious, but God's power in a small stone cast by a young shepherd boy flattened him.

All the armies in the world couldn't have raised Jesus from the dead, but God's power did. And the devil's men had to bear witness to the fact. Can't you see Satan cringe when the guard answered, "No one could have stolen the body; I've been here all night."

It would have taken years to build a bridge across the Red Sea. But the

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard
(Part Six)

### THE CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Almost immediately after the rupture between the southern and western groups of Free Will Baptists and the General Conference of Free Baptists upon the agreement of that body to unite with the Northern Baptist Convention, efforts were begun by some of the western leaders to form a new general organization. The Rev. John H. Wolf of Nebraska, the Rev. Ira Waterman of Missouri, the Rev. H. M. McAdams of Nebraska, and the Rev. R. A. Roberts of Texas were especially active in making contacts regarding a new organization.

The efforts of these and others resulted in a meeting held at Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, on December 27, 1916, to consider the matter of a general organization. A number of associations in Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas were represented. The Rev. R. F. Pittman was present from the North Carolina State Convention, apparently in an unofficial capacity.

In the opening session, it was decided to form an organization to be known as the Co-operative General Association of Freewill Baptists, and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and bylaws, and report that afternoon. This rather hastily prepared constitution and bylaws, which had to be revised somewhat in later sessions, were presented in the afternoon and adopted. The Rev. John H. Wolf was elected as moderator and the Rev. Ira Waterman as clerk.

At this time there existed three small publications among Free Will Baptists of the West and South: **The Free Will Baptist** of Ayden, North Carolina; **The New Morning Star** of Weatherford, Texas; and **The Marvel Star**, being published out of Mars Hill, North Carolina. The new organization approved The New Morning Star as their official organ, and proceeded to take steps to purchase it from the group in Texas which had control of it. The Rev. S. L. Morris was elected as editor.

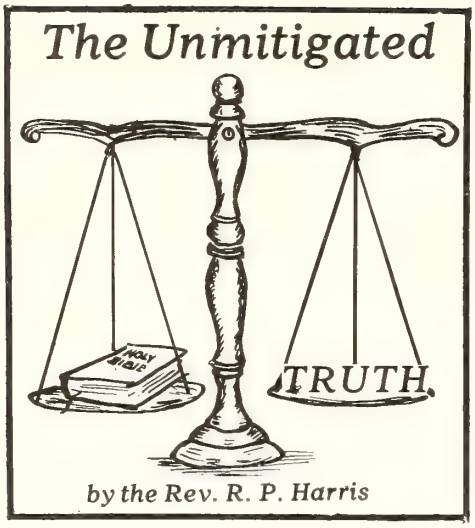
In the Friday session December 29, the matter of foreign missions was taken up and it was voted to send Miss S. A. Easterbrook to the Barbados Islands as a missionary. Also a plan was considered for establishing a college for the denomination. A "Biblical Correspondance School," then being conducted by the Rev. John H. Wolf, was approved by the new organization. On Saturday, the Rev. R. F. Pittman was given time to present information regarding the Free Will Baptist Printing Company of Ayden, and the Ayden Free Will Baptist Seminary. The body voted to approve both, and recommended the use of the Sunday school literature published at Ayden to all Sunday schools of the churches belonging to the association.

The records I have in my possession indicate that in the second session, held in December, 1917, the North Carolina State Convention, the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, the Tri-State Association of Kentucky, and an association in West Virginia, joined the new General Association. Two years later, the North Carolina Convention and the Cumberland Association withdrew. The report the North Carolina delegation, published in **The Free Will Baptist** on December 12, 1919, gives as the reason differences in the doctrines between the western bodies and the eastern bodies, especially with respect to feet washing, and certain discourtesies shown toward them by the leaders of the association. Their report contained a strongly worded warning against allowing unorthodox preaching in our pulpits.

The Co-Operative Association continued to meet regularly until it united with a later organization to form the National Association in 1935. We will be taking note of some of its work in later articles. There is no doubt of the sincerity of those who formed this first general organization among the people left over from the merger of 1911, but there existed a little too much difference between the western groups and the southern groups for a union in full agreement. It is my opinion, however, that this first attempt created concern which led to a later and more effective general organization.

I learned about this new organization first from a short article appearing in **The Marvel Star**, being put out by a Rev. Jonah Shelton, a student at Mars Hill College, as "the organ of the Free Will Baptist denomination and Mars Hill College"—a rather unusual claim considering the fact that Mars Hill College has always been a Missionary Baptist institution. It was some years before I was able to obtain minutes of the early sessions of Co-Operative Association and learn more details of this attempted union of Freewill and Free Will Baptists.

(Next Week: Ayden Seminary and "The Other Side of the Mountain")




Scriptural Basis: ". . . God sent forth his son, . . . To redeem them that were under the law, . . ." (Galatians 4:4, 5).

### THE FATHER'S POSITION IN SALVATION

It should be clear to us that salvation is of God! It must be made clear to us also that there is no salvation without God. Most people, saved and unsaved, live as though all things will work out right in the end. You know, in a sense, they are right! But I am afraid they do not understand the consequence as it relates to their eternity. God is going to see to it that all things do work out right in the end because all sinners will land in hell for eternity and all blood-bought, born-again Christians will be transported to heaven for eternity!

God the Father planned redemption and you can read about it in Genesis 22. Abraham was tempted to offer his son as a sacrifice, but God stayed his hand and Isaac was exchanged for a ram. But God did not stop the slaying of His Son, our Lord, on Calvary! The Bible way of salvation began with Adam and Eve when they sinned. The whole Bible from the beginning to the end concerns itself with the father's plan of salvation. Every chapter, every verse, every line, and even the jots and tittles, as well as all punctuation marks, are divinely inspired of God and have no purpose, plan, nor use except to initiate, activate, and to culminate God's formula for saving souls. Every soul that enters the portals of glory, from eternity to eternity, will be saved by the plan of God the Father!

It was God the Father who provided the Saviour: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16, 17). From the beginning of sin in Adam and Eve God made Himself known to man as Jehovah, the Father of all living until Christ came. Then God made Himself known to man by the life, ministry, death, and ascension of His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, the Father promised to send His Holy Comforter, the Holy Ghost, to earth upon the return of His Son to heaven. This was done and it was the Father who ordered all these benefits to redeem man and to save his soul from hell.

In 2 Corinthians 5:19 the Bible says, "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." This whole business of salvation is the Father's doings. But then there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost: one God but three

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# THE PRODIGAL SON

## (Luke 15:11-24)

**by Mrs. Royce Matthews**

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In the puzzle above, "The Prodigal Son," the words listed below are words pertaining to the parable. Circle these words by reading vertically, horizontally, or diagonally; also, they may be spelled forwards or backwards. Use the remaining letters for a message of rejoicing. (The answers will appear in next week's issue of the "Baptist.")

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## CRAGMONT WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

by Ruth L. Warrick
Corresponding Secretary

How wonderful! What an inspiration! One hundred twenty-eight women registered for the Woman's Conference.

We arrived late Monday afternoon to be greeted by our hosts, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard and their staff. Once we found our beds and hung our dresses (I came to Cragmont years ago, before knit dresses, and we stood in line at the ironing board to get our cottons, et-cetera, presentable before hanging); then we found our way to the dining hall for a sumptuous meal. (Weren't they all!)

Mrs. Dola Dudley, codirector, read the One Hundred Twenty-First Psalm for our devotions. Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, codirector, extended greetings and made some announcements. Mrs. Dudley introduced the state auxiliary officers present: Mrs. Ruby Hancock, Mrs. Rose Raper, Mrs. Ruth Warrick, Mrs. Alice Barrow, Mrs. Bill Dale, Mrs. Dola Dudley, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, and a former member, Mrs. H. L. Spivey. She also introduced missionary to Mexico, Mrs. Vance Link; missionary candidate, Mrs. Fred Baker, and the Rev. J. E. Timmon's daughter, Ruth Ann of Quemado, Texas, who were here for the conference.

Morning devotions on Tuesday were brought by Mrs. Rachel Turner. Her subject was "The Promised Light." Mrs. Bill Dale directed the music and Mrs. Nina Grace Register was the accompanist at the piano. Their music workshop each morning called, "Light Through Song," was a joy to all. Using a combination of the new and the old songs, everyone joined in the "Sing-Song" as Dr. Lall from India called our song services.

Miss Caroline Castelloe of Mount Olive College brought a message on "Prayer" for the morning worship service on Tuesday. She asked three questions: What is prayer? Why pray? How do you pray? She answered the questions in a way that helped us to relate our daily lives to a dedicated prayer life.

We were fortunate to have Dr. E. M. Lall from India and the Rev. Joe Ingram, Foreign Missions Director, for the service Tuesday evening. Dr. Lall's message gave us an insight into his work in India with a group of Christian churches and his hopes for the future with the cooperation of Free Will Baptists.

Mrs. Beverly Herring of Mount Olive College gave the morning devotions on Wednesday. Her subject was "Universal Light."

Mrs. Alice Barrow blessed our hearts with a study of the Book of Esther, beginning at the Wednesday morning worship service, also the evening worship service. The stewardship offering was taken following the service in the amount of $3,429.98.

The Thursday morning devotions messenger was Mrs. Louise Murphy who spoke on "The Strength of Light."

Some of our women went to Cherokee to the Indian Village and some went to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to the Christus Gardens. Those who stayed at Cragmont enjoyed the music time and a message from Mrs. Jean Ackiss whose subject was "Keep the Home Lights Bright." Mrs. Barrow concluded the Book of Esther at the Thursday evening worship service.

Friday was a day with blessings as our hearts were filled with great challenges from our missionary to Mexico, Mrs. Mattie Lou Link. She brought the devotions on the subject, "Witness the Light."

In the morning worship service, Mrs. Link talked of "The Light That Shines in Darkness." She told of some of their experiences in the work on the Mexican border. She reminded us to pray for them consistently, as the enemy tries to defeat missionaries, as he does anyone else.

On Friday evening, due to a thundershower, we held services in the dining hall. It was raining hard outside but our hearts were full of sunshine as the Rev. Joe Ingram brought a forceful message from the Scripture text, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you" (John 15:16).

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## MISSIONARY'S DAUGHTER TO ATTEND MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



*Free Will Baptist Chapel in Jimenez, Mexico*

Miss Ruth Ann Timmons, daughter of missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons, will be attending Mount Olive College this fall.

The Timmons have served the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina for twelve years in Quemado, Texas, by directing the Free Will Baptist Institute on the Mexican border.

Ruth Ann was approached about attending Mount Olive College at an early age and became quite interested. Upon reaching college age, however, she decided to think about some colleges closer to home. In the end, she decided on Mount Olive College because after much prayer she felt this was God's will for her life.

She has always accompained her parents on their trips into Mexico and speaks both English and Spanish fluently. In her personal life Ruth Ann feels she has grown up with a somewhat different outlook than others her age. In Eagle Pass, Texas, where she attended high school, she said, "Students came up and asked me why I didn't want to go to the homecoming football game the week we were having revival. They didn't understand that God is the center of my life. In Mexico when we read the little children Bible stories, their parents sit and listen as closely as they do. We see the difference God makes in life where living is a constant struggle. Sometimes my student friends ask me questions about Jesus and why He came into the world and what He is all about. They are interested and want to know about God.



*Ruth Ann Timmons conferring with Russell W. Duncan, Director of Admissions at Mount Olive College.*

"My father and mother told me how warm and friendly I would find North Carolina and how much people would make me feel at home. I was so glad I was able to go to the Woman's Conference at Cragmont because I made so many friends among the women there. My mother told me that I should behave and be sure to be a good girl. At Cragmont I thought things might be stiff and formal but everyone was so relaxed and had such a good time in the Lord that I felt right at home.

"Also at Cragmont I forgot all my fears about having to take math at college because I met Miss Castelloe, a math teacher, and she was so nice. My mind seemed to clear and rest on the Scripture, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Philippians 4:13)."

Ruth Ann was a member of the Eagle Pass High School Band and Student Council. She plans to go into medicine at this time.

## NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD

Dianne B. Riley

*(Mrs. Riley is associate director of admissions for Mount Olive College and a member of the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern.)*

One of the many wonderful adventures of a Christian's life is the unexpectancy of the great experiences God has in store for you next. As He tries to give these experiences to us, so often we close the door to the opportunity by saying, "I can't." We so easily forget "Everything, oh everything, yes everything is possible with God."

This summer during July, while in Georgia, I learned my lesson. God offered me a wonderful Christian adventure; but only after I gave up and let Him take over did I have a truly great Christian experience. The churches in the Paul Palmer Conference near Blakely, Georgia, were planning their summer camp. The Rev. Daniel Pelt, minister of Zion and Bethlehem churches, had planned this camp with the help of adults in these churches. But the Lord, a few weeks prior to camp, decided to take Brother Pelt home. The members felt very lost without him and were not sure at all about the completion of camp plans.

Through Dr. Burkette Raper, a personal friend of Brother Pelt and David and Hallie Still of the Zion church, I was asked to go and help. As I was flying from Kinston to Atlanta and on to Albany, God really talked to me. I looked out into the clouds and observed His beautiful handiwork—His almighty power was more evident to me than ever before.

My week began there. Before this point, I had not decided on our theme for the week. God shared many ideas and



ioughts with me. Yes, God planned our eek with the theme: "Nothing Is mpossible." No, I couldn't, but the **ord** who made the heavens and earth nd all therein, **could** and He **did!**

We had a beautiful week. As you can ll by the picture, there was no age mit, neither was there a limit to spiritual lessings (nor bruises from softball, nor ore throats from singing, nor aching nuscles from "loosen up, liven up, and ve"). Not one of these people did I now before, but there was not one that I id not love after having met them. ellowship with other Christians is great o matter where you are.

These churches are not as fortunate as ve in North Carolina to be near our enominational enterprises; such as, the Children's Home, the Press, a Free Will Baptist Bookstore, Mount Olive College, Cragmont Assembly, Home and Foreign Missions Headquarters, or many other Free Will Baptist churches who share the same doctrine and beliefs. Please pray for them, their ministers and especially their young people that they will be strengthened; and most of all, pray that the Paul Palmer Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will grow and many souls will be won to the kingdom of God.

Let us all remember with each experience, problem, trouble, or joy that we face each day, "Nothing is Impossible When We Put Our Trust in God."

## COLLEGE OPENED SEPTEMBER 2

Mount Olive College opened for its venty-fifth anniversary year on uesday, September 2, when freshman tudents began reporting to the campus. eturning students will arrive the llowing day and class will begin on eptember 4.

The convocation address to the tudent body and faculty will be elivered by President W. Burkette Raper n Sunday, September 7, at 7:30 p. m., Rodgers Chapel.

Faculty members returned to the ampus Monday, August 25, for a week f workshops preparatory for the new cademic year. Highlighting this week's ctivities was a joint meeting of the Board f Trustees and College personnel on uesday at which Dr. Cameron West of Raleigh spoke on "Major Concerns Facing Private Colleges Today." Dr. West is president of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The College expects an enrollmment of 300 for the fall semester. "Students who have not made application still have time to enroll by contacting the admissions office," Russell Duncan, director of admissions, said today. He also reported that student aid was available for those who might need financial assistance.

Mount Olive College was chartered in 1951 and began its operation in Mount Olive in 1954, with 22 students, in an abandoned elementary school building. Today the College is fully accredited and is operating on a beautiful 110-acre multimillion dollar campus.

# NEWS AND NOTES

**Spring Branch Church Announces Revival**

The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, announces revival services for the week of September 8-12, beginning nightly at eight o'clock. The visiting minister will be the Rev. David Thick, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Royce Reynolds. Special music will be a part of the services each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Revival Services in Progress At Roanoke Rapids Church**

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, continuing through Sunday evening, September 7. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, doing the preaching. Special music is also being rendered each evening. You are cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services at the First church which is located on the corner of Franklin and Seventh Streets.

On Sunday, September 7, homecoming services will be observed at the First church. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend and share in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Charlie T. Rice Jr. announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church interested in his service may contact him by writing P. O. Box 445, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; or telephoning 637-5775.

## Coming Events . . .

September 17, 18—North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, American Legion Hall, Wilson, North Carolina.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 14



## A FREE, YET ACCOUNTABLE CREATURE

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 3:1-13
**Memory Verse:** Galatians 5:13

### I. INTRODUCTION

The word **genesis** means "beginnings," and Genesis is a book of beginnings. In the first chapter we have the record of God's creation of the universe, a superb account of the beginning of all the earth and the heavens and what they contain. None of this was done by chance but by the divine acts of God.

In the second chapter we have the record of the beginning of man in detail, showing how God breathed into the dust of the ground the breath of life, and man became a living soul. This chapter also tells of the creation of woman and the beginning of marriage.

Chapter 3 is the most tragic chapter in the Bible for it tells of the beginning of sin in the world. We have seen how man was created a free moral agent but with the power of choice between right and wrong. This chapter shows how man made the wrong choice and was held accountable for it.

In this chapter we learn of the subtle devices of Satan to deceive, the powerlessness of man to walk as he should when he is void of divine grace, and the spiritual effects of sin. "Here we mark the universal tendency of human nature to cover its own moral shame by a device of man's own handiwork. Here we are taught of the gracious provision which God has made to meet our great need."—Arthur W. Pink

In Genesis 3 we learn that we cannot do wrong and get by; that the wages—the payoff—of sin is indeed death. Free in Christ? Yes, but we are still accountable creatures. We had better believe it.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. When God created man, He gave him an invisible, intangible thing called a will. This was the ability to make choices. Then God gave man the opportunity to make a choice because God could get glory out of man's serving Him only if man chose to do so. This is the doctrine of the human will.

B. The doctrine of depravity is that because of Adam's sin, all men are born with an evil, depraved nature. This is a difficult doctrine to get men to accept because it is against their pride. Men do not like to admit that there is something wrong with them.

C. The method of Satan with God's people in all ages may be seen here in the Garden of Eden. The first thing he did was to cast doubt upon the Word of God. Any time anyone, regardless of who he may be, casts any kind of doubt upon the Word of God he is working under the dominion of Satan. The second thing Satan did was question the motive of God. Because of God's love for man, we may be sure that His motives for mankind are always right and good.

D. Sometimes parents wonder why children deny what they have done and when they are caught try to place the blame on someone else. All they have to do to understand the conduct of children in this matter is to look at Adam and Eve. They were not willing to accept the responsibility for what they had done. They tried to pass the blame to others.

E. Man lost more in the fall than most of us are willing to admit. But because God loved us He is willing to provide a way for our escape as He provided coats for Adam and Eve to hide their nakedness.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. What was the serpent doing in the Garden of Eden? Could not God have used a padlock to keep him out? Most assuredly. But this means that the same padlock would have kept Adam in.

Can you imagine a congregation that secures members and locks them inside the church to keep them from straying? If this should be done, then perfe attendance would result at every servic But could there be any **worship** und such circumstances? If presence we compelled, it would be no credit to th ones in attendance and no honor an glory to God.

God could have made Adam a creatu without a will, compelled to obedienc but then Adam would not have been person. As human beings, we are free trust God or to turn our backs on Hi God puts no padlocks on men's souls. T do so would be to rob man of his freedo of will, of his privilege of being a perso in his own right. This God would not d He has made us for fellowship wi himself and with one another but th **must be** voluntary; true fellowshi cannot be forced.

Daily each of us is confronted wi situations similar to the one th confronted Adam and Eve in the garde And we too must ask ourselves, Shall choose the way of God or shall I not?

We know what happened in th garden, Eve heard the serpent's lie. "Y shall not surely die," he said. Doubtin God, she believed the lie; and sinc action is determined by belief, sh obeyed the lie. Not only so, but she le her husband to join her in disobedienc Consequently, the two of them were ca out of the garden, cut off from the tree life, and the process of death began. Th serpent is clever in persuading us th we can sin without penalty, but that is lie. We are free to choose evil, y we cannot escape the consequence "The wages of sin is death. —**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Sometimes direful consequence come as a result of what appears to b small transgressions: Achan disobeye God and Israel was defeated in battl Israel failed to believe the report of th two spies and was doomed to wander a additional forty years in the wildernes Adam and Eve sinned and death passe upon all mankind; and souls und conviction who fail to respond in positive manner to God's invitatio through Christ may well be passing u their last opportunity to find forgivenes and salvation. "It is the little foxes th spoil the vine."—**The Senior Quarter (F. W. B.)**

C. "Recently a large liquor compar erected billboards saying, 'One taste an you're ours for keeps.' The slogan ma

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# STORIES

## for our youth

by Bernice Goertz



### ANDY'S STAND FOR RIGHT

ANDY slammed the screen door behind him.

''We'll leave in about half an hour,'' ndy heard his mother call after him.

''Caper,'' he confided to his spotted ny, ''they've got me baby-sitting this ternoon.''

The pony eyed his master and snorted mpathetically—or was he begging for sugar lump? Andy didn't know, but he ntinued his tale of woe.

''I was going to go rabbit hunting with te and the gang.'' Caper stuck his soft se over the fence and nudged Andy.

Andy leaned on the fence, staring oodily toward the wooded area where was supposed to meet his chums in hour. He hadn't told his parents that planned to hunt with Pete and his ends this afternoon. His parents jected to his associating with that owd.

''They won't do you any good, ndy,'' his father had said. ''You're apt get into trouble going around with em. They need the Lord, but you'll ever win them to the Lord by acting as ey do.''

However, to Andy it seemed exciting be with older boys. In his eleven-year-d eyes, fifteen or sixteen-year-old boys ad much more fun than boys his age.

Andy's thoughts were interrupted by e honking of a car horn.

''Connie is sleeping,'' his mother id. ''Stay in or close to the house. We ould be back in three hours.''

After awhile he decided to check on s sister. In her darkened room, he saw s little sister tightly clutching her teddy ear. Her long dark curls were crumpled round her small face.

Then Andy turned to go back out-oors. He was practicing target throwing when he heard Pete yell.

''Andy, we've been waiting for you, come on.''

''Can't.'' Andy answered shortly. I have to take care of Connie.''

The boys laughed. ''So you're a baby-sitter.''

Andy's face turned red.

''Since when did you go for that sort of thing?'' they asked.

''She's sleeping,'' he muttered, ''guess it would be all right to go for a little while.''

''Now you're talking,'' Pete said.

''I'll check her again and be right out,'' Andy called.

Connie was still sleeping. ''She'll be all right,'' he told himself. ''Besides, I won't be gone long.''

Hurriedly he got his gun and met the boys by the pump. Andy kept glancing nervously back toward the house. He didn't enjoy the hunting as much as he had thought he would. A Bible verse kept coming to his mind: ''Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right'' (Ephesians 6:1).

They shot several rabbits, and the older boys were beginning to look for some new excitement.

''Don't old man Higgins' cows look peaceful? Let's shoot at them and see if they'll stampede,'' Pete said.

Andy looked at Pete in surprise.

''Mr. Higgins is old and crippled,'' Andy blurted, ''that would be a mean trick to play on him. His son isn't home this week to help him if the cows break through the fence and get out.'' Andy continued, ''You might even accidentally shoot one.''

''Listen to the Sunday school boy,'' the others jeered.

Suddenly Andy realized why his parents did not want him going around with Pete's crowd.

''I'm going home,'' he announced. ''I had no right to come along in the first place. I disobeyed my parents when I did it.''

He glanced at the sky when he heard a low rumble in the distance. Lightning flashed, and he began to run, thinking, ''What if Connie woke up and was outside in the storm?''

He was a little way from their pasture when he noticed their black Angus cattle in a wild stampede across the pasture. They were heading directly toward a small object huddled close to the ground.

Andy gave a horrified gasp as he recognized Connie!

What had he done? If Connie got hurt it would be his fault.

Suddenly his feet seemed to grow wings. He sped toward the pasture, watching wide-eyed as the herd continued its reckless pace toward his little sister.

''Oh God,'' he prayed, ''don't let anything happen to her.''

About ten feet from the little girl the cattle suddenly turned in another direction.

''Thank you, Lord,'' Andy prayed brokenly. A thought suddenly overtook him.

''Pete and the others must have done it. Instead of stampeding Higgins' cattle, they just went into our pasture to spite me.''

He reached his sister just as the first dew drops of rain began falling. Hurriedly he picked her up.

He was very quiet when he met his parents at the kitchen door, a while later.

Andy thought. ''I wouldn't have to tell my parents what happened. They wouldn't find out. Eighteen-month-old Connie isn't able to tell them.'' But he knew that Jesus would want him to tell.

''What's the matter?'' Mother asked as she eyed him.

''I disobeyed you this afternoon,'' he blurted.

Andy gulped, and then the story gushed out. After his confession, he stood there looking at them, not knowing what they would do, but feeling clean inside for having told them.

Finally his father spoke, ''I think you've learned your lesson the hard way, Son. You said you've confessed your guilt to God. He's forgiven you, and so do we.''

Andy grinned happily. ''Today I learned how important it is to obey my parents,'' he admitted.—Selected

## FEATURE

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baby always makes you walk the floor waiting, and Emmitt was as anxious as all fathers are. He just could hardly wait. Then came little William, born on August 23, 1959. William will be sixteen in just a few days and can hardly wait. Emmitt finds himself riding in the backseat of the car as William already has his permit.

Then before Emmitt knew it he was about to become a father again. On August 25, 1960, only twelve months later, beautiful little Jackie was born. We are told she gave Daddy some trying times in church until she found out who was boss. Now he says that Jackie is his housekeeper and cook as she fixes lunch for Daddy while Mama is working.

Then last, but not least, came Gary. He was born on February 25, 1964. He loved all the attention that came from big brother and sister. Daddy got him a puppy and the puppy didn't like little Gary's pulling and tugging, so he decided to bite him. But little Gary fixed him—he turned him up and got a good mouthful of the puppy's stomach, and the puppy thought maybe it was better to be pulled.

On October 18, 1966, Emmitt and Annie moved their membership to the Northeast Free Will Baptist Church from Sarecta church. In 1968, Emmitt felt that God had been speaking to him long enough and it was time to listen. On July 7, 1968, he was recommended by the people of Northeast church to be examined by the examining board to determine if he might become a licensed Free Will Baptist minister. On July 24, 1968, he received his license to preach the gospel. On July 29, 1969, Emmitt E. Jones was ordained. Serving on the Ordaining Council was the Rev. Lloyd Vernon from Richland, the Rev. David W. Hansley from LaGrange, and the Rev. Melvin K. Everington from Deep Run. One member of this council who has always been very special to Emmitt is here today to give some remarks about him, the Rev. Lloyd Vernon. All through the years Emmitt has been attending school preparing himself for the ministry. Today we have some remarks from the Rev. Frank Harrison of Mount Olive College.

"In 2 Timothy 2:15, these words are written, 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

"In the fall of 1954, Emmitt enrolled in a New Testament course at Mount Olive College. But due to family and other responsibilities, he had to withdraw in January, 1955.

"However, discouragement does not come easy for Emmitt neither does defeat. So in the fall of 1968, he enrolled again at Mount Olive College and has completed many courses since that time. Brother Emmitt is still following the command of Scripture to 'study to show thyself approved unto God,' by seeking to continue his education at Mount Olive College with determination and zeal. His philosophy is that a call to the ministry is a call to prepare."

In 1970, we, the members of Grant's Chapel, became a lucky church, as we received Mr. Jones as our pastor. Our church has made much progress under his leadership, although he is only a part-time pastor. He has been working with the Carolina Power and Light Company in Mount Olive since 1963 and serving our church each Sunday morning and on Wednesday nights at prayer meeting. However, we feel as if we have a full-time pastor. Today we have some special friends of Mr. Jones' with us to help honor him, his fellow employees.

Yes, "This Is Your Life, the Rev. Emmitt E. Jones."

## News and Notes

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While some of the group played softball, others sat in the shade and enjoyed the cool breeze blowing from the water.

After a short tour of the camp, the group returned home by cars, declaring that they had a wonderful time in Christian fellowship.

### Free Spirit Mission Schedules Weekend Revival



The Rev. Taylor Hill, director-treasurer of Home Missions, will hold a weekend revival at the Free Spirit Free Will Baptist Mission near Wilson September 5 and 6, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Dale Albertson, will assist in the services. He and the mission members extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

### Davis Church Enjoys Outing At Camp Vandemere

Thursday, August 21, the members of the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church left the church at 9 a. m. for a day's outing at Camp Vandemere. Forty-one members enjoyed the ferry ride and the short drive which took them to the camp grounds.

For lunch the group enjoyed delicious hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings. For dessert they had brownies, chocolate cake, cookies, and cinnamon rolls.

After lunch a period of devotion was held, led by Mrs. Gladys Willis. For her Scripture reading she chose Roman 5:1-5, closing with prayer, Mrs. Phyllis Willis conducted a flannelgraph story for the children. Then everyone joined together in a songfest led by Miss Cindy Williams while Mrs. Virginia Davis played her guitar. The Rev. James Evans, pastor of the church, closed the devotional time with prayer.

### Hillsberry Church to Observe Homecoming

Sunday, September 7, the Hillsberry Original Free Will Baptist Church of Clinton will observe its annual homecoming. Following Sunday school at 10 a. m., the pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker, will bring the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. At around 12:15 p. m., a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

An afternoon service of gospel singing has been planned featuring the Huntley Singers from Salemburg. The pastor and the church congregation extend a warm

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# LAYMAN LEAGUE CONFERENCE
# at
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## September 5 and 6

**Friday Night Singing**
**7:15—Until**



*Surrenders of Black Jack*



*Layman's Quartet of Tarboro*



*Haddock Family of Black Jack*



*Mr. James M. Rawls of Tarboro*
*Saturday Morning Devotion*

The Men's Choir of Goldsboro will also participate in the singing but no picture was available at this printing.

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welcome to former pastors, members, and friends of the church to attend and join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

**Central Layman's League Fellowship At Bethany Church**

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet Monday evening, September 8, at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, beginning at eight o'clock.

Henry P. Beaman, secretary-treasurer of the league, states: "If you have a league in your church, please try to get your members to attend. Our league needs your attendance at these meetings. We only meet once a quarter, and we have a lot of things to bring up that concern all of us. Let's not let our league die down. Let's work to get more men to attend and get involved.

"Ministers, please announce this in your church. If your church does not have a Layman's League, please attend this meeting and let us help you get a league started in your church.

"I will be looking forward to seeing all fellow leaguers present, along with several visitors."

## ATTENTION, ALL MISSIONS SUPPORTERS!

**In a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist a motion was passed that reads as follows:**

**"The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists ask the Home Missions Board and the Foreign Missions Board to work together in the Wednesday night's Mission Rally at the State Convention. Also, that any undesignated funds be divided equally between home and foreign mission work. All designated funds would go to their rightful place."**

**Thus, we ask you to please be sure that your monies or checks be properly marked for home missions or foreign missions. In this way there will be no misunderstanding where your funds are to be used.**

**The Home Missions Board is asking all churches to send checks in the amount of $200 or more, to the rally, earmarked for home missions. This is needed to give the department the financial boost that is so badly needed at this time. As of August 25, 1975, the home missions department had $253.44 on hand, and the department is committed to eleven home mission points.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer**
**1207 Arsenal Avenue**
**Fayetteville, N. C. 28305**

A bell is not a bell until you ring it;
A song is not a song until you sing it;
Love is not love until you can give it away.

Seven days without prayer will make one **weak**!

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## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

*The enormities of God's creations of nature are overwhelming. The intricacy of a tiny flower petal, a leaf, or an insect is so unique that we cannot help but feel awed by the wonder of God's power.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Philippians 3:7, 8

WHAT PREVENTS FILLING

When you come to the Lord, He will never send you away empty unless you come so stuffed full of yourself that there isn't room for any of His blessing.—*Youth for Christ Magazine*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If the stuffings of our heads and hearts were revealed to all mankind, would we be forced to hang our heads in shame? We conveniently forget that our thoughts and desires are as an open book to God.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

## Questions & Answers

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c. They acted in obedience to the admonition given in Ephesians 5:15-21 and Philippians 2:2-5.

d. They were recognized as brethren (see Acts 11:29; 12:17; Romans 1:13).

e. The Early Church members practiced equality (see Matthew 23:8-11).

f. They were known to be Christians as recorded in Acts 11:26.

g. They were also known as saints (see Acts 9:13; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Revelation 13:7).

h. The members were known as God's elect as stated in Mark 13:27; Romans 8:33; Ephesians 1:14.

When a local church comes up to the New Testament's standard then will it be fruitful, its members happy and content, and it will be both a witnessing and a soul-winning church. In whatever the local church falls short of, to this degree will the members thereof lack in these pleasant things. God makes available to His saints, without a worldwide vision by the church, a conscientious effort to come up to that requirement as recorded in Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20. There will always be that feeling of insecurity and want. The more obedient a Christian, the more will he realize the personal experience of David when he said, "My soul thirsteth for the Lord," and again when he said, "My soul panteth after the Lord as the hart panteth after the water brook." The Christian who seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness is the one who will always have a longing desire to draw nearer to God, with the satisfaction that God continually draws nearer to him as he grows day by day in the grace and knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord.

## NEW GROWTH

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power of God rolled the waters back and dried up the mud so Moses and his followers crossed the sea on dry ground.

There are times now that we, as the shepherd boy and Moses, face seemingly unsurmountable problems. Unless God leads otherwise, we can sit back in a state of prayer and relax as we watch God's marvelous wonders become a reality much better than anything we could have conceived and enforced.

Don't fight the devil! The Lord can do your dirty work much better than you.

## The Unmitigated Truth

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persons. This should not be a problem to us to understand. For example, I am a man, I am a father, and I am a husband: three manifestations but the same man. I am also a body, a spirit, and a soul: three aspects of the same person. If we o serve closely these sets of trip manifestations, we will see that they a perfectly coordinated into one perfe unit: **one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism**

God is alive and He is now offeri salvation to everyone who wants to saved. Anyone who wills to be saved a will hear the Word of God can be save There are not enough demons in hell on the earth that can prevent it. ". faith cometh by hearing, and hearing the word of God" (Romans 10:17 Therefore, we are to preach the Wor God does not send us to save souls; sends us to preach the Word, and God Word will convict and convince t sinner that he needs salvation. Then, y know what, God will save him.

## S. S. LESSON

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have said more than it intended. Many alcoholic has discovered that it take only one taste to capture him. Ada found this true of sin. One taste of it Eden's garden, and man was t devil's.—Selected

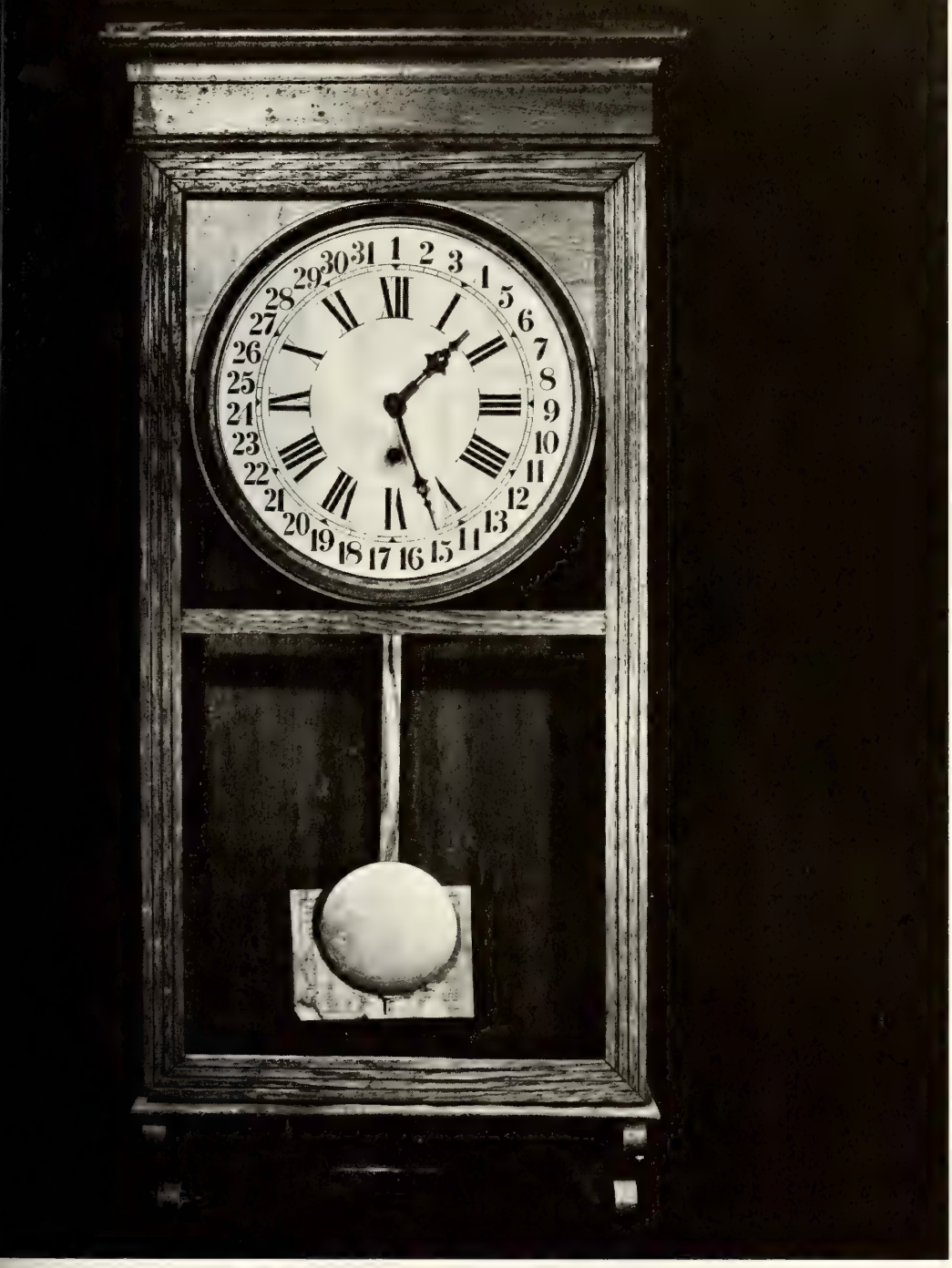
## Church Auxiliary

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A processional offering was taken the close of this service for mission The amount was $1,064.01.

It would be difficult to name everyo who contributed to the services unle we named all 128 women registered, t visitors, and the staff. I would like mention, however, the people w brought special music during the wee They were Mrs. Earl Glenn, Mrs. B Dale, Mrs. Nina Grace Register, Mr Robert Phillips, Mrs. Harold Herri Sr., Mrs. Harold Herring Jr., Miss Le McGlohon, Beverly Ballard, and Mr Vance Link. The choir, directed by Mr Dale, was a blessing to each service.

On Saturday, as we boarded the bus for home, we thought of the short trips Biltmore Estate, fabric centers, sho ping, etc. But the spiritual experiences the week were the ones that will li forever with us. Thank you Mrs. Dudle Mrs. Sasser, Brother and Sister Ballar and staff for a glorious week.



"SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!" BETTY FORD'S "SIXTY MINUTES" COMMENTS ARE DISCUSSED.

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AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1975

## SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!

We don't wish to get into a political debate, but we cannot help but voice our opinion when it comes to a moral question, admitting, of course, our own imperfections. Be that as it may, allow us the following discussion—please!

Behind the smile of Betty Ford there must be some sadness these days—if not on her part, certainly on the part of many others. Her much publicized remarks about abortion, the use of marijuana, and premarital sex as aired on the CBS program, "Sixty Minutes," have caused uproars in the press, churches, homes, and civic centers. It is quite possible that Mrs. Ford's statements were blown out of proportion; but on the other hand, she may have gotten just the effect she intended. To quote one of our friends, "A person in her position ought to have had more sense than to light such a fuse by making such statements on nationwide television." Though we would like to believe that her intentions have been misrepresented, Mrs. Ford did little to deter the ensuing criticism.

We *cannot* and *do not* in good conscience defend nor condone illicit sex, promiscuity, abortions (except when a doctor must choose between the life of the mother or unborn child), and the use of marijuana or its being legalized; and though conceivable, it is just too much to believe that the President's wife is a strong advocate of such—or is it? Certainly, some of her statements have lent themselves to *liberality,* to say the least—and in this instance, if what she wanted was public reaction, she got it!

This writer watched the notorious "Sixty Minutes" program from which the controversy arose, and at no time did we hear Mrs. Ford say that she *advocated* affairs. Neither did we hear her say that she was *against* affairs. What she did say was that she would not be *surprised* if someday her daughter were to come and tell her that she (the daughter) were engaging in one. At no time did we hear Mrs. Ford say that she *approved* of the smoking of marijuana. Neither did we hear her say that she disapproved of it. What she did say was that she (again) would not be *surprised* if her children had experimented with it, and she went further to say that she probably would do so herself if she were their age. In a manner, she equated "pot" with common cigarettes—and in our opinion, though both are hazardous, "pot" certainly is more to be feared! And, concerning abortion: Mrs. Ford uncategorically stated that she thought the legalization of it was *good*—that it should be brought out of the *"backwoods" and into the hospitals where it belonged.* She *did not* say that unwanted children should be murdered; rather, it would seem to her supporters that her main concern was that in so many cases quacks and "nurses of the night" have performed illegal abortions which have resulted in not only the deaths of many unwanted babies, but also the deaths of many young women, because of improper techniques, unsterile "operating" conditions, and subsequent infections. Yet, Mrs. Ford did not make this clear enough for our satisfaction. "Bringing it out of the backwoods into the hospitals" does not justify the abortion of a child who has a God-given right to life! It is our firm conviction that *legal* or *illegal* abortion is morally wrong. The only possible case that we can picture it as right is when the mother's life is at stake; and even this case can be debated, for some moralists feel that the baby's life is as precious as the mother's.

No one is so naive as to be blind to the reality of the goings-on about us, and though we *do not* approve of what has become the "norm" in societal behavior, we nevertheless must accept the fact that moral decadence prevails, notwithstanding our distaste for it. It is a sad state of affairs in which we find ourselves!

Mrs. Ford should have used more discretion, for a lady of her apparent influence should not have left any loopholes in her speech. She should have voiced downright *disapproval* of this generation's permissiveness. Her not being "surprised" at such and such was just not strong enough. The trouble with most people is that they jump the gun when it comes to statements made by notables—especially if these statements are of a debatable or controversial nature. And, a person of Mrs. Ford's obvious intellect should have known that. If the same or similar statements were made by someone less "important," the consequences (or impact, if you will) would not be so great. What is particularly significant is that Betty Ford *smiled* through it all *—and we cannot imagine any mother or father smiling at the possibility of one of her or his children participating in illicit sex, the use of marijuana, or other questionable*

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

by Loy Everette Ballard
(Part Seven)

## AYDEN SEMINARY AND "THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS"

ONE result of the visit of the brethren from Eastern North Carolina to the French Broad Association in 1914 and 1915 was to arouse in me a desire to go to the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden. I obtained all the information I could about the school. I talked it over with my father and other members of my family, and with my Uncle Henry. My father was agreeable, but, with the burden of a large family upon him, he did not see the possibility of helping me much. The best he could do was to help me get a job in Asheville, and promise to do what he could. My mother was not too favorable to the idea of my going so far away from home—for in those days Eastern North Carolina seemed almost like a foreign land to people who seldom ever went farther away from home than into the next county. Both my grandmothers were definitely against it. They had heard from some source that about half the people in the East got malaria fever from the bites of mosquitoes. Over and over, dear Granny Sullivan told me, "Loy, you will never get back alive if you go way down there." But I found myself getting more and more willing to take the risk.

The association, being encouraged by the delegates from the East, and with the blessing of Uncle Henry, who, though not a college man himself had always favored education, had set up a fund to help educate young preachers. At the meeting of the association in August of 1917, I was asked to go before the committee set up to control this fund. After talking with me about the seriousness of entering the ministry without a definite call from God, and being satisfied that I had such a call, they voted to give me $75 to help me go to the Seminary, and to provide some more help later if I needed it. This donation, along with what I had been able to save, made my going possible. The Sunday following the association meeting, Uncle Henry brought the matter of my call before the home church, and they voted to license me "on trial" for one year, this being the prevailing custom of that time.

School had already opened at the Seminary, so I had to get ready and go in a hurry. My grandmother Sullivan, despite all her fears, joined Mother in getting my clothing in order, my grandfather joined my father in purchasing for me a new suit, and, with some help from my Uncle Alex and my brothers pooling their small summer earnings, a pair of flannel trousers and a shiny new straw hat—tops in style that year—were added to my wardrobe.

On the last day of August, my father took me into Asheville and put me on the train for the trip to Ayden. That day I went to Selma, where I had to stop over for the night, and the next day I went on to Ayden. When I arrived at Ayden, two boys from the Seminary were there to meet me. When a trim young feller, weighing around 132 pounds and wearing a well-pressed pair of grey flannel trousers and a blue serge coat with a pair of well-shined black button shoes and a straw hat got off the train they seemed almost in a shock. They watched me from across the street until the train pulled out, and then came over and asked timidly if I were Loy Ballard. Being assured that I was, they took my new straw suitcase, and we proceeded to the Seminary, some three blocks away. Later, I learned that they were looking for a "mountaineer," wearing trousers rolled up at the bottom, a dark blue shirt open at the top without a tie, with heavy "brogans" on his feet, and wearing a big black hat.

My first few days at Ayden were not very happy ones, I must say. The mosquitoes were there, and they were biting me constantly to remind me of the dire predictions of my granny. I think that if around my third day in Ayden a witch had come along on a broom and offered to take me back home, I would have hopped on!

But I soon found that there were other things there as well as the mosquitoes. There were faculty members whose dedication to their tasks was revealed in their faces, in their devotion to their work, and in their understanding and concern for me. There were friendly boys and girls, who, after getting over their shock of learning that mountaineers were not too different from them, received me into the finest kind of fellowship I have ever known. During those days, friendships were begun which have lasted through all the years since.

I only stayed in Ayden for that one term of school, but during those months I learned a lot about the Free Will Baptists "on the other side of the mountains." The Rev. R. F. Pittman and Uncle Bill Everette were especially kind to me, taking me with them to their appointments Sunday after Sunday, where I met many fine people, with some of whom I was destined to be associated for many years of happy fellowship. Learning of my interest in young people's work, the way was opened for me to speak at a number of young people's meetings. I met Mrs. Lupton, with whom I had been carrying on correspondence regarding the Free Will Baptist League, and had an opportunity to visit with the first Free Will Baptist League at St. Mary's church in New Bern. Little did I dream that day, that one day this church would contribute much to my Christian experience and joy. Contrary to the fears I had entertained about being a misfit "over the mountains," I soon became about as much an Easterner as if I had been raised in Pitt County. True, these people were different in some ways to the Free Will Baptists of the mountains, but I found that they held the same basic beliefs

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:4
"MY OPINION OF HIM"

Hearing General Lee speak in highest terms to President Davis about a certain officer, another officer, greatly astonished, said to him, "General, do you know that the man of whom you spoke so highly to the President is one of your bitterest enemies, and misses no opportunity to malign you?" "Yes," replied General Lee, "But the President didn't ask his opinion of me, but my opinion of him!"—Arthur T. Pierson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A person's character should not be colored by our feelings toward him. An honest appraisal must not be influenced by our personal opinion.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Scripture Reading—Job 31:29
CHRISTIAN "ENEMIES"

During the fighting in New Guinea, a digger was left for dead by the side of a trail. Later he recovered consciousness and lay there expecting every moment that Japanese soldiers would arrive and finish him off. Finally four Japanese soldiers did arrive. To his surprise, instead of killing him they lifted him gently and carried him to the side of a track in another part of the forest. Before leaving him one of them said, "You will be quite safe here. Some of your countrymen will arrive soon and pick you up. We are Christians, and hate war."—*Herald of Hope*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*To remain Christian in the midst of a war is an extreme test of faith. Is our faith strong enough to endure adversities?*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 4:14
H-A-B-I-T

The only way to get rid of a bad habit is to stop it at once. If you try tapering off, this is the result. You drop the "H" and you still have—

A BIT

You think you are getting over it by dropping a little bit, so you go on and drop "A" but you still are—

BIT

That is to say, you are not getting on at all. You are deceiving yourself. You are just where you were. You are still bit by the evil thing. But you go on and drop the "B" and you still have—

IT

And "it" is the sting of habit. "It" has been the trouble all along. You are where you started. Drop "I" and you have—

T

Which stands for temptation. And temptation is a longer word to get rid of than habit. The best way is found in Romans 6:13—"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourself unto God."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The real reason many of us hold on to habits is that we enjoy them. Let's sort out our habits and cling only to the ones which are worthwhile.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:24
ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

Christ was a home missionary, in the house of Lazarus.

Christ was a foreign missionary, when the Greeks came to him.

Christ was a city missionary, when he taught in Samaria.

Christ was a Sunday school missionary, when he opened up the Scriptures and set men to studying the Word of God.

Christ was a children's missionary, when he took them in his arms and blessed them.

Christ was a missionary to the poor, when he opened the eyes of the blind beggar.

Christ was a missionary to the rich, when he opened the spiritual eyes of Zacchaeus.

Even on the Cross, Christ was a missionary to the robber, and his last command was the missionary commission.—Amos R. Wells

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ came to earth not only to make salvation possible, but also to teach by story and example how to obtain that salvation.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Scripture Reading—Joshua 23:8
OUR LORD'S MOTHER—BUT

A Romanist soldier was lyin wounded in France, when a chaplai went near him, and the wounded ma said, "I don't want you—you don' believe in 'Our Mother.' " Said th chaplain, "We respect Mary as th mother of our Lord, but you look as i you need the doctor." "Yes," said th man. The chaplain answered, "Wil you have the doctor, or the doctor' mother?" We need Jesus Christ, th great Physician, more than Hi mother.—*Christian Herald*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our parents are important to ou lives, but it is not our parents God wil look to when we are waiting to b accepted or rejected on Judgmen Day. By the same token Mary will no be seated at God's right hand, it wil be Jesus.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:15
WORTHWHILE "FOOLISHNESS"

When Pepper Martin, the Car dinal's hero of the 1931 World's Series was asked, "What is your chie ambition?" he answered, "My chie ambition is to go to Heaven!" His flippant questioner guffawed, "You want to play a harp, eh?" "Mister," said Martin, "I don't think that's funny. People don't want to be ignoble, I guess, but they surely are so without thinking. If there is anything foolish in reading the Bible everyday and believing its contents; if there's anything funny about wanting to enter heaven when you leave this life, then I'm afraid that life in this world is not worth living?"—*Now*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we become ashamed of our love of God and His Word, it is best that we take stock of our lives before our time on this earth runs out. God may not be too proud of us!*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Scripture Reading—James 5:16
A ROOFLESS HOUSE

A Scottish laborer who was a Christian man went to work for a farmer who was not a believer. The latter was a liberal paymaster, but the former stayed with him only a few days. He was asked by a neighbor why he had left. "There was no roof on the house." The Scotsman's

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** How may a Christian ecome sanctified?

**Answer:** A truly born-again Christian sanctified in the event through which e becomes a Christian. Being saved, orn again, justified, regenerated, and anctified are some of the things that the ible tells us takes place when one eceives Christ as his Lord and Saviour. he Word is preached, which has the fe-giving power or means of saving any ost soul if he believes, thus receiving nd appropriating it to his personal eeds. (See Romans 10:14-17). ". . . I m not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: or it is the power of God unto salvation to very one that believeth; to the Jew first, nd also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16); ". . . the word of God is quick, and owerful, and sharper than any woedged sword, piercing even to the ividing asunder of soul and spirit, and f the joints and marrow, and is a iscerner of the thought and intents of he heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "Not by vorks of righteousness which we have one, but according to his mercy he aved us, by the washing of egeneration, and renewing of the Holy host" (Titus 3:5); "That he might anctify and cleanse it with the washing f water by the word, That he might resent it to himself a glorious church, ot having spot, or wrinkle, or any such ning; but that it should be holy and vithout blemish" (Ephesians 5:26, 27). he church or spiritual body of which hrist is the head is what "it" in phesians 5:26 points to. (See Romans 0:9-11.)

Specifically speaking:

1. It is God the Father who sanctifies person. ". . . the very God of peace anctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be reserved blameless unto the coming of ur Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24). God who begins this process of sanctification is the One who pursues it to the end making it full and complete. "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14); "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). This last verse is found in Jesus' prayer for His disciples (which includes us and all Christians) on the eve of His arrest, trial, and crucifixion. He was committing them to the Father that He might complete that which God the Father had used Him to start in their lives. As there are past, present, and future aspects of salvation; these aspects also apply to sanctification. We were saved and sanctified in the plan of God before the foundation of the world. We are also sanctified or saved once and for all eternity when we believe and keep such Scriptures as John 3:36; Acts 16:31; and Romans 10:9-11. We are being saved day by day and moment by moment as we comply to 1 John 1:7-10; 2:2. He continues to propitiate or cover our sins with His precious blood as we continue to confess and forsake them. See Proverbs 29:1 and compare "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

2. It is also Christ the Son who sanctifies us. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10); also, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; . . .That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:25, 27); "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30); "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Hebrews 13:12).

The Bible also gives the Holy Spirit credit for sanctifying:

1. He chooses and sets apart by means of **election.** "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied" (1 Peter 1:2); ". . .we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

2. He seals the believer or puts His mark of identification on him. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).

Dr. William Evans in his book, **The Great Doctrines of the Bible,** says: ". . . He is called The Holy Spirit, not only because He is absolutely holy Himself, but also because He produces that quality of soul character in the believer. The Spirit is the Executive of the Godhead for this very purpose. It is the Spirit's purpose to war against the lust of the flesh and enable us to bring forth fruit unto holiness." "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkeness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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## MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND LIST

The following is a list of ministers participating in the Ministers' Widows' Fund as of August 31, 1975. Any Original Free Will Baptist minister of North Carolina who desires to participate may do so by sending ten dollars ($10) to the Board of Superannuation. For any additional information contact the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, c/o the Rev. Walter Reynolds, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

R. W. Allman, Saratoga
Kemery Ard, Clayton
Henry Armstrong, Dunn
J. R. Aycock, Kenly
Owen K. Arthur Jr., Aurora
Gary Bailey, Ayden
L. E. Ballard, Black Mountain
Jimmie L. Barfield, Kenly
Lloyd Barnette, Kinston
Joe Barrow, Texas
N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill
W. D. Barrow, Dunn
N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill
Edgar Benton, Fremont
Luther Bissette, Sims
Dewey Boling, Clayton
C. F. Bowen, Goldsboro
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Eddie Edwards, Vanceboro
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Melvin K. Everington, Cove City
O. B. Everett Sr., Sneads Ferry
Graham Faucette, Kenly
Wiley Ferrell, Selma
Bill Futch, Kinston
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Francis Garner, Pinetown
C. Felton Godwin, Newton Grove
J. B. Godwin, Selma
M. E. Godwin, Dunn
Milford Hales, Kenly
Bobby Harrell, Seven Springs
C. B. Hansley, Newport
James Hardee, Elizabethtown
Raymond W. Hardison, New Bern
Lloyd Hargis, Clayton
Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive
Leslie Hawley, Kenly
Taylor Hill, Fayetteville
R. N. Hinnant, Denham Springs, Louisiana
James E. Howard, Merritt
Joseph H. Ingram, Goldsboro
James F. Johnson, Hamlet
Emmitt Jones, Mount Olive
Harry A. Jones, Ayden
James V. Joyner, Kenly
Wayne King, Philippines
A. Graham Lane, New Bern
Robert Langley, Middlesex
W. O. Lassiter, Four Oaks
John R. Lee, Four Oaks
James Lupton, Pikeville
L. B. Manning, Fountain
W. A. Martin, Benson
W. R. Martin, Micro
Alton Mason, Oriental
Robert May, Ahoskie
W. J. Mayo, Winterville
Ed Miles, Goldsboro
Hilery Minchew, Kenly
Rom L. Moore, Clayton
W. L. Moretz, Swannonoa
E. C. Morris, Walstonburg
J. B. Narron, APO, San Francisco
Billy Nowell, Dunn
C. H. Overman, Ayden
W. C. Overton, Ahoskie
Maurice Owens, Wilson
L. L. Parker, Sneads Ferry
Walton E. Parrish, Kenly
C. L. Patrick, Walstonburg
Michael Pelt, Mount Olive
Jack Phillips Jr., New Bern
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Dunn
W. M. Pollard, Greenville
Wesley Price, Seven Springs
W. B. Raper, Mount Olive
Charles Renfrow, Fremont
Walter Reynolds, Ayden
Clifton Rice, Kinston
Fred Rivenbark, Durham
Robert Rollins, Pink Hill
J. E. Rowe, Newport
R. T. Sasser, Wilson
Boyd Shook, Selma
Floyd Smith, Selma
S. A. Smith, Beulaville
Grayson L. Spencer, Trinity
J. Walter Stanley, Four Oaks
J. B. Starnes, Newport
Willie Stilley, New Bern
Eugene Sumner, Raleigh
Ralph Sumner, Bridgeton
Luther Swinson, New Bern
Cooper P. Thompson, Four Oaks
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J. E. Timmons, Texas
Don Venable, Cove City
Lloyd Vernon, Mount Olive
J. D. Vernelson, Belhaven
Levie J. Ward, Tabor City
Ray Wells, Selma
John R. Williams Jr., Wilson
W. H. Willis, Kinston
Willis Wilson, Winterville
L. B. Woodall Jr., Smithfield
Herman Wooten, Garner




### PEOPLE ARE LIKE DOGS

During your lifetime, you get acquainted with many dogs. They come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, but each has his own personality.

There's Frenchie, the French Poodle. She prances around, her black button eyes geaming, a blue ribbon in her hair, letting the whole world know she sees herself as something special. She gets on well with people—that is, everyone except postmen and old lady paper carriers on bicycles. Then she fusses and fumes, barks and chases, but she wouldn't intentionally hurt a flea. She would be really sad to know her noise caused others to hurt themselves.

Then there's Deacon. (Her best friend went to Wake Forest.) She's a very bright dog in that she sings, stands at attention, and can almost talk to you. One day she took the lease of a dog friend, led him a block into her fenced-in yard. But Deacon has her peculiarities. She is frightened out of her wits by white rabbits and little foreign cars. Not big black limousines, but little foreign makes, and she doesn't know rabbits are supposed to be scared of dogs

There's Wally, the German Shepherd, a policeman's dog. He lets nothing stand in his way of protecting his family. He uses extremely loud barking showing pearl white teeth. ''That's not hypocritical barking,'' his owner said, ''scars on two people will verify the fact he means business.''

''Wally, old boy,'' I said, ''I want us to have an understanding in the beginning. I'm the boss. But if you ever decide to change sides of the fence, all I ask is a few minutes' notice.''

Then there's the medium sized ''Blackie,'' extremely friendly. One day a neighbor of his asked me to begin putting the evening paper on the porch. I was astounded! As many calories as I had burned pedaling the bike up to his porch!

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

# MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS


**Joseph Ingram**
**Director-Treasurer**
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Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

**Taylor Hill**
**Director-Treasurer**
1207 Arsenal Ave.
Fayetteville, N. C. 28305


## 100 MISSIONS AND MISSION CHURCHES WITH THE NEXT 10 YEARS

This is not just a dream; this can become a reality. I know of one church that is planning to put 100 ministers in the state of Virginia next year. This church is planning to start 100 missions the same year. This one church is also planning to put 1,000 ministers on the field within the next 5 years. I am sure of one thing, if God will help one church to do all this, I am sure He will help 300 churches that are associated with the North Carolina State Convention to start 100 missions within the next 10 years.

I am willing to put into the project all that I can, are you? I sure hope so! The Home Missions Department needs your prayers and financial support. We need, $1,000,000 within the next 10 years —that amounts to $100,000 a year. Will **you** pray about this project? Here is one of the ways we hope to raise this amount of money: We need 50 churches that will give $1,000 per year for the next 10 years, and 100 churches that will give $500 per year. Will you join the churches listed below in carrying out this project?

Black Jack Church, Greenville, $1,000
Northern Church, Bahama, $1,000
First Church, Wilson, $1,000
Eastwood Church, Fayetteville, $1,000
Holly Springs Church, Newport, $1,000
Faith Church, Morehead City, $1,000
First Church, Greenville, $600
Gum Swamp Church, Greenville, $500
Winterville Church, Winterville, $500
May's Chapel Church, Dudley, $500
Core Creek Church, Cove City, $600
Daniels Chapel Church, Wilson, $600
First Church, Tarboro, $500

If there are other churches that will make commitments, please call the Rev. Noah D. Brown, collect, at 726-4218, Morehead City; or call the Rev. Taylor Hill, director-treasurer, at 485-3980, Fayetteville.

Respectfully submitted,
Noah Brown
Board Chairman

## ADDITIONAL MATTRESS COVERS

**Recently it was brought to my attention that we needed 25 additional single mattress covers for Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain. These have been purchased and are already in use at Cragmont.**

**I plan to give to Cragmont a list of the contributors for these covers so that each one will receive the proper credit. Also, if you would like to have covers for the pillows, just keep the contributions coming.**

**Below is a recap of these purchases:**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Original Cost** | **$521.00** |
| **Additional Single Covers** | **90.89** |
| **Total Cost** | **$611.89** |
| **Nineteen Contributors** | **420.47** |
| **Balance Due** | **$191.42** |

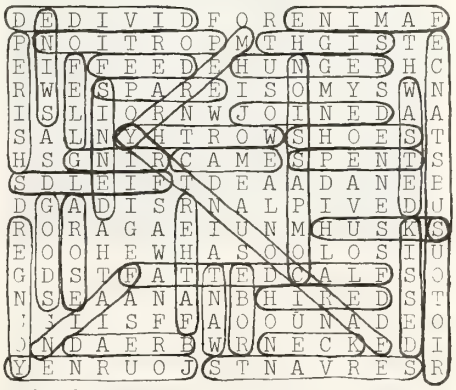
**God bless each of you is my prayer.**

**In His service,**
**Margaret Ard**

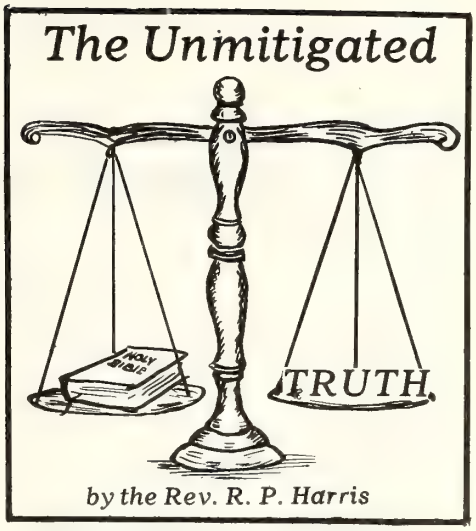
## THE PRODIGAL SON

(Luke 15:11-24)

by Mrs. Royce Matthews



In the puzzle in last week's issue of the "Baptist," the answers have been circled for you above. Were you able to find all the words which referred to the Prodigal Son? Also were you able to find the hidden message as recorded in Luke 15:24? And of course, the error: a "D" where there should be a "S"?




### THE SON'S POSITION IN SALVATION

Going with the idea that the plan of salvation originated with God the Father, that it was activated by the Son of God, and that it was sealed by the Holy Ghost of God, we continue to deal with the Bible way of salvation. While it is stated that God sent His Son into the world to redeem us, it must be made clear also that God's Son was willing to come to earth, to be born of a woman, to be born under the law that He might seek and save the lost. ". . .the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Mankind became so sinful and depraved that he found it impossible to change his life for good; therefore, God had to be made available in person—a fleshly, earthly being—in the form of human kind to reach the lost and dying man, Jesus is the One, the only One, who could do this; so He came to rescue and redeem the lost!

Not only did Christ come to rescue and redeem the lost, He came to give His life a ransom. He came prepared to pay whatever price was necessary to redeem man. The law says that the sinner must die for his sins. The sinner has no chance to be saved unless he can find a substitute—a person approved of God to take his place. The sinner has such a person in the Son of God; and God is willing to save anyone who will profess faith in His Son and become a new creature through the miracle of the new birth (a spiritual birth) to a new life in God through the inspiration and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The mission of Christ is suggested in Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**St. Mary's Church**
**Homecoming, September 14**



The Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of Route 3, Kenly, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 14, with the Rev. Gary M. Bailey, pastor of Elm Grove church near Ayden, bringing the homecoming message. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church. An afternoon singspiration has been planned.

The pastor, the Rev. Leslie Hawley, and the church membership extend a warm welcome to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend these services.

**Miles Family to Present**
**Program at Kinston Church**

The Miles Family, a singing group, will present a program of singing at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, Saturday evening, September 13, beginning at 7:30. The program is being sponsored by the youth department of the church. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

**Eastern District**
**Youth Convention**

The Youth Convention of the Eastern Conference will be held Saturday, September 20, at the Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Grantsboro. The convention will begin at four o'clock in the afternoon. Following the afternoon session, supper will be served. For the evening service there will be a guest speaker and special singing. All the youth of the district as well as visitors are invited to attend.

**Pleasant Plain Revival**
**September 15-19**



Revival services are scheduled for Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Selma, for the week of September 15-19, beginning nightly at 7:30. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Durham. The Pleasant Plain church is located on the old Smithfield-Wilson Highway. A warm welcome is extended to everyone by the church membership to come and hear Mr. Rivenbark. All singers are welcome to attend and render special music durin the week.

**Homecoming to Be Observed**
**By the Rosebud Church**

The Rev. Douglas Skinner, pastor o the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church announces homecoming services to b held Sunday, September 14. Following the regular morning worship service dinner will be served in the Elm City Grange Hall. At 2 p. m. an afternoon o good gospel singing has beer scheduled. Special singers included ir the sing will be the Steeplaires of the First church of Wilson, the Oak Grove Gospel Boys from the Oak Grove church, and others.

The Rosebud church is located one-half mile off Highway 301, near the Firestone plant. The pastor and the church membership invite everyone to attend and enjoy the Christian worship and fellowship.

**Johnnie Bullman to Conduct**
**Jackson Heights Revival**

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, 2916 Camelia Street, Kinston, the week of September 15-20, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Everette Harper, will be assisting in the services. Along with good gospel preaching, special music will be a part of each service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**N. C. State Convention**
**To Meet in Wilson**

The Sixty-Third Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 17, 18, 1975, in the American Legion Hall, Wilson, with the president, the Rev. Robert May, presiding. The scheduled program is as follows:

**Wednesday Morning Session**

8:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates

9:30—Convention Called to Order by the Secretary, Mr. Gary Barefoot

—Congregational Singing, the Rev. Clyde Cox, Leading

—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev.

N. D. Beaman
9:50—Address of Welcome, the Rev. Leslie Hawley
—Response, the Rev. Willis Wilson
9:55—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Recognition of Visitors
—Appointment of Committees
10:05—President's Message, the Rev. Robert May
10:20—Report of Executive Board
10:40—Report of Foreign Missions Board
11:00—Report of Mount Olive College
11:20—Morning Worship Service:
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Morning Offering
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. James B. Hardee
12:00—Noon Recess

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Curtis Jones
1:15—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.
1:30—Representative from Christian Action League
1:45—Report of General Conference
1:55—Business Session:
Report of Commission on Scouting
Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Report of North Carolina Ministerial Association
Report of State Sunday School Convention
Report of State League Convention
Report of Home Missions and Church Extension Board
Report of Superannuation Board
Report of Camp Vandemere
Report of Chaplain's Commission
Report of Church Finance Association
3:30—Miscellaneous Business

**Evening Session**

7:30—Missionary Rally

**Thursday Morning Session**

9:30—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez
9:45—Business Session:
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Cragmont Assembly
Report of Layman's League Board
Report of the Historical Commission
10:45—Miscellaneous Business
11:00—Report of Children's Home
11:20—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Offering
Sermon, the Rev. M. E. Cox
12:00—Noon Recess

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Bill Dale
1:15—Report of Temperance Committee
—Report of Obituary Committee
—Report of Resolutions Committee
—Report of Nominating Committee
—Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Frank L. Walston
3:30—Adjournment and Benediction

Song Leader: the Rev. Clyde Cox
Organist: the Rev. R. P. Harris

The songbooks, SELECTED HYMNS OF FAITH, are used by courtesy of the Free Will Baptist Press. The organ and piano are being furnished, compliments of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., representatives of Frederick's House of Music, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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about Christ and the gospel truths that I had been brought up in. I learned that there were more of them than I ever dreamed there were, and that they had on an average better church buildings than our mountain people. One thing that was a little difficult for me was their practice of feet washing. This practice had been listed in the Articles of Faith of most of the mountain associations, but it had been practiced but little. I regret to say that I had never been in a feet-washing service until I attended one at Reedy Branch church while a student at the Seminary, and took part in the service. I confess that I was a little reluctant at first, but I came away from that service a full believer in following this humble example of my Lord. I have joyously practiced the ordinance, and faithfully defended it, throughout the years since that Saturday afternoon quarterly conference I attended at Reedy Branch.

I kept a diary during my stay at the Seminary, but unfortunatly it was lost during the early years of my ministry, and I have only my memory to guide me in these notes. I do remember that we had a fine ministerial class, composed of around twenty boys and men from North and South Carolina and Georgia. The Rev. R. F. Pittman was in charge of the ministerial department, who was a wonderful instructor and a good friend to us. Some of us are still living and have enjoyed sweet fellowship over the years, but several have finished their work and gone on to be with the Lord. I have always been thankful that I had the opportunity to go to the Ayden Seminary for this one term, and for the greater knowledge I received of the fine Free Will Baptists "on the other side of the mountains."

(Next Week: Awakening Churches)

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Charlie T. Rice Jr. announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church interested in his service may contact him by writing P. O. Box 445, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; or telephoning 637-5775.

## Coming Events . . .

September 17, 18—North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, American Legion Hall, Wilson, North Carolina.

The nonconverted, nonconvinced, nonconcerned, noncourageous will not go soul winning, so it is left to us to know Him and to work for Him.

A person has really grown-up when he can make a mistake and laugh about it.

The church should be in the world evangelizing it instead of the world in the church paralyzing it.

# FREE WILL BAPTISTS And the BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

by Michael Pelt, Chairman
Department of Religion
Mount Olive College

DIVERSE groups in communities all across our nation are joining hands to celebrate the beginnings of a new nation two hundred years ago. Activities of many kinds are being planned which will draw attention to the early history of the United States with the aim of increasing our knowledge and appreciation of our American heritage.

Among those who will participate in this bicentennial celebration are the churches of the nation, especially those which are aware of their own heritage in the larger context of American history. The role of the various denominations, separately and jointly, in creating a climate favorable to the free exercise of religion in America will likely be described by ministers, authors, and journalists who are familiar with the subject. It is also likely that there will be some discussion of the future of the churches in America as part of the concern for the preservation of what is best in American life.

There are good reasons why Free Will Baptists should be involved in the bicentennial celebration and why the North Carolina State Convention should encourage our participation. It was in North Carolina that the denomination called Free Will Baptist had its beginning in this country. The earliest Baptists in North Carolina were General Baptists, among whom were such ministers as Paul Palmer and Joseph Parker. It is to the labors of such men as these, especially the latter, that we owe our existence as a denomination. Although Palmer's ministry was probably ended before 1750, Joseph Parker enjoyed a long and fruitful ministry of more than sixty years. At the time of the American Revolution he was laboring in the area of Pitt and Dobbs (now Greene and Lenoir) Counties. In 1791, he was laid to rest near Wheat Swamp church, which he had founded perhaps thirty years before his death.

It is clear that our history extends back a half century before the Declaration of Independence and that Free Will Baptists are among the oldest denominations in North Carolina. Although the records of this early period are not as ample as we would like, we owe it to ourselves to learn what we can about this part of our history and to inform others who may be interested. A better knowledge of our past will throw some light on the present situation and will help us to build a better future. The bicentennial provides an excellent opportunity for Free Will Baptists to examine their entire history as a part of the history of the churches in America so that our role in the life of this nation may be seen more clearly.

How can the average Free Will Baptist church or the members of that church become involved in the bicentennial in such a way as to focus attention on our denominational heritage? I want to suggest several possibilities, some of which can easily be added to the calendar of activities in your church between now and July 4, 1976. Pastors and lay leaders who are concerned about planning meaningful activities in the life of the congregation will hopefully find something here to stimulate their imagination and can perhaps add some suggestions of their own.

A good way to begin your participation is by reading one or more books on Free Will Baptist history. There are several from which to choose, but the latest published are these: **The Free Will Baptist Church** by Floyd B. Cherry and **An Early History of Free Will Baptists (1727-1830)** by William F. Davidson. Of these the first was written to provide a brief account of the history of the denomination in North Carolina, as well as an exposition of its doctrine and polity. The latter focuses on the earliest period of Free Will Baptist history, from the beginnings of the movement in the first half of the eighteenth century until its establishment and identity as a denomination in the early nineteenth century.

One or both of these books could be used as material for a study course on Free Will Baptist history in your local church. The pastor or a lay leader could initiate plans for such a study course and the church could be asked to approve the idea, as well as such matters as the dates and the person who will teach the course. Two or more churches can cooperate in sponsoring a study course of this kind. This past spring about forty adults from three churches in Duplin and Onslow Counties were enrolled in a ten-week course on the Free Will Baptist Church which met at Bethlehem church. Each spring semester, which begins the first week in January, Mount Olive College offers a night course on the Free Will Baptist Church which meets once a week at a cost to the student of only ten dollars. One of these avenues of study can make it possible for you or your church to become more knowledgeable about the history of Free Will Baptists.

When the founders and early leaders of the denomination have become familiar names to the members of your church, the pastor will perhaps be willing to plan a special Sunday service to honor these men. The sermon could call attention to their labors as described in Davidson's book cited above. The sense of mission and the faithfulness of men like Joseph and William Parker can provide inspiration for today's generation of church leaders.

A knowledge of denominational history may lead one to seek a knowledge of the history of his own local church and of the conference to which it belongs if his interest did not begin at this point. Any member can collect items bearing on the history of his local church, though the official records will probably be in the possession of the clerk. You are fortunate if the records have been preserved since the organization of the church. In many cases older members will be able to provide information concerning earlier days in the history of the church, either their own personal recollections or an account of the recollections of deceased members. Photographs of the church and of its former pastors and lay leaders are excellent source material. These photographs, properly arranged, can present a pictorial history and will add greatly to the value of the completed

work. Enlarged photographs of this kind ould be displayed at the church during he bicentennial year. When enough aterial from these sources has been athered, someone should be designated y the church to prepare a written ac-ount, which can be printed and istributed to all members and to other nterested parties at a nominal cost. ither an annual homecoming or the nniversary date of the founding of the hurch is an excellent time to publish the istory of a local church.

The preparation of materials for a local hurch history will usually call attention o the founding pastor and lay leaders of he earliest congregation. Likewise, ormer pastors and outstanding laymen f the past will receive recognition for heir contributions to the development of he church. It would be appropriate to lan an occasion to honor these men and vomen. A special service or a dinner at vhich these persons are cited for their vorks would help to remind present hembers of the congregation that they re part of a community which spans the enerations.

If members of your church have done good job of preparing a local church istory, you would do well to let this be nown to the officials of the conference o which your church belongs and ncourage other churches to do ikewise. Interest generated by such ocal histories can lead to a desire for the onference to initiate such a project of its wn. Although the complete minutes of several conferences belonging to our State Convention have been preserved, ot one of these conferences to my knowledge has yet produced an official ccount of its history, describing its rigin, development, and activities. Such onference histories would help to enerate more interest and enthusiasm or conference programs.

Another idea which can easily be mplemented is to plan a visit to one or nore of the oldest Free Will Baptist hurches and learn all you can about hem. They include Little Creek and Grimsley, located on North Carolina 102 n Greene County, and Gum Swamp near Belvoir, in Pitt County. One should also isit Wheat Swamp Christian Church, ormerly Free Will Baptist, in Lenoir County, as well as the grave site of oseph Parker, which is about one-fourth nile northeast of the church. A map of he area would enable persons traveling by car or bus to visit all of these locations in a single afternoon.

Still another idea involving travel is to visit one of the denominational institutions and study its origin and development. Officials at these institutions (Mount Olive College, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Cragmont Assembly) will be glad to arrange for a visit by an individual or a group from any church.

On October 12, 1974, a group of persons interested in preserving historical data concerning Free Will Baptists met at Mount Olive College and organized the Free Will Baptist Historical Society. The aims of the society include: (1) the gathering of materials for the Free Will Baptist Collection at Mount Olive College, (2) encouraging and supporting research on Free Will Baptist history in cooperation with other agencies, and (3) the dissemination of knowledge about the history of Free Will Baptists. Our participation as a denomination in our nation's bicentennial provides additional incentive to work toward the achievement of these aims. You can also support these aims by becoming involved in activities of the kind we have suggested during this bicentennial year. These activities in your church can reach their climax on bicentennial Sunday on July 4, 1976, which should be a special occasion in the life of your church, as you join with other churches across the nation in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the nation's beginning.

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## ATTENTION DISTRICT PROGRAM-PRAYER CHAIRMEN

Do all the auxiliaries of your district use this card?



I Pledge
to go to the foot of the cross daily at one of the following hours
8 - 10 A.M. ● 12 - 2 P.M. ● 9 -10 P.M.
to remember
my denominational work, my nation, the needy and those without Christ.

As our women carry this prayer reminder with them, they remember daily their covenant with God to pray for our denominational work, our nation, the needy, and the unsaved.

As the women from across our state and other states pray together at one of the given times, we believe that God will bless in a mighty way the various groups of people who are working to carry out the Great Commission given by Jesus. This commission is "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. . . ." (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Jesus said, ". . . all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22).

One definition of prayer is "the conversation of the heart, addressed to God, in making supplication, in giving thanks, and in offering praise." Certainly every auxiliary member can converse with God and thus have some part in the work God has given us to do.

May we, as program-prayer chairmen in our various districts, encourage our women to make full use of this privilege given by God to each of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr.
Program-Prayer Chairman
N. C. State Auxiliary Convention

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## MRS. LILLIE GODWIN

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

Jesus spoke these words of promise to His faithful children, and we are sure that our beloved friend, Mrs. Lillie Godwin, had this blessed privilege on June 20, 1975, when she passed away in the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Wilson, North Carolina, at the age of 81.

She bore her illness in a most humble and acceptable manner. She was a faithful member of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, and a member of Circle I of the Woman's Auxiliary. She loved her church and was always happy to attend the services when she was able. It was a joy and a privilege to labor in God's kingdom with her, and we are grateful for that privilege.

She was married to the late Johnny Godwin, who was also a member of our church. They were blessed with one daughter and three sons: Evelyn Stant and Everett of Wilson, and Ray and L. V. of Lucama. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly. They were faithful and kind to her in her declining years and did all they

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# MY BROTHER'S BROTHER

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 4:1-15
**Memory Verse:** 1 John 4:20

## I. INTRODUCTION

"Am I my brother's keeper?" These words of Cain spoken back in the very beginning of the human race keep coming up in our hearts again and again. This may well be the most oft-repeated question in the Old Testament, for it is a question that needs asking again and again.




The ancient Hebrew, centuries after Cain's time, as well as his counterpart today, the Jew, was one who lived much to himself. He recognized no one outside his race and religion to be important enough for his association. Because he was a "peculiar" person and lived in a world of his own, sheltered by the promise of Jehovah that He would give him the world, the Hebrew had had no brothers beyond his own kind.

But we are New Testament people, children of grace, products of divine love, saved by the blood of the Lamb, and are on our way to glory. We are such people not because we deserve to be or because we have earned the right to be. We are the children of grace because of Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Because we are who we are, we must recognize the fact that, potentially, all men are our brothers; that we are responsible to each of them to bring them the news of saving grace. If we fail in this noblest of all tasks we no longer deserve the right to be called the sons of God.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Perhaps Eve did not realize the enormity of her sin until she sat with the bloody body of her murdered son in her arms and realized that it was her other son that did it, and that all of this was caused by what she and Adam did in Eden. Often it takes a catastrophe to convince men and women of the enormity of sin.

B. Cain and Abel should have been very close. They were brothers and the very first to be born in the world. Yet, jealousy came in and drove them so far apart that one slew the other. Here is the nature of jealousy. It drives apart those who should be close together.

C. After Cain had slain Abel, the Scriptures say that he went away from God. It has been said that life is like a bicycle—we must keep moving. We come closer and closer to God or we go further and further away. He went further away.

D. What was the mark God placed upon Cain? We do not know. It surely must have been something that others could see easily. Whatever it was, there is no indication that it was passed on down to others. Cain's descendants died in the flood. Remember?

E. How can we fulfill our responsibility to others? May we suggest some ways: (1) We should pray for others; (2) we should witness to others; tell them what Christ has done for us; (3) we should set an example for others in our daily lives; (4) we should support the institutions that have as their motive the salvation of mankind.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. How often we hear the rhetorical question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" with which Cain tried to evade God's inquiry. It is an interesting fact that God did not answer the question. He did not say, "Yes, you are!" Nor did He say, "No, you are not!" Instead, He asked another question, "What hast thou done?" The meaning was, "What have you done **to** your brother?" If God were to ask this question of us, perhaps His meaning would be, "What have you done **for** your brother?" What can you best do for him? If he is mentally incompetent, he may need a guardian. If he is lying injured, he may need a doctor. But if he is just an ordinary human being, he needs none of these things. He needs a brother.

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,
Where mercy dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed, a prayer.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

God's answer to Cain's question wasn't given until He sent Jesus Christ into the world. He did not come to be our keeper. He came to be our brother, our Savior, and our Lord!—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

Charles Spurgeon once preached: "Where is Abel thy brother? Down in a back street in London. He is half drunk already. Have you done anything, friend, toward reclaiming of the drunkard? Where is your sister?—your sister who frequents the midnight streets? Have you ever done anything toward reclaiming her?"—C. F. Bowen

# STORIES

## for our youth



## A LIGHT FROM ABOVE

Dan Harman

GOOD old Miss Tester, Herb said to himself. She's a fine ady, but she doesn't check roll after unch. He knew, for he'd been checking on her.

So after lunch, Herb put his plan into action. It **has** to work, he told himself. It was his first time to skip out of school.

Herb was a fine boy—usually. He obeyed his teacher, parents, and church eaders. But he felt he **had** to cut loose his one day.

He gulped down his lunch, slipped through the crowded cafeteria, and headed out a side door. In ten minutes he seemed to be worlds apart from school. He gazed at pizza-makers tossing the dough, policemen waving and blowing their whistles, and tall buildings which seemed to touch the sky. Herb was downtown by himself for the first time.

Then an air hammer caught his ear. He dashed to a building site and watched. His wide eyes followed the steel beams being hoisted; the air hammers riveting; and the men, stripped to their waists, hurrying about their tasks. From this would rise a skyscraper.

The minutes dragged into hours as Herb watched. Then a bright idea hit him: I'll wait till they all leave, and then I'll slip down there. I'll sit on the seat inside that huge derrick and get the real feeling of building a skyscraper.

He waited. Then he got another idea. I'll use my quarter to get a bite to eat. Then I'll come back after the workers have all gone home. He did it. He ate, and, as he was slowly walking back to the building site, he heard several shrill whistles. Then the men started leaving the site to go home.

In another fifteen minutes, Herb was slipping toward the building site. He walked all around the huge machinery and pretended he was a foreman barking orders. "You, there," he'd yell. "Let's get that concrete moving!" It was great fun.

Somewhere downtown a clock struck seven. The sun was almost down. Herb broke out in a cold sweat. Oh, no, is it seven already? I had better get home, or Dad will whip me for sure, he thought grimly.

He hopped down from a derrick and started across the broken ground. The darkness was settling fast. As he rounded a huge rock, his foot slipped. Suddenly a black hole loomed up alongside him. Before he could think of how to avoid it, his foot went limp under him, and he slipped into the hole. Oh, if there's water in it, I'll drown, his mind flashed. There was about a foot of water at the bottom. Herb got soaked after plunging about twelve feet downward.

He started climbing out, but the rocky sides of the hole and the slick, muddy footing kept him falling backward into the hole.

Herb started yelling. He hadn't seen anyone for an hour while he was climbing on the machinery. But maybe someone would come now.

"Help! Help! I'm over here. Help!" He yelled and yelled till he was hoarse. Was that noise a car? "Help! Help! I'm down here!" But it was no use.

An hour slipped by. Herb was getting cold. Then he remembered God. But He wouldn't help Herb, would He? Herb had skipped school to be there. Herb had been planning a lot more afternoons off like this. No, prayer won't help, the unhappy boy decided.

Still, it might not hurt. Herb finally bowed his head. His voice was shaky from the cold. But he prayed, "Dear God, please help me. Please get me out of here. I'll freeze by morning if you don't. And please help my folks not to worry."

Back at the Thompson home, things were in sad shape. The police had been notified. Mr. Thompson had traced the steps that Herb always took home. Mrs. Thompson had even driven to the schoolteacher's home. "Miss Tester, can't you tell us anything? We're sick with fear." But it was no use; Herb couldn't be found.

Herb started cheering up. He sang all the verses of all the hymns he knew. He promised God never to skip school again. He even promised to go to both church and Sunday school without complaining if only he could get out.

"God, please speak to me. Please let me know you care." His eyes looked heavenward. But not even a star brightened his view.

"Please, God, help me."

A beam of light hit Herb's face. Was it an angel or a vision from heaven? "Is that you, God?" Herb asked.

"No, sonny, it's just Patrolman Guinn. If you're Herb Thompson, you've got some pretty worried parents at home looking for you."

A rope and a steady hand had Herb out and home in ten minutes. "And sonny, you keep away from that construction work from now on," Officer Guinn said as he left the Thompson home.

An hour later, Herb and his dog were in his room. A full stomach, a bath, and some warm covers made a lot of difference.

"You know, Toby," Herb said to his dog, "that policeman said he wasn't God, but I still believe God sent him." Toby licked his face, and they both went to sleep.—Selected

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## MRS. LILLIE GODWIN

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could to make her comfortable and happy.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes, and she was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson.

We do miss her, but we believe she is resting in that blessed and happy place that Jesus went to prepare for all who are faithful to Him.

It is with sad hearts that we, the members of Circle I, submit the following resolutions of respect to our deceased member and friend, Mrs. Lillie Godwin:

**First**, that we pray God's richest blessings on her family and friends.

**Second**, that we strive to live day by day as our dear sister and that we realize our earthly separation is only temporary for we look forward to that glorious life where there will be no more parting.

**Third**, that we send a copy of these resolutions to her family, a copy to be placed in the minutes of Circle I and in the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary, and that a copy be sent to **The Free Will Baptist** for publication.

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
We shall sing together again,
With fellowship and kindred minds,
Where there is no sorrow or pain.

We praise God for He is glorious;
His promise shall never fail.
He has made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Amy Blalock
Mrs. Pearl Raper
Mrs. Pearl Blalock

## MY PRAYER

by Lindia Craft

Lord, forgive me. Each day I wake up with a new enthusiasm to make new plans to do thy work. But somehow, Lord, as the morning begins little problems work their way into my world of sunshine and grace. By noon, I am discouraged and late evening brings promises to do better the next day.

Help me, Lord, when I fall to stand again. Give me a smile and a song in my heart.

Help me to have the joy in the morning and all the day long. Amen.

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

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meaning may be found in the saying of an old writer, who affirms that a dwelling in which prayer is not lifted up to God daily is like a house without a roof, in which there can neither be peace, comfort, nor safety.—*King's Business*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*To spend our lifetime in a house in which the presence of God is unwelcome is so unpalatable to a Christian as to be impossible.*

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## Questions & Answers

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts'' (Galatians 5:17-24).

Then the true Christian or believer as he was referred to in the Early Church is not only one who acts in accordance with and manifests the characteristics of the Godhead, He is one that displays negative qualities as he opposes sin. Christ, because of His divine nature, was One who had hated sin and always will hate sin and oppose it in every way and at all times. The same is true of the sanctified Christian. He is set apart in Christ and the more perfectly he conforms to the image of Christ the more perfectly will he reflect Christ, acting in harmony with Him and with the Holy Spirit. Being crucified to the world and the world to the Christian symbolizes that state or condition of dying to the interests of the natural or unconverted man. It puts the Christian at odds with the world and all that is worldly, including any unsaved friends and loved ones that he associated with in a favorable manner before he was saved, including parents, brothers, sisters, etc. ''If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.'' (Luke 14:26, 27).

## The Unmitigated Truth

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man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.'' There is absolutely nothing man can offer in the way of ministering to Christ. Man has nothing to offer and there is nothing he can do for Christ that will improve Him or help Him in any way. He is perfect in person and in power, and He has absolutely no need for anything humans can offer Him. He did not come for man to minister to Him, but He did come with something to offer man. Many so-called Christians and worldly people act as though they are doing Christ a service to refrain from evil or to actually participate in some Christian service! Just remember, Jesus does not need what you can do for Him, but you need to do what Christians are supposed to do for your own well-being and spiritual security. The need is with you not with Christ. Christ is eternal and you can only become eternal in Christ when you are ''accepted in the beloved.''

So, Christ came to die for the sinner! All have sinned, therefore no one can die for his own sins or the sins of another. Christ is the answer! He died in your place. ''Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain converstion (manner of living) received by tradition from your Father; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot'' (1 Peter 1:18, 19). Not silver, nor gold, nor even the sacrifice of oneself can man be redeemed but by the precious blood of Christ!

## New Growth

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''It must be Blackie,'' he finalized.

There stood Blackie, expressing the same friendliness as everyday, but all the while, behind my back, he had been destroying my precious work.

Begin reading again at the beginning and imagine these are people. Had you thought before how much people are like dogs?

Next time you become intoxicated with self-importance, self-esteem, and self-righteousness (and we all do at times), here is a sobering thought: somewhere in my community, there's a dog running around with a personality just like mine.

## SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!

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*activities.* The very suggestion that it were possible seemed (from where we sit) to be an affront to her children, even. How must the daughter have felt at her mother's seeming lack of confidence?

No one can say that Mrs. Ford's word is law, no matter how it is interpreted; and, no one has to follow her ''style.'' Still, a woman in her position, who is an admitted woman's libber, should have been more careful. If she were out to get publicity, she accomplished her task—to the tune of hundreds of letters a day to ''Sixty Minutes,'' to say nothing of the numerous newspaper articles and sermons preached on and because of her liberalism. Certainly we cannot place all the blame on Mrs. Ford, for ''Sixty Minutes'' has capitalized at other times on ''put-you-on-the-spot'' tactics. Despite that, Mrs. Ford could have avoided all this upheaval had she made some statement such as, ''I choose not to discuss that. . .'' or ''I don't subscribe to immorality.'' One thing in her *favor* (in our opinion) is that she did well in making it clear that she believed in God and that both she and her husband prayed to Him daily. Also of particular significance is her making public her cancer operation, the disclosure of which we are told helped save the lives of thousands of American women. So, to give Mrs. Ford her dues, she cannot be blackballed completely.

Notwithstanding that, we wonder how Betty Ford feels today. We wonder if she would be as free with her words if the opportunity for self-expression availed itself again. Her statements seemed riddled with the dangerous-tendency doctrine of free speech, and she might very well smile through it all again to save face, with no apology for the apparent damage she has done. We cannot know. . . .

Though we'd prefer not to believe it of her, it has been said by radio and television commentators that Betty Ford ''couldn't care less''—one way or the other. One thing is for certain, though: *God cares one way or the other*—and His judgment is final—despite the ''smiles'' of immorality!

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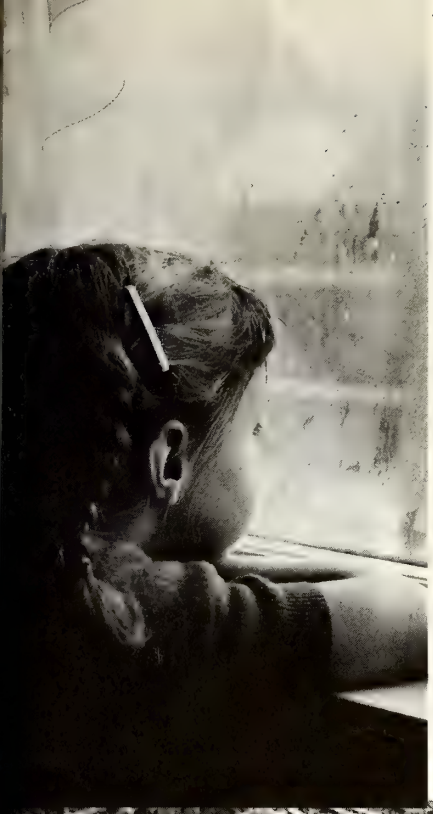


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**As long as there are fatherless and motherless children because of accidents in which alcohol was a factor, and as long as there are children who are destined to lives of permanent debilitation because of drunken drivers, the case against alcohol must be heard! God save us from this menace to society!**

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## ALCOHOL HAS A HELL ALL ITS OWN

The sign on the car read: "I'm a *Milk* Drinker." Now that's not significant enough to make you jump up and down, unless you are a dairyman or someone who considers the millions of *alcohol* drinkers and the ills caused by such consumption. In spite of the fact that few people would be so bold as to advertise their use of the strong brew with window or bumper stickers, the fact is not altered that more than a few partake of it—and to excess! And *why* is alcohol more popular than milk?

Alcohol has been hammered into the ground by us and other opponents, but there remains more to be said; and more will be said as long as the menace continues to be a part of our society. As long as there are fatherless and motherless children because of accidents in which alcohol was a factor, and as long as there are children who are destined to lives of permanent debilitation because of drunken drivers (or alcoholic mothers, even), our case must be heard repeatedly. Hammering *alcohol* into the ground is kinder indeed than lowering a *human being* into a cold grave. . . .

One contemplates the use of alcohol, and those like us who oppose its use except by doctors' orders ponder the reasons for its consumption. First, it has become the "social" thing to do. Almost invariably, the first thing one is offered when he visits in a home (before he's seated even) is a "drink." Usually there is an assortment from which he can choose, and if he prefers a mixed drink to a straight one the host can usually concoct it to the guest's approval. This writer was the guest in a Christian home of a university department head, and the hostess served a drink prior to the delicious meal; but, this drink was nonalcoholic—a punch-like mixture of fruit juices. This prompted us to consider that the same purpose was served, so far as a "social grace" was concerned, but it was done graciously and without any offense.

Most authorities of etiquette state that one has the right to refuse an alcoholic drink; still, the nondrinker is often made to feel uncomfortable when he does refuse. This writer can attest to this fact, for on one occasion he refused wine and was told in definite tones by the host that he (the host) suffered insult at the refusal of his "best wine." "Do you," he asked "also refuse to participate in holy communion?" The writer explained, but to the host's obvious chagrin, that the fermented wine and the grapejuice used by our Baptist churches could not be equated and that the rite of holy communion was a sacred ordinance whereas (to the host) the social drink he offered served no purpose save that of being "sociable," which this writer chose not to be. Too, it was explained, again to listless ears, that "wine is a mocker" and that strong drink leads to a host of human errors and subsequent sorrows.

So, *first*, drinking has become the "social" thing to do. *Second*, drinking has become a "steadier of the nerves." On TV and in personal contact we enter upon situations where the first thing one does when he's upset is either to take a drink himself or have one offered to him by another person who wants to play doctor. "This will calm you down" is often the advice. The glass is extended; the hand grabs it, and you know the rest . . . . *Third*, drinking has become the precusor or harbinger of euphoria (an opiate for society) and the answer to every need in the forgetting of all the "terribles" of life—until—yes, until the effects wear off and the foolish one is left with red eyes, an aching head, a sick stomach, and the pallor of a hangover. *Fourth*, drinking has become a disease (so-called). To begin with one takes a drink, and pretty soon the *drink takes the person* until the person is no longer in control of himself or any situation. Even small frustrations compel a drink. The first few drinks compel others, and soon the victim is hooked. He trembles, pulls his hair, wrings his hands, screams, walks the floor, cringes at slight noises, and is gradually reduced to a sorry sight of a person with bottle in hand, confused mind, broken spirit, and wasted life. It's sad, isn't it? All this because of a "happy" liquid in which there is no harm say its advocates. No harm, indeed!

Doctors—even those who partake of the stuff—will tell you that alcohol is harmful to the body and mind. Each drink, we are told, destroys certain brain cells that are irreplaceable; and though this degeneration is slight, few of us have brain cells to spare. Liver problems, kidney diseases, and stomach ulcers are some of the physical dangers. The spiritual ill effects deserve much comment, but these are really obvious; therefore, we shall not expound upon them. Suffice it to say that God does not look favorably upon the use of alcohol.

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## AWAKENING CHURCHES

by Loy Everette Ballard

(Part Eight)

UPON returning to Asheville in the spring of 1918, I went back to my old job in the office of Canie Brown Industries. While I had been away in school, the Rev. Bob Self had started a mission work in Asheville, and I began working with this mission in my spare time during the week and on Sundays.

During the summer I was contacted by the deacons of Cedar Hill church, whose pastor had resigned, about pastoring their church. I agreed to work with them as a licensed preacher until the meeting of the French Broad Association in August; and then become their regular pastor if the association saw fit to ordain me. My church recommended my ordination, and the Ordaining Council of the French Broad Association proceeded to ordain me as an "elder," or minister of the gospel, at the annual session in August held at the Mount Zion church in Madison County. The following Sunday I became the regular pastor of Cedar Hill church, and two weeks later I became also pastor of New Bridge Chapel church (later renamed the Asheville church). I was to alternate in preaching two Sundays each month in each of the churches. The Cedar Hill church had been having services two Sundays each month for several months, but I was the first twice-a-month preacher at New Bridge. Incidentally, during the years of my ministry I have been the first two-Sundays-per-month pastor of around twenty churches—but more about this later.

The next few years saw an awakening of many Free Will Baptist churches to better methods of carrying on the church work. I certainly do not want to claim any undue credit for this, but I do believe my steadfastly sticking to some of the ideas about how to carry on church work had something to do with this new progressiveness—especially among the mountain churches. I was severely tried on this point at New Bridge Chapel. It had been the custom there for the preacher to ask at the close of his sermon and the altar call that invariably followed, "Does anybody have anything to say?" If no one responded he repeated the invitation once or twice, depending upon how badly he needed an offering! In time a deacon would get to his feet and say that he thought an offering for the preacher should be taken, and start around with his hat. (If there were offering plates in any of the churches at that time, I knew nothing about it.)

One Sunday morning I gave them a real shock! I did not intend to do so, and if I had known the church a little better, I guess I would have hesitated. That morning after the song leader got through and made the usual statement, "I now turn the service over to our pastor," I announced that I had a message for that morning which I wanted to leave on the minds of the people, so I would like for the deacons to take their usual offering before I preached. The surprised look I saw in several faces let me know that I had gotten myself into something! However, the deacons came forward and passed the hats and then placed them on the table in front of the pulpit. I do not remember glancing down at the offering, but perhaps I did. At the close of the service I could note a coldness in the attitude of some of the people toward me, and there was not the usual lingering around to talk.

When I returned for the evening service, one of the deacons ventured to tell me that a lot of talk had gone around during the afternoon to the effect that the new preacher had demanded that the offering for him be taken before he preached, and that he had looked down to see how much had come in before he preached. I tried to explain my reason for changing the order of the service, but I doubt if he fully accepted my explanation.

During the next two weeks I had a struggle with myself. Would I apologize to the church at the next morning service or just ignore the whole misunderstanding and let them do what they pleased about the offering? But somehow I came to see in this little misunderstanding an opening for me to make a change in the matter of the offering which I really wanted to make. Without making any mention of the rumors regarding the offering the last Sunday, I calmly called for the offering again before I preached; the only difference being that I asked the deacons to come and stand before the altar for a word of prayer before they passed the hats. I prayed a brief prayer, thanking the Lord for His blessings, and asking Him to receive the offering as unto Him and to guide in the use of the money. To make a long story short, I heard no more criticism of the new plan. The following Sunday, when the deacons counted the money and presented it to me, I suggested that the treasurer keep out two dollars. "I want us to get a little something in the treasury so that we will not have to take a special offering every time there is a little bill to pay," I said. One of the deacons was so impressed by this gesture that he took out an extra dollar and gave it to me. "If our pastor can make a sacrifice, so can I," he said.

After this the offerings picked up, and before long we decided upon a certain percent to be retained in the treasury. This was a good step toward the making of a budget.

I could tell about other things that happened in the first churches I pastored which indicated an awakening. But I soon learned that things were happening in other churches throughout the denomination that showed the awakening to be a general one. A growing appreciation of Sunday schools was resulting in several churches building classrooms on to their churches—something almost unknown before this time. It is true that most of these additions were in the form of shedlike extensions on the back of the church to provide two or three classrooms, but it was the beginning of a movement which was destined in time to give us many fine educational extensions and separate educational buildings of which we are justly proud.

Interest in missions began to increase.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:9

LOOKING OUT FOR
THE ONE FOLLOWING

On the bridge of a British battleship one may see a notice which reads: "Remember the Next Astern." It is intended to be a constant reminder to the captian, as he issues his orders, not to do anything which would be likely to throw the next vessel into difficulties. We Christians would do well to make this our motto. There may be another, perhaps, following just in our wake, and a false move on our part may mean shipwreck for that one. "Remember the Next Astern."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We would be surprised to discover just how much our lives impress and shape others. Let's remember each day to look out for the other fellow and help make his way easier, no matter how infinitesimal the aid may seem.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:2

CARRYING BROTHER

The crossing was muddy, the street
was wide
And water was running on either side;
The wind whistled past with a bitter
moan
As I wended my weary way alone.
In crossing the street I chanced to
pass
A boy in the arms of a wee, toddling
lass—
"Isn't he heavy, my sweet little
mother?"
"Oh, no," she replied, "he's my baby
brother."
Thy load may be heavy, thy road may
be long,
The winds of adversity bitter and
strong;
But the way will seem brighter if ye
love one another,
The burden will be light if ye carry a
brother.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Attitude alievates many afflictions. With a Christian outlook on life, we are able to make pleasant the work of our burdens and cares.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Scripture Reading—Genesis 8:22

ANTHEM TO GOD
FOR AUTUMN

Fields of countless corn shocks,
All in perfect line,
Like a guard of soldiers,
Tall and straight and fine.
Pumpkins piled beside them,
Orange colored shapes,
Frost-killed vines a trailing,
Like torn and tattered drapes.
A pheasant comes a flying—
A streak of gorgeous hue—
Blending with the sunset
Of multi-colors, too.
In the distant wood lot
A squirrel climbs the trees,
While leaves of gold and crimson
Are trembling in the breeze.
Oh, when it comes to Autumn
Is there not special reason
For praising God for beauties
Of this 'specially lovely Season?

—*Smiles and Sunshine*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Any of us who has taken a course in art will certainly appreciate the superior forms and patterns of nature. The deft artistry of the Master Artist and the absolutely unexcelled harmony of His color schemes are praiseworthy.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 2:17

THE GREATER INNOVATION

Dr. W. D. Robertson was once approached by a lady who objected to any kind of ritual in church service. She said, "I hear that you are introducing some dreadful innovations in your church service." "Indeed," he replied, "what innovactions have we introduced?" "Oh," she said, "I hear that your read the Commandments in your service." "Is that all you heard!" Dr. Robertson replied. "We have introduced a far greater innovation than that. We try to keep the Commandments."—*Earnest Worker*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*As always, God is not frivolous, He gave us the Ten Commandments thc we would live lives pleasing to Hin These Commandments have survive through the ages and are as ap plicable today as they have ever beer*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Scripture Reading—Galatians 4:18

GOOD TIMBER

"The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a common thing.
The man who never had to toil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.
Good timber does not grow o
ease.
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In tree or man good timber grows."

—Douglas Malloch

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Tribulations do thoughen our resistance, and make us strong against adversities. People who have experienced few difficulties in their lives are to be pitied when endurance is needed.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Scripture Reading—James 1:8

IN ASYLUM BECAUSE
COULDN'T GET HEADS
TOGETHER!

A visitor to an institution for the mentally sick was astounded to observe one lone man guarding some hundred inmates. He was armed only with a small stick. Asked the visitor, "Are you not afraid that these insane people will get their heads together and plan to attack you?" "Ah," replied the guard, "these people are here because of their inability to get their heads together, and work cooperatively!" We do not know whether a psychiatrist would agree with the guard. The story, however, is most suggestive.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have noticed that when a group of Christians get their heads together they are able to make great strides that a lone person would never achieve.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:1-3

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** What is going to happen to a person who has lived a clean moral life, yet he has never made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Answer:** Every person belonging to the human race who has lived since our first parents, Eve and Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, as well as all who shall be born before this world is destroyed, are at enmity with God and are condemned to eternal judgment. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6); ". . . all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

God has provided in the gift of Christ on the Cross a propitiation for sin, ". . . he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). He has illustrated this to us in the brazen serpent. The people of God grumbled against God and God's servants, so He sent fiery serpents whose bite was fatal, their punishment for the sin. When many had died of the bite, the people began praying to God. He directed Moses to make an image or likeness of the serpent of brass and gave orders that if anyone had been bitten and they looked in faith upon the likeness of the serpent, he would be cured. Some looked and were helped, but many did not look and they died. ". . . the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived" (Numbers 21:8, 9).

Christ uses this incident and symbol to illustrate the fact that we to who have sinned must look to Jesus on the Cross as illustrated to us in this figure, or else we die or are dead eternally. Christ is our only remedy. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:14-18).

As is recorded earlier in this chapter, Jesus said to the very religious scholar of His day, and so far as we know, one of the best moral men of that dispensation: ". . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Then John tells us, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

All of us sinners are lost and condemned when we are born. We must be born again otherwise we are eternally doomed. The wrath and judgment of God are upon us from the time of the natural birth until we enter Christ through the spiritual birth—the new birth. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:5-7); "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). ". . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). The only way to experience this cleansing is by confessing in the right way Christ our Lord. ". . . if thou shalt confess with thy month the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

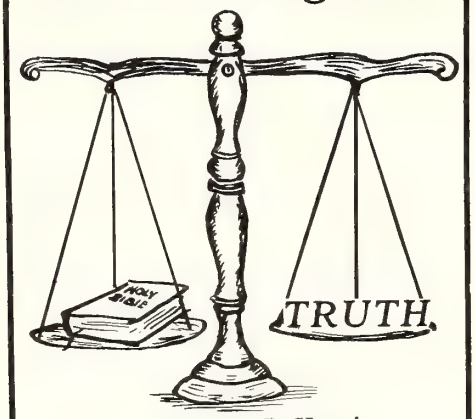
So God has through pity and mercy looked upon man in his sinful, eternally lost condition, provided an ample remedy, and has gone into great detail making clear to him this remedy which He says is the only remedy for man in his sin. He leaves it up to us and makes it very simple as quoted in John 3:36, stated above. This verse tells the whole story.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1). This verse gives the result of one improvising another way, including a "good moral life" as the world sometimes calls it.

George H. Sandison has this to say in answering a similar question on Page 529 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"He will not be as one who lived a purely selfish life, because he will not suffer those reproaches of conscience, which may be expected to torture the selfish man. If, however, he has heard the gospel and rejected it, we do not see how he can expect recognition of, or reward from God on account of his good deeds. Christ said empatically, 'no one cometh unto the Father but by me.' If, therefore, a man rejects Christ and takes his stand on his own merits, he plainly intimates that he considers his way better than God's way. He makes Christ's life and death, so far as he is concerned, unnecessary. If a man who is bringing a suit in a court willfully and contemptuously ignores the rules of the court, he is not likely to be heard, no matter what are the merits of his case. So a man who rejects Christ puts himself out of the court. We are not to judge, however, in such cases."

## *The Unmitigated*




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural Basis: ". . . God sent forth his son, . . . To redeem them that were under the law, . . ." (Galatians 4:4, 5).

### THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POSITION IN SALVATION

Since our Lord returned to heaven and the Holy Spirit came to earth to dwell in the heart and life of the Christian, we have God with us and within us at all times. Before Christ came the Holy Spirit would come down to earth only when there was some need for a specific mission; and, when the mission was completed He would return to heaven. He did not remain upon earth and indwell the hearts of His people as He now does. He, in a definite way, sets up housekeeping in our hearts. He occupies all the segments of our lives. He is Lord of the household and is a permanent part of all that goes on in all our occupation. He is Lord in the living room and is in charge of all that goes on there. He is in control in the kitchen and dining areas. He is also Lord in the family room, in the recreation room, the bathroom, and in the bedroom. The Holy Spirit is with us wherever we go, in business or pleasure. He is our guide, our keeper, and is a friend that "sticketh closer than a brother."

The Holy Spirit's position in salvation is to convict of sin. Without his conviction the sinner would never know about his sins. The sinner will never know during this lifetime until and unless he comes in contact with the teachings of the Bible. It is God's written Word that brings the Holy Spirit in contact with the sinner. ". . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the

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## CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA

by

The Rev. Dr. Emmanuel M. Lall, D. D. (India)

Christianity in India has a history extending to 1,900 years for the ancient tradition witnessed as early as A. D. 192 by Pontaenus of Alexandria about the existence of a Christian Community in India, following, as it is widely believed, the apostolic activities of St. Thomas. In his well-known book, ''The Discovery of India,'' by our late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, he stated that Christianity and Judaism had reached India probably during the First century. In my opinion the Christianity in India could not progressively grow in almost all these years because of the rise of Muslim power in A. D. 822, and the open hostility of English traders in the eighteenth century against the spread of Christianity, as these two were adverse to Christian witness in India.

India gained freedom and independence since 1947 when the freedom of religion was fully granted to the Christian Community through her Constitution envisaging the professing, propagating and preaching the Word to every soul in the country. During my current visits to the churches in USA, I apprehended a great deal of fear that there is misconceivement in the minds of the American people that the Christian Community in India is under travail or persecution by the dominating community which constitutes the government. It is entirely wrong, baseless, and incorrect. The Christian Community is as good a community as the majority community. The question of persecution or repression does not arise at all. There are various foreign missions working for the cause of Christianity in India, together with their foreign missionaries. The impact of Christianity in India is indeed great. Mahatama Gandhi, the father of the nation, had a real strong impact on Christianity when he in his autobiography said, ''The New Testament produced a different impression, especially the Sermon on the Mount, which went straight to my heart and delighted me beyond measure.'' The Christian Community in India as a whole has absolute confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and they strongly support her policies, including the present ''state of emergency'' prevailing in the country for maintaining our sacred democracy.

### State of the Church in India

As India predominantly is a rural country where 85 percent of her people live in villages, so is the case with Christians—about 50 percent live in villages which are underdeveloped, economically backward, and live entirely a different life than the people of USA. There are still 400 million illiterates in our motherland. The total population exceeds 600 million of which the Christians constitute the second minority community, comprised of about 14 million people which are further distributed in various church denominations numbering about one hundred. According to latest statistics, Christians rise in India by 32.60 percent every year, which is the highest rise in the country.

### Church Congregations

There are about 53 church congregations in India, most of which were left over by the Methodists and Presbyterian churches for paucity of funds. Some of them have severed their connection with their mother church for various reasons obvious to them and some had declared themselves indigenous or autonomous congregations, having gathered together with an unanimous decision to form one denomination under the banner of the Free Will Baptist Church with the assistance and cooperation of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina. It was under a mysterious plan of God that the Rev. W. S. Paul of Bareily, India, found the Rev. Joe Ingram, director of the Mission Board of the Original Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina. Plans are under way to examine what fruitful purpose could be accomplished with this cooperative effort.

### Evangelism in India

Since various church denominations have abandoned evangelization in India, there is great need to preach the Word of God to millions of souls in the country. There is great spiritual hunger in India, and the response to the Christian ministry is above board as appears from the experiences mentioned in ''The Free Will Baptist'' earlier. The preachers are unequipped, and also at various places, there are no church buildings.

### Laity

There is great awakening among the laity at the present time. They feel a responsibility toward the church and want to help and contribute according to their ability.

### Women in the Church

Though women are equal partners with men, they lack leadership in our churches. Some promotional work among them is needed.

### Youth

There is a great need of various activities for the youth who are active in the church. In view of the lack of proper leadership it is not possible as yet to utilize their talents as they ought to be. However, there is every likelihood for promotional enterprises within the church among laity, women, and the youth under the great banner of the Free Will Baptists!

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## FAITH MISSION OF LELAND

The Faith Free Will Baptist Mission was organized on August 13, 1972, in a home on Peachtree Avenue in Wilmington. On July 18, 1973, the mission moved to Leland. With the help of the Church Finance Association, the mission purchased approximately two acres of land with a church building already on it.

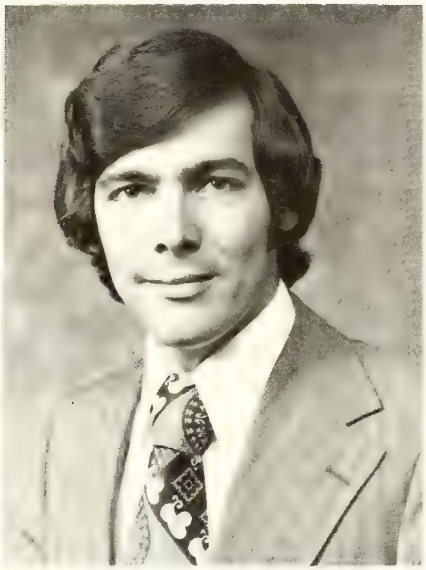
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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Corinth Church Announces Fall Revival, September 22-27**



Fall revival services are scheduled for Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Darden's Community, Jamesville, for the week of September 22-27. Services wil begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. John Williams as the guest speaker. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Frank Grubbs. Special music will be rendered each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Sarecta Church to Observe Homecoming**

On Sunday, September 21, Sarecta Original Free Will Baptist Church of Kenansville will observe its annual homecoming. Sunday school will be at 10 a. m., and worship service at eleven. At 12:30 p. m., a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

An afternoon service of gospel singing has been planned featuring the **Young in Christ** from the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, also the choirs from Pleasant Grove and Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Churches. The pastor and the church congregation extend a warm welcome to former pastors, members, and friends of the church to attend and join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

**Homecoming at Powhatan Church**

The Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Clayton, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 21. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard, bringing the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. At noon lunch will be served picnic style.

In the afternoon there will be a service of gospel singing. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitiation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to worship with them on this day and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

**C. F. Bowen to Conduct Selma Church Revival**



Revival services will be held at the Selma, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church the week of September 22-26, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro, as the guest evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Ray Wells, assisting Mr. Bowen. The pastor and the church members extend to all the residents of Johnston County and surrounding areas a cordial invitation to attend.

**Homecoming and Revival Smith's New Home Church**

Sunday, September 28, Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, will observe its annual homecoming. Following Sunday school at 10 a. m., the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Harrell, will bring the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall. An afternoon service of gospel singing has been planned. The pastor and the church membership extend a warm welcome to former pastors, members, and friends of the church to attend and join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

Beginning Monday night, September 29, the Rev. Norman Ard, pastor of Christian Chapel church near Pink Hill, will begin the fall revival services at the church which will continue through Saturday night, October 4. The pastor will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Your prayers are requested for the success of the meeting, that souls may be saved.

**Revival and Homecoming at Hickory Grove Church**

Sunday, September 21, will be observed as the annual homecoming at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 33, four miles east of Bethel. The pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, will deliver the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. Following the morning message a brief memorial service will be conducted on behalf of all deceased members since the last homecoming. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at twelve noon. An afternoon program has been planned featuring special music.

On Monday evening, September 22, the fall revival will begin and continue through Saturday evening, September 27. The guest evangelist for the revival services will be the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of Reedy Branch church near Winterville. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with special singing rendered as a part of each service. The

astor will be assisting Mr. Wilson in the ervices.

Mr. Burress and the congregation will elcome your presence to both the omecoming and the revival services.

**omecoming at Otter's Creek unday, September 21**

Homecoming services will be held at tter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church ear Macclesfield on Sunday, September 1. Services will begin with Sunday chool at 9:45 a. m., followed with the orship services at eleven. The pastor, e Rev. Ralph Aycock, will bring the omecoming message. Lunch will be erved in the fellowship building. An fternoon of gospel singing has been lanned.

The pastor and the entire church embership extend to all friends, former embers, and former pastors a warm elcome to come out and enjoy the day ith them.

**alvary Church Announces all Revival Services**

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church f Wilson announces revival services for he week of September 22-26, beginning ach evening at 7:30. The guest minister ill be the Rev. C. M. Coats of Smithfield. He will be assisted in the services y the pastor, the Rev. D. C. Boling. here will be special singing each vening and the public is invited to ttend and enjoy the services.

**neads Ferry Church evival, Sept. 22-27**

The Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, ree Will Baptist Church announces vival services for the week of Septmber 22-27, beginning each evening at 45. The visiting evangelist will be the ev. James B. Hardee, pastor of the Oak rove church of Elizabethtown. The astor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, will be ssisting in the services. He and the hurch membership extend a warm elcome to the public to attend.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please note the change of address for e Rev. William L. Littleton. His new ddress is Route 1, Box 300, Beulaville, orth Carolina 28518; telephone 298-15. All future contact with him should at this address or telephone number.



# THE MODEL PRAYER

## Luke 11:2-4
## (Authorized Version)

**by Mrs. Royce Matthews**

H D O N E Q Y T R U O T H Y X H
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In the group of letters above you will find the "Model Prayer" based on Luke 11:2-4 (Authorized Version). These words may read horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backward, or forward. The words appear the number of times as the figures indicate. When you have circled the words arrange them in order to form the "Model Prayer."

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## FIRST WESTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The First Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Wednesday, October 1, 1975, with the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex. Directions to the church are as follows:

From Selma, take Highway 39 to Emit. At Emit turn right on Highway 231 for approximately one-half mile, then take another left at Watkins Chapel parsonage and proceed to Friendship church.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference will convene with Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson on Wednesday, September 24. The convention theme will be "Watch, and Be Ready for Service." The Scripture will be taken from Matthew 25:13, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Mrs. A. B. Chandler, president, will preside with Mrs. Faye Rogers at the organ, Mrs. Carl Barrow at the piano, and Mrs. Walter Reynolds directing the music. The scheduled program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "In the Service of the King"
—Devotions, Miss Leah McGlohon
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Wilbert Everton
—Response, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
10:20—Greetings, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, President
—Recognition of Personalities
—Business Period
10:40—"Serving Our Lord Through Youth," Mrs. Dot Dail
10:50—"Serving Our Lord Through Missions," Miss Leah McGlohon
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
11:00—"Serving Our Lord Through the Children's Home," Mrs. Jane Tripp
—Love Offering
—Hymn, "It Pays to Serve Jesus"
11:15—Special Music
—Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Dot Dail
11:30—Convention Message, the Rev. Bobby Taylor
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:15—Hymn, "Living for Jesus"
—Prayer
1:20—Memorial Service, Mrs. Elwood Davenport
1:30—"Serving Our Lord Through the Press," Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
1:40—"Serving Our Lord Through Studying," Mrs. Albert Proctor
1:50—"Serving Our Lord Through Christian Education," Mount Olive College
2:00—Anna Phillip's Loan Fund News, Mrs. Bertha Harris
2:10—News from Cragmont Assembly
2:20—Business Period
—Reports of Committees
—Adjournment

## EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church, Arapahoe, Thursday, September 25. The theme will be "His Light Still Leads the Way," with Scripture taken from John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Serving as music director, Mrs. Matthew Prescott; pianist, Mrs. Shirley Cross; and organist, Mrs. Fred Register. The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
10:05—Devotions and Prayer, Mrs Margaret Ard
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Betty Luptor Host Auxiliary Vice-President
—Reponse, Mrs. Franki Edwards
10:25—Recognition of Ministers Officers, and Delegates
—Remarks, Mrs. John W. Taylo District President
10:30—Children's Home Report, Mrs Sam Weeks
10:40—Free Will Baptist Press Report Mrs. Ellen Dixon
10:50—Foreign Missions Report, th Rev. Joe Ingram
11:00—Home Missons Report, the Rev Taylor Hill
11:10—Mount Olive College Report, Dr W. Burkette Raper
11:20—Hymn, "Heaven Came Dow and Glory Filled My Soul"
—Offering (Divided Equall Between Mount Olive Colleg and Children's Home)
—Announcements
—Appointment of Committees
11:30—Worship Time:
Special Music, the Rev. an Mrs. Norman Ard
Speaker of the Hour, the Rev Norman Ard, Pastor of Christia Chapel Church
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight"
—Prayer
1:00—Memorial Services, Mrs. Fre Register
1:15—State President's Remarks Mrs. D. W. Hancock
1:20—Minutes of Executive Committee
1:25—Presentation of Pin Awards Mrs. Wilbur Sumner
1:30—Superannuation Report, th Rev. Walter Reynolds
1:40—Camp Vandemere Report, th Rev. Ralph Sumner
1:50—Cragmont Assembly Report Mrs. Rena Kirk
2:00—Other Denominational Wor Reports:
District Officers' Reports
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business
Appointment of Delegates t Other Conventions
—Adjournement

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## HOME RECEIVES LICENSE

September 1, 1975, was a very important day for the Children's Home and the Free Will Baptists of our State Convention. It was on that day that the North Carolina Department of Human Resources granted us State license. An excerpt from the license follows: "This child-caring institution has complied with the **laws** of North Carolina and the **rules** and **regulations** of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources and is **fully** licensed."

My dear friends, getting licensed didn't just happen—it was caused by much planning, work effort, money, and by prayer. Many of **you** played a significant part for which we are grateful. It was four years ago this month that our State Convention voted to authorize us to become licensed, voluntarily. There are a total of twenty-eight private child-caring institutions in the State. After our licensing, there are only three institutions that have not obtained license. Each of us should be very proud to know that our children are living in a Christian home which is physically safe, sanitary, healthy, and comfortable. Each of us should pause during our busy lives today to give thanks to God for giving us the strength, wisdom, and finances to reach this important milestone in the history of our Children's Home and our Free Will Baptist denomination.

## VISITING WEEKENDS

**(September, 1975—June, 1976)**

September 12-14, 26-28
October 10-12, 24-26
November 14-16, 26-30
December 5-7; Christmas Holidays, December 19—January 4
January 9-11, 23-26
February 13-15, 27-29
March 12-14, 26-29
April 9-11; Easter Holidays, April 15-20
May 7-9, 28-30
June 8-27 (Summer Vacation)

## NEW CHILDREN



We are happy to announce that we have four new children living with us now at the Children's Home. They are Jesse Joyner, age 5; James Joyner, age 6; Louise Whitehurst, age 9; and Donna Michelle Wilkerson, age 9. All of them are living in the Smith Cottage and seem to enjoy their new home. These are fine young children and we are pleased to have them with us.

## NORTH CAROLINA Layman of the Year Award

At the recent Layman's League Conference held at Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dudley, the Layman of the Year for North Carolina Free Will Baptist churches was selected. The following is a resume sent in by Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville for their candidate, Mr. Burnice Smith, who was selected as the Layman of the Year.

Prayerfully and without reservation, we present our candidate:

Our candidate is a man of unquestionable Christian integrity, devoted to God, his church, and his family. A soft-spoken gentleman whose countenance and prayers reflect inner peace and joy, strength, thankfulness, and the love of God. He tithes, and willingly and abundantly gives of his time and talent. He works unselfishly just as he openly expresses his love and concern for his fellowman by displaying sincere understanding and being a friend to all who are in need.

The church positions in which he is actively involved are as follows: Presently he is superintendent of Sunday School at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, a dedicated member of the deacon board, song leader for services, and also an active choir member. Currently he is chairman of the building committee, which has directed the near completion of our new church during the past year; and he is an active member of our Layman's League.

Our candidate is regular in attendance of church services and functions. He's present for all church "work days" and diligently works without recognition. He always capably directs all church services in the absence of a pastor and for our visiting ministers. He exemplifies his leadership of people by being active in services and meetings. His presence produces a stable, Christian atmosphere for business meetings as well as spiritual gatherings.

Our candidate is an exceptional example of Christian influence as his family is also actively involved in church work, with his wife participating in all church activities, his daughter being church pianist, and his son the choir leader.

First and foremost dedicated to serving God, he's a man whose life is an example of faith, who continually studies to improve himself, and who joyfully practices and testifies to his faith in God—thereby God is honored in the fruits of his work.

We humbly present our candidate: **Burnice Smith**.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Meeks, Secretary

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The church should be in the world evangelizing it instead of the world in the church paralyzing it.




# An Agent of God's Grace

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 6:13, 18-22; 9:8-13
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 11:7

## I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today furnishes us a good example of a faith that believes God and follows His commandments, even when it embodies things of which we have no previous knowledge, and, therefore do not understand all that is embraced and implied by the command.

At the time that God instructed Noah to build an ark for the salvation of his house there had been no rain upon the face of the earth, and thus Noah could have no conception of the deluge which would destroy all flesh. Though he had no previous experience of matters of this kind, he took God at His Word and immediately set himself to the task of building an ark as God had instructed him to do.

By believing God Noah was not only able to save himself and his family, but he also was instrumental in preserving all manner of life upon the face of the earth. Noah was thus blessed with the same opportunity that was given our first parents of repopulating the earth.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. God decided to bring the flood upon the earth and destroy mankind except for Noah and his family because of the wickedness in the world. A study of the time of Noah and a study of our time will show some parallels. Could it be that God will one day destroy us because of wickedness in the world?

B. God revealed Himself to Noah. He told Noah of His plan concerning the earth and to save Noah and his family. He also gave Noah the plans for the ark. God always reveals to man what man needs to know if he is righteous, trusting, and obedient.

C. Have you ever seen a greater example of obedience than Noah? The Bible says that he did **all** that which God asked. How different would your life be if you did all that God asked? How different would the world be if God's people everywhere did all that God asked?

D. Have you ever tried to imagine what must have passed through the minds of Noah and his family during the flood? How they must have trusted God! If they had not trusted God, they would never have allowed themselves to be shut up in the ark with all these animals. The very fact that the animals did not eat them is a miracle in itself.

E. When you see a rainbow, think of God's promises. When you see God's promises, think of His love and care for us.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We live in a sinful age. The breakdown of morals and spirituality can be seen in many areas of life, in many places in the world. At the time of this writing it is almost a daily occurrence to hear of political-religious disorders in Ireland, the escalating tensions in the Middle East, airplane hijackings, terrorist bombings, and political kidnappings. But even with all of this turmoil and dissension, man's behavior has not degenerated to the level it had before the flood, when "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." This, however, is no reason for complacency in our day. Mankind is traveling a disastrous road. It may not take him long to reach the depth of degradation of antediluvian times if he continues in the way and at the rate in which he is going.

But we today have an advantage. The power of God is in the world through the gospel. It has had its effect and continues to do so. It may be that we are seeing a sort of spiritual armaments race. As "evil men and seducers . . . wax worse and worse" the power of the gospel rescues some of those who are perishing. Perhaps both good and evil will increase in power and influence until the Lord returns. At any rate, let us be realistic. Wickedness is not rampant as it was in Noah's day. But let us also be warned. Humanity shows signs of being headed in that direction.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Sin often appears bright and pretty, sometimes so very attractive we can hardly resist it. But if we stick around a little longer it will change its color and become the black and ugly thing that it is.

Christianity on the other hand never loses its beauty and attractiveness. Someone asked a Christian, "What would you say if you were to die and find out there isn't any such place as heaven after all?" The Christian replied, "I would say, 'Well, I've had a good time trying to get there anyway.' " The Bible describes the Christian's benefits as "life more abundant" as well as "life everlasting."—C. F. Bowen

C. " 'But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.' A ray of light shines all through the Bible, from the promise that the seed of the woman would bruise Satan's head (Genesis 3:15) to the final amen of the Book of Revelation. For those who will receive it, God's grace is available. In every generation there have been those who have responded in faith to His offer.

"Noah was the kind of man who could receive God's grace, and it was his. He was a just man, 'perfect in his generations,' and he 'walked with God' (6:9). He alone, of all men, had ears to hear God's warning. So God determined to save him and to use him to repopulate the earth.

"We may well suppose that Noah was subjected to the scorn and ridicule of his neighbors. But he had the faith and the strength of character to stand his ground. His life is an example that one person **can** walk with God even in a depraved society. All the world might say he was foolish. He knew he was right."—Selected

# STORIES

## for our youth



# FISHERS OF MEN

by Mrs. Royce Matthews

DANNY slunk along behind the others and pretended not to watch each one in turn give a hug to Mrs. Ryan. He was determined to make this the first and last trip to this old but sunny house surrounded with bright autumn color.

He would do Mrs. Ryan as he had the other sitters. He had thought when the agency called to tell his mother all the sitters refused to sit for her that she would give up her weekly bridge party. But for punishment he had to board the school bus with Joey. At school he called Joey "Patches" because sometimes Joey's jeans held patches and sometimes his clothes were not a perfect fit.

Out of the corner of his eye, Danny watched as Joey helped the younger children with cookies and milk. The admiration was magnified as they thanked him. Joey was embarrassed. Danny was determined not to eat but the spicy fragrance of the home-baked cookies finally broke down his reserves and he sneaked a bite.

Danny slipped a couple of cookies after Joey excused himself from the table to find his mother ironing clothes in another room.

"Mama," he began.

Mrs. Ryan turned off the iron after a glance at her son. She knew he was troubled.

"Yes, Son. What's wrong?" She asked, concerned.

"Do I have to keep the children this afternoon?"

"Why, of course, Son. How can I get my work done if you don't?"

"But, Mom, Danny's here and he never has to do anything like that!"

"We can't change our way of living just because he'll be here one afternoon each week," replied Mrs. Ryan.

"But, Mom, you don't understand. He already calls me 'Patches.' What will he tell the kids at school about me now?" asked Joey.

Mrs. Ryan drew in a sharp breath and held back the tears. It upset her to know one of her children had been hurt.

"Joey, how many times have I told you not to be ashamed of what you are? Be proud. It's not the clothes that make a person. It's what you are inside," she explained gently.

"I know, Mom. But I wish there were some way I wouldn't have to entertain them today." He gave her a squeeze and smelled the same spicy fragrance of the cookies. She always smelled good enough to eat.

The children were clearing the table when he entered the small kitchen, except Danny, he was eating the last cookie on the platter.

"Joey, let's walk down to the river today!" little Stephanie cried.

"Read us a story!" several more exclaimed.

Joey cringed and wouldn't look toward Danny as he answered in dignified tones. "All right, kids, get a book and line up for the march!"

Joey wouldn't look to see if Danny were following. He hoped he wasn't.

Just as they reached the river bank, Jill cried out as she fell. Joey saw her knee had a small scratch. He wet his handkerchief in the softly flowing water and wiped away the blood, then gently tied it around her knee.

Then he saw Danny about a hundred feet up the stream watching him. He wanted to die, but he said, "That's not a safe place there, Danny."

"What do you know about it, baby-sitter?" Danny spat the words out.

The children looked at Joey with a question written on their faces. How could anyone speak to Joey like that? Why, Joey's the best person on earth, they thought.

To get their minds off Danny, Joey asked, "What do I read today?"

Laurie handed him the Bible storybook as Bennie pleaded, "Read us the story about Jesus and the fishes."

Joey began reading softly so Danny couldn't hear. Danny might make fun of him reading to the children.

Twelve hands shot up.

"Is something wrong?" Joey asked.

"We can't hear," they said all together.

So Joey read louder and all 24 ears were engrossed in the story when they heard a loud plop upsteam.

Joey shouted to the children, "Stay where you are!"

He ran along the bank until he could see the water churning and he knew Danny was down there. He jumped in feet first and as the water came up to his shoulders, his feet touched bottom. Danny appeared directly in front of him. Floundering, he yelled a single word, "**Help**!"

"Just a minute, Danny. You're all right. Put your feet on the bottom!" shouted Joey. But Danny's head disappeared again in the chilly waters.

Joey felt around under water and got his hand on Danny's collar. When the head appeared this time, Joey tugged him up on the bank. He fell down beside Danny exhausted. They shivered as the chilly autumn breeze struck their clothes and seemed to turn to ice.

The excited children removed their coats and placed them over Danny and Joey and stood shivering as much from excitement as from the breeze. "What do you want us to do, Joey?" they asked.

"Run to the house before you catch pneumonia," answered Joey.

As they scampered away, Joey helped Danny to his feet and together they walked the well-worn path to the house. Neither spoke.

Mrs. Ryan met them at the door with

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## STORIES FOR OUR YOUTH

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towels.

"You should have picked a warmer day to go swimming," she smiled. Only her eyes showed the anxiety she felt.

After both boys had received hot showers and dry clothes they were seated around the heater.

The mothers had picked up all the children and Joey's brothers and sisters were in their rooms studying, leaving Joey and Danny alone.

"Why did you do it, Joey?"

"Do what?"

"Pull me out of the river. I've called you some pretty bad names."

"I know, but the Bible says we should do good to them that hate us."

"It's not that I hated you. I was jealous of you."

"Jealous of me?"

"Yes, you always have a smile and the kids at school all like you. And I thought if I called you names because your clothes weren't the best, they'd like me better than you."

Joey burst out laughing.

"What's so funny about that?"

"And all the time, I've been jealous of you and all your clothes. And the big car that picks you up after school. You see, my mother makes our living by baby-sitting since Dad died, and we can't afford a lot of things we would like."

"That's funny. You were jealous of me, and I was jealous of you," both young boys laughed loudly.

"What made you fall anyway? You could see for yourself that the place wasn't safe."

"I could hear you reading a story and I wanted to get closer to hear better. But I didn't want you to know I was listening. I just got too close to the edge. Thank you for saving my life."

"I didn't save your life. The water wasn't over your head. You would have come out anyway."

"That's like the Bible story you were reading. Just before my big splash, Jesus said, 'I shall make you fishers of men.' "

"And He did, didn't He?"

"Can we read that story together now? There are parts of it I missed."

When Danny's mother came to pick him up, she found a changed Danny. He was wearing patched jeans and a faded shirt, but she couldn't see that for watching the big toothy smile he was wearing on his face.

As they parted, Danny said, "You wear my clothes tomorrow and I'll wear yours. That should be fun."

As the growing darkness settled over the autumn leaves, Joey sat on the steps and the same words kept repeating themselves in his mind. "Fishers of men! Fishers of men! Fishers of men!"

He felt a warm spot begin somewhere inside him as he thought with joy. Today, I jumped in to save the enemy and fished out a friend.

## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the months of July and August, 1975:

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| Balance on Hand July 1, 1975 | | $16,173.28 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $ 1,948.58 | |
| Sunday Schools | 133.13 | |
| Auxiliaries | 6.00 | |
| Union Meetings | 80.82 | |
| Sunday School Conventions | 29.00 | |
| Youth Fellowships | 24.00 | |
| State Woman's Auxiliariy | 751.91 | |
| Individuals | 175.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | 3,148.44 |
| Total to Account For | | 19,321.72 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Operating Expenses | $ 131.53 | |
| Burress Insurance Agency | 57.06 | |
| Free Will Baptist Press | 141.14 | |
| Mrs. Margaret Ard (Mattress Covers) | 25.00 | |
| Transferred to Savings: | | |
| Renovation of Main Building | 3,841.09 | |
| Chapel Fund | 3,231.54 | |
| Swimming Pool Fund | 300.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 7,727.36 |
| Balance on Hand September 1, 1975 | | $11,594.36 |
| **Earmarked Funds** | | |
| Debt Retirement | | $ 2,297.46 |
| General Fund | | 9,296.90 |
| Total | | $11,594.36 |

## A SWIMMING POOL FUND FOR CRAGMONT!

In August, 1974, at King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, those attending the Central Youth Fellowship were asked to choose a project. They chose a swimming pool for Cragmont and gave $300 as a starting fund which is now in a savings account. We wish to commend these fine young people for the work they are doing.

Any individual or group who wishes to add to this fund, send your contribution to Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Treasurer and Publicity Secretary, P. O. Box 298 Oriental, North Carolina 28571.

## IN MEMORIAM

### MRS. LUCY VOLIVA ALFORD

This is the last time I shall come to you in this way on behalf of my mother, Lucy Voliva Alford, for she died on July 2. Her last illness and hospitalization were of short duration—just over one week—and her funeral services were held in the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church on July 24, with burial in the Kenly Cemetery.

Mother often said during these last few days that her bags were all packed and ready for her to go to join "Johnnie" (the Rev. J. W. Alford), so I can't grieve over her going; only I have grief for myself in not having her here with me.

How can I express adequately the gratitude I have, and that she had, for all the things you people did for her? She was always so pleased with the cards and letters that came, and with the many gifts of money from churches, organizations, and individuals.

Now, I want to thank you for your generosity since her death—the many cards, the visits at the funeral home from many of you, and for the beautiful flowers. All of these things have been a great help to me and my family in these difficult days, and we thank you sincerely.

Mother enjoyed the "Baptist" so much, and we thank you for sending it to her. Our thanks also go to the Superannuation Board for the checks she received periodically, they were certainly a help. Thank you once again for letting me have space in the "Baptist" to express my appreciations to each of you who had any part in making my mother's life a happy one.

May the good Lord bless all of you as you try to serve Him.

Gratefully,
Bessie Alford Lewis

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## DON'T FORGET! DINNER PLANNING MEETINGS

The following are the remaining dinner anning meetings for the Mount Olive llege Benefit Dinners held each fall.

ampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties—Thursday, September 18, 8 p. m., Oak Grove church.

dgecombe-Halifax Counties—Friday, September 19, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro.

ash County—Sunday, September 21, 3 p. m., Free Union church.

ilson County—Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 p. m., Daniels Chapel church.

uplin County—Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p. m., Beulaville church.

Don't forget, each church will be esented a copy of "Say It with Love" Dr. Howard Hendricks for attending e meeting.

## DR. RAPER SPEAKS AT CONVOCATION



*Principals at the Convocation were, eft to right): Dr. Hilda Owens, Dean Students; Dr. Ray Swords, cademic Dean; Mike Winstead of Vinston-Salem, President of the tudent Government Association; the ev. Frank Harrison, College haplain; and Dr. Burkette Raper, ollege President.*

Convocation was held at Rodgers hapel on Sunday evening, September with over 450 attending the event.

Dr. Raper spoke on "The Meaning of Christian Higher Education." Talking to students, parents, faculty, and administrators, he said, "When we say that Mount Olive College is a Christian College, we mean that we believe in Jesus Christ and that we are committed to Him, to His teachings, and to His way of life."

He explained that, "Many people look at education in terms of what it will prepare them to do, but I think we are nearer to the meaning of education when we think of what it enables us to become."

"Education," he said, "is to a human being what spring is to nature—it is the bursting forth of the potential with which God has endowed us."

"God has a mission for every human being on earth," he challenged the students, "and the purpose of Christian higher education is to help you prepare to fulfill that mission."

## TWO NEW COURSES OFFERED AT MOC

Two new courses will be offered at Mount Olive this year.

Public Speaking will be taught on Tuesday nights, from 7 to 10 p. m., and American Government will be offered on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 p. m. Both classes will be held in room 113 of the Henderson building.

Mrs. Margaret Walker will teach Public Speaking and Mr. Ken Dilda will be teaching American Government.

Call or contact the admissions office at the College and register today.

## OPENING WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College officially opened for the 1975-76 academic year Wednesday, September 3, with registration for over 300 students.

"There were so many new students at the last moment, I actually lost count of the number of students we have," replied Mrs. Dianne Riley, associate director of admissions.

Russel W. Duncan, director of admissions, expects the total to reach around 350.



*Students move in for a long semester of late night study sessions and popcorn parties around the fireplace. Left to right: Marsha Gray, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston; Ricky Lambert, Ronald Pittman, brother of student Deborah Pittman, both of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly; and Betsy Pittman, Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson.*

"At this point in time we have 108 Free Will Baptist students with about 76 Free Will Baptist churches represented," said Mrs. Marie Glenn, registrar at the College. "But the number," she said, "is certainly subject to change as the students keep coming in."

To ease that first day of class on Thursday, students spent the late afternoon swimming, followed by dinner at Eagles Nest Conference Center.

During the first weekend on campus, an open house was held Sunday after chapel services with Carillon music filling the campus.

Convocation was held Sunday evening.

## ALCOHOL HAS A HELL ALL ITS OWN

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**The Bible is quite plain in its condemnation of it.**

**Think of those whom you know to be hooked on alcohol. Are they not often guilty of animalistic behavior? Are they not often heard to swear and damn the name of the God who gave them the breath of life? They "bury" themselves in drink, both figuratively and literally; and the result . . . . Well, need we say more? Alcohol has a hell all its own. . . .**

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## THE UNMITIGATED TRUTH

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word of God'' (Romans 10:17); ''Nevertheless I tell you truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Ghost) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment'' (John 16:7, 8). These three: **sin, righteousness,** and **judgment** are the ''nitty-gritty'' of the whole mission of God, and at the present time, is administered and activated by God's Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's business or mission is also to regenerate the believer. Because of sin man has degenerated until he is impossible to save without the regenerating power of God as it is given by the Holy Spirit. ''Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost'' (Titus 3:5). This renewing must be provided for by the recipient. As long as a person continues in sin he will be degenerate, filthy, contaminated, depraved, and without God. But with the commitment of his will, desires, compassions, and concerns a person can be cleansed and made holy by the act of God in the person of the Holy Spirit.

The business of the Holy Spirit is also to seal the believer; that is, dry out the contamination of sin and make him sin proof. Just as we use germ-killing solutions to purify flesh wounds, the Holy Spirit's work is to kill all the germs of sin and make us perfectly pure and holy. God will not see sin in us when this sealing by the Holy Spirit is completed. ''. . . grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption'' (Ephesians 4:30). **Hallelujah** and **amen**!

## FEATURE

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I have mentioned before that the first record I have of a definite move in the interest of missions was in 1914. By the year 1920 there were a number of mission boards, or committees, working toward a program of missions, both home and foreign. One association was supporting a native missionary in Korea, working through an independent board. This awakening to responsibility for carrying the gospel beyond the limits of our own denominational field was to go on until missionaries were laboring in many countries under the name of Free Will Baptists. Better financial plans, concern for orphans, the building of Sunday school facilities—all these things and many more indicated a general awakening of Free Will Baptist churches to a broader vision and bringing to them the courage to walk in the light of this broader vision. This awakening was so general that no one person, nor a few people can take credit for it. It was the Holy Spirit moving throughout our denomination to awaken us to our possibilities as a denomination of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Next week: Original Free Will Baptist Unite)

## MISSIONS

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many ways. The mission clerk states, ''The Lord blessed us especially with the purchase of a trailer to be used as a parsonage. The trailer has two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and bath. We would like to get it ready as soon as possible so our pastor can move in, but we lack the money to pay for putting down the septic tank. We ask all who will to please help us in this project. We feel that getting this project completed will be a big step forward for the work at Faith mission.''

Revival services will begin at the Faith mission Monday evening, September 22, with the Rev. Walter Sutton as the evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

On Sunday, September 28, the mission will observe homecoming services. The public is cordially invited to attend both the revival services and the homecoming.

## FAMILY FIRESIDE

(Continued from Page 4)

CAN YOU SAY:

"The SERVICE of Christ is t
business of my life,
The WILL of Christ is the law of r
life,
The PRESENCE of Christ is the joy
my life,
The GLORY of Christ is the crown
my life."

—*Prayer Quarte*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*C—is for Christlike,*
*R—stands for right,*
*O—W—N spells own.*
*Our own right to become Christlike.*

(Devotions used by permissio
*Knight's Master Book of Ne*
*Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

## Coming Events . . .

September 17, 18—North Carolina Sta
Convention of the Free Will Bapt
Church, American Legion Ha
Wilson, North Carolina

September 24—Central Conferen
Woman's Auxiliary Conventi
Daniels Chapel Free Will Bapt
Church near Wilson, North Carolin

September 25—Eastern Distri
Woman's Auxiliary Conventio
Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Churc
Arapahoe, North Carolina

October 1—First Western Distri
Woman's Auxiliary Conventio
Friendship Free Will Baptist Chur
near Middlesex, North Carolina

Hatred is a sickness,
Hatred is a sin;
Love is a medicine
That cures from within.

—Ruth L. Newson

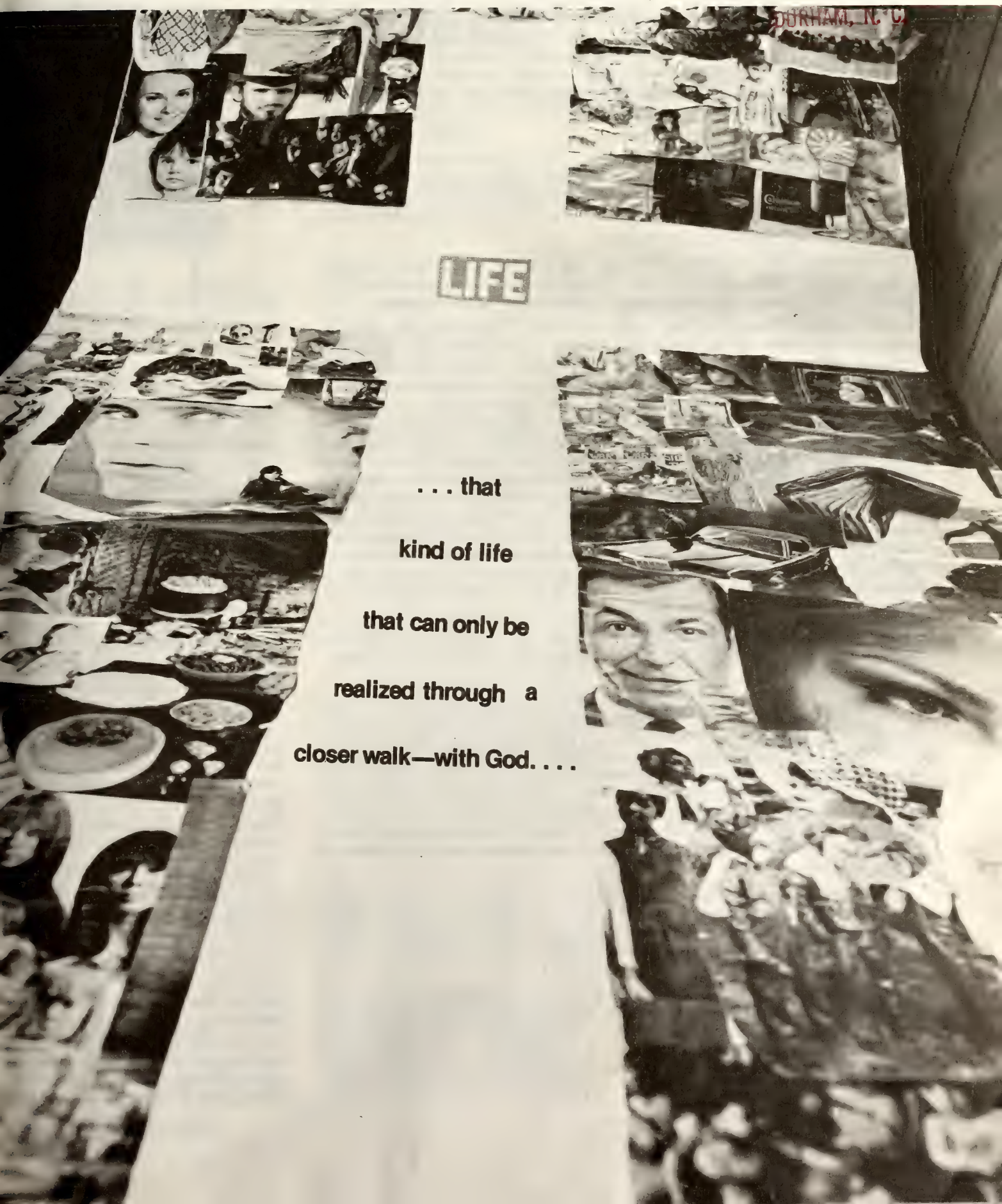
In the little places
Be dependable and true;
Then in the big places
God will depend on you.

—Ruth L. Newson

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. . . that

kind of life

that can only be

realized through a

closer walk—with God. . . .

## THESE ARE THE PEOPLE

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They come in assorted sizes, various shapes, and different colors; yet, very few of them are satisfied with the way they happen to be. The big ones want to be smaller; the small ones want to be larger. The short ones wish for greater stature, and those who tower overhead wish that they had a little less height. The dark ones want to be lighter, and the ones with fair skins would like to have a darker complexion. Those with gray hair have to dye theirs black, and the ones with raven locks want gray streaks. The loud ones are often embarrassed by those loose tongues and wish that they could keep their mouths shut, while the quiet ones long for the courage to speak out. These are the people.

They are seen in a normal day's activity. They are laughed at by many, scorned by some, disliked and avoided by others, and perhaps loved by a few. They take their place beside us as we walk down the street. They brush against us in the stores. They occupy the pews next to us in the churches. Just like us, they rejoice and they sorrow.

They climb and fall down. They get up and try again. They succeed, fail—and sometimes succeed again. They want attention and strive for renown. They bargain for wealth and sometimes end up short-changed.

Some of them hurry by, not taking the time to speak—some from indifference, and some because of an urgent appointment. Others walk slowly, unconcerned, appearing to have nowhere to go nor any real reason for going. Some have drawn faces, tight brows, and stiff necks. Here and there are some with lips puckered in a whistle. Others bob their heads in song. A sprite step and bouncing curls designate others. Long sideburns and leather jackets are representative of another group. A girl (or boy) whose back is turned has shoulder-length hair which has seldom known a comb. A hippie stands propped against a wall, reading a book and eating a banana. A mini-skirted young girl, with her hair flying, swings through the crowd, muffled to her chin and booted to her knees. A local dignitary puffs on his cigar, blows his smoke skyward and makes a gutteral grunt to an overcoated businessman. Several make their way to the drugstore—for coffee and talk. They are discontented. They complain of having to work, yet are upset if they have no job. They agree that they should not eat so much, yet are not happy if the serving is not generous. These are the people.

We wonder: Where are they going? What is their reason for being what they are and how they are? What are their needs, their wants, their goals, their destinies?

Those who are in a hurry are probably afraid of being late, while the calm, slow-moving ones disdain to rush for fear of not seeing. Those with drawn faces need a good smile and an improved outlook. Those with tight brows need a little faith. These with stiff necks need to bend a little. The leather-jacketed ones with long sideburns have a need for someone to let them know that they have been seen. The girl or boy with shaggy hair needs a lesson on grooming. The hippie needs not to be ignored. He needs someone to take a little interest in what he believes and what he disbelieves. The mini-skirted miss needs a lesson on proper dressing. The dignitary who grunts his greeting could use a lesson in speech and public relations.

These are the people. They all struggle for existence in a mad world. They are not so much the product as they are the cause. The world is the people. They demonstrate and cry out, push and pull, and incline themselves toward degradation. What they need is light What they need are we—we who have the light and are able to share it.

Not all of them are headed in the wrong direction, but many of them could rechart their courses and walk straighter. Not all of them are disrespectable, but many could use more self-respect. Not all of them are blind, but many of them need spiritual glasses. Not all of them are ignorant, but many could use more knowledge. Not all of them are lost, but most of them—like us—need a closer walk with God.

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS UNITE

(Part Nine)
by Loy Everette Ballard

ON May 26, 1921, delegates from the organizations withdrawing from he Co-Operative General Association in 919, along with representatives from eorgia and Alabama, met at Cofer's hapel church in Nashville, Tennessee, o consider forming an organization of ree Will Baptists adhering to the original octrines and practices of churches rowing out of the Paul Palmer movement nd other groups of like faith and in-erests. The meeting was called to order y the Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor of the hurch, who announced its purpose. Vhen a telegram arrived stating that ome other delegates were on the way to lashville, it was decided to defer all iscussions of the organization until the fternoon, and to ask the Rev. Neal H. arrish to preach to those present; after vhich, dinner was served by the local hurch.

In the afternoon, there was a thorough iscussion of the importance of Free Will aptists being united throughout the nited States in a mutually and greeable general body, with epresentatives from the various bodies xpressing their opinions as to what kind f an organization was needed. Further ction was deferred until Friday morning. he Rev. R. V. Self of North Carolina reached to the group and a local ongregation that evening.

The group met again at 9:30 a. m., on Friday, May 27, at which time a tem-porary organization was formed, with the Rev. J. L. Welch as president and the Rev. E. C. Morris as recording secretary. After the credentials of representatives from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina were approved, a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and bylaws. The group then adjourned until Saturday morning, to give the committee time to do its work.

On Saturday morning, May 28, the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of the United States was organized, and the Rev. J. L. Welch was formally elected as president, with the Rev. E. C. Morris as recording secretary. An executive committee was chosen—a representative from each state being on the committee—along with the general officers. The meeting was then adjourned to meet again in 1922 at Marshall, North Carolina.

At the meeting in Marshall, May 26, 27, and 28, 1922, quite a bit was done toward a program of activities for the new organization. South Carolina and Ohio were represented in this session, and the other states were more generally represented with a number of associations and conferences sending delegates along with those who represented the state organizations.

It was in this meeting that I experienced my first participation in a general organization of my denomination. In the opening session, I was designated as one of two reporters to seek publicity for the meetings. Later I was asked to speak in behalf of the new youth movement among Free Will Baptists. I was to speak at the 11 a. m. service. Following my talk, the Free Will Baptist League (this being the name agreed upon the year before by representatives from North Carolina and Tennessee), was endorsed as the youth organization for Original Free Will Baptists. A committee, or board, was set up to promote the league in general, of which I was a member. The Rev. J. L. Welch was appointed to edit a publication to be known as "The Young People's Friend," through which program helps would be made available. However, after the session, Brother Welch asked to be relieved of this responsibility due to being overburdened with work, and I was designated in his place. Incidentally, the new publication was started the following month, and was published for three years—first from Asheville, and later from Ayden, North Carolina. It has been my privilege to be associated with the production of the Free Will Baptist League literature most of the time since this beginning.

Other than the setting up of the general organization for youth work, very little was done toward other aspects of a general program for the General Conference; but in subsequent sessions missions, Christian education, superannuation, and other programs were worked out, about which we will have something to say later.

This meeting saw the beginning of some friendships which I have cherished through the years. John L. Welch, J. E. Hudgens, and E. D. Parker were men I met at Marshall who meant much to my life and experience in later years.

(Next Week: "Of Sentiment, Emotionalism, and Reason")




SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:1

ONE TALENT

It seems my only talent
Is neither big nor rare,
Just to listen and encourage
And to fill a vacant chair.

But all the gifted people
Could not so brightly shine,
Were it not for those who use
A talent such as mine!

—*Christian Observer*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We cannot all be speakers, some must comprise the audience. We can all perform our various duties to the best of our abilities.*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Scripture Reading—Acts 16:31

FAITH THE VICTORY

Dr. A. C. Dixon, once a well-known pastor in Boston, found his church needed $2,000 to square accounts. He and his deacons prayed about it. One deacon arose and said, "Brethren, God has answered our prayers. God will send the money in next Sunday's collections." That Sunday it rained very much, and some deacon suggested not to take the collection. The other replied, "I did not trust the weather; I trusted God!" The collection amounted to $2,600. Faith is the victory!—Joseph T. Larson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Don't pray for rain without carrying an umbrella! God might get the impression we do not believe in the power of prayer.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Scripture Reading—Psalm 55:12-14

DESTROYING ENEMIES—THE FRIENDLY WAY

President Lincoln was once taken to task for his attitude toward his enemies.

"Why do you try to make friends of them?" asked an associate. "You should try to destroy them."

"Am I not destroying my enemies," Lincoln gently replied, "when I make them my friends?"—Power

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Construction of a friend from the destruction of an enemy is a most appealing thought, one which merits God's approval.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1
Scripture Reading—Psalm 5:8

HE LEADS

He leads us on by paths we did not know;
Upwards He leads us though our steps be slow,
Though oft we faint and falter on the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;
Yet when the clouds are gone
We know He leads us on.

—N. L. Zinzendorf

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Much as a speaker needs an audience, so a leader needs followers. Jesus is a qualified, reputable guide; all we need do is believe in Him, accept Him as our Saviour, and follow Him.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
Scripture Reading—Psalm 95:1

WHY SHE DIDN'T WANT PRAISE

A young woman recently converted, and whose holy life was noted in the church, sang a solo at one of the services that brought much blessing. The minister commented on it, at length. On leaving the church at the close, she was overhead saying to the minister, "If you please, sir, I don't want you to praise me." "Oh," said the minister in surprised tone, "why not?" "Because," said the singer, "it's Christ I want to glorify. Since I found Him as my Saviour, I want everything about me to point to Him, and when I sing I want people to see Him."—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our talents are similar to our tithes; God renders us talents and we are to use them to His glory.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
Scripture Reading—Job 19:25

JESUS AND I

"I cannot do it alone,
The waves run fast and high,
And fogs close chill around,
And the light goes out in the sky;
But I know that we two
Shall win in the end—
Jesus and

"Coward and wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky;
Today so eager and brave,
Tomorrow not caring to try;
But He never gives in,
So we two shall win—
Jesus and I
—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Endurance and hard work a Jesus's resources. He will carry through.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 17:1

WAITING—FOR WHAT?

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To say just when the hands will stop
At late, or early hour.

Now is the only time we own
To do His precious will,
Do not wait until tomorrow;
For the clock may then be still.

—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*"What might have been," are ve sad words. Pray that we shall ta advantage of God's boundless lo now, and that we might bring othe to the same joy in living.*

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Master Book of Ne Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

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He who is cowardly will do right because it is safer to do so.

He who is overly ambitious will do right if it's to his advantage to do so.

He who is miserly will do right when he finds it cheaper to do so.

He who is average will do right because it is exepcted of him.

But blessed is he who does right because it is right!

**Question:** What, if anything, does the ble teach concerning inspiration?

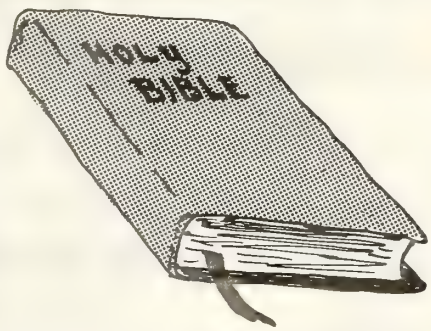
**Answer:** The writers in both the Old d New Testaments claim to be writing der the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Old Testament writers made clear at their belief caused them to think ey wrote and spoke as they were fluenced to do so.

Moses, by whom the early books of e Bible were written, gives clear cut idence in the following that he wrote d spoke only as God prompted him nen he was giving the Word of God. And Moses said unto the LORD, O my rd, I am not eloquent, neither retofore, nor since thou hast spoken to thy servant: but I am slow of eech, and of a slow tongue. And the RD said unto him, Who hath made an's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have t I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I ll be with thy mouth, and teach thee nat thou shalt say. And he said, O my rd, send, I pray thee, by the hand of m whom thou wilt send. And the anger the LORD was kindled against Moses, d he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy other? I know that he can speak well. nd also, behold, he cometh forth to eet thee: and when he seeth thee, he ll be glad in his heart. And thou shalt eak unto him, and put words in his outh: and I will be with thy mouth, and th his mouth, and will teach you what shall do'' (Exodus 4:10-15). (Also ad Deuteronomy 4:2, 5, 12, 13, 33, 6.)

Jeremiah knew well that God per-nally communicated His message to m. ''. . . the LORD said unto me, Say t, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all at I shall send thee, and whatsoever I mmand thee thou shalt speak. Be not raid of their faces: for I am with thee to eliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the RD, put forth his hand, and touched y mouth. And the LORD said unto me, ehold, I have put my words in thy outh'' (Jeremiah 1:7-9).

The same is true in Ezekiel's com-ission. ''And he said unto me, Son of an, I send thee to the children of Israel, a rebellious nation that hath rebelled gainst me: they and their fathers have ansgressed against me, even unto this ery day. For they are impudent children nd stiffhearted. I do send thee unto em; and thou shalt say unto them,




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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Thus saith the Lord GOD . . . . But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee'' (Ezekiel 2:3, 4, 8).

Micah had a clear understanding that his message to Israel, and to us, came from the Lord. ''. . . truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin'' (Micah 3:8).

Then beside such as appears above we read such expressions as ''God said,'' found 10 times in Genesis 1. ''The Lord said,'' ''The Lord spake,'' ''The word of the Lord came,'' are found at least 3,808 times in the Old Testament. These writers of the Old Testament books claimed to be the revealers of the will of God. They almost without exception started their messages by ''Thus sayeth the Lord.''

Dr. William Evans says in his book, **The Great Doctrines of the Bible**, concerning these valiant men: ''. . . they were not deceived in their claims is evident from the minuteness and detail as to names, times, and places which characterized their messages, and from the literal fulfillment of these oracles of God.''

Then there are definite claims the New Testament writers have made to inspiration: ''Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost'' (2 Peter 1:20, 21); ''Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow'' (1 Peter 1:10, 11); ''Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus'' (Acts 1:16); ''And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers'' (Acts 28:25). (Also read the following: 1 Corinthians 2:13; 14:37; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 3:1, 2; Matthew 10:20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12; 21:14, 15; Acts 2:4.)

These with many other verses prove conclusively that the writers of the New Testament were aware that it was God's message and not their own, apart from inspiration, they were speaking and writing.

Many of us today ask the question, What is the nature of this inspiration which characterizes the human authors of the Scriptures and in what degrees were they influenced by this inspiration?

Some of the words that compose the Bible are exactly those that God himself gave the writers commanding that they thus write (see Exodus 32:16). God himself even wrote some of these precious words as Exodus 31:18 indicates. (See and compare Deuteronomy 10:2, 4 and 9:10; Exodus 24:12; 1 Chronicles 28:19; Daniel 5:5. God spoke both at the baptism of Jesus and at His transfiguration. Thus part of the Bible claims to be the exact words uttered by God himself. In the case of Exodus 4:10-15 (quoted above), God speaks the words and promises to be with Moses's mouth as he speaks. ''And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel'' (Exodus 34:27). It was after the tenor of the exact words Moses

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS
### August
(Total—$13,369.13)

**Albemarle Conference**

| | |
|---|---|
| Corinth | $ 10.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 250.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 44.86 |
| S. S. Convention | 42.16 |
| Union Meeting | 14.45 |
| Shiloh | 32.42 |
| Sidney | 593.24 |
| Sound Side | 50.00 |
| Union Chapel | 127.24 |
| Total | $1,214.37 |

**Blue Ridge Association**

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| Cedar Hill | $ 25.16 |

**Cape Fear Conference**

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| Bethel | $ 13.00 |
| Casey's Chapel | 20.00 |
| Johnston Union | 12.00 |
| Robert's Grove | 20.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 155.00 |
| Shady Grove | 635.00 |
| Smithfield, First | 10.00 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 30.00 |
| Total | $ 895.00 |

**Central Conference**

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| Aspen Grove | $ 207.00 |
| Ayden | 125.00 |
| Bethany | 54.44 |
| Black Jack | 1,434.89 |
| Community | 103.00 |
| Daniels Chapel | 315.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 25.00 |
| Edgewood | 5.00 |
| Elm Grove | 10.25 |
| Free Union | 237.02 |
| Friendship | 67.80 |
| Greenville, First | 10.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 25.00 |
| Howell Swamp | 3.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 22.00 |
| Hugo | 4.00 |
| Hull Road | 5.85 |
| King's Cross Road | 49.75 |
| LaGrange | 25.00 |
| Little Creek | 55.00 |
| Second Union | 14.43 |
| Ormondsville | 10.00 |
| Owen's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Peace | 30.50 |
| Piney Grove | 74.85 |
| Reedy Branch | 140.00 |
| Rocky Mount | 50.00 |
| Rose Hill | 50.00 |
| Williamston, First | 10.37 |
| Winterville | 377.94 |
| Total | $3,492.09 |

**Eastern Conference**

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|---|---|
| Antioch | $ 50.00 |
| Bethlehem | 109.93 |
| Beulaville | 40.00 |
| Core Creek | 195.01 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Deep Run | 237.00 |
| Faith | 15.00 |
| Friendship | 39.74 |
| Grant's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Hillsberry | 97.17 |
| Holly Springs | 320.00 |
| Kinston, First | 5.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 110.00 |
| Memorial | 85.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 5.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 31.57 |
| New Haven | 57.83 |
| Northeast | 93.27 |
| Oak Grove | 5.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 30.00 |
| Sarecta | 10.00 |
| Sneads Ferry | 45.00 |
| Sound View | 25.00 |
| St. Mary's | 5.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 75.00 |
| Total | $1,801.52 |

**Pee Dee Association**

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| Mt. Olive | $ 25.00 |
| Oak Grove | 75.00 |
| Thomasboro | 50.00 |
| Total | $ 150.00 |

**Piedmont Conference**

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| Durham | $ 100.00 |
| Highland Pines | 30.00 |
| Piedmont Conference | 35.52 |
| Total | $ 165.52 |

**Toe River Asso**
**Toe River Association**

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| Minister's Fund | $ 5.00 |

**Western Conference**

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| Barnes Hill | $ 10.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 83.07 |
| Calvary | 425.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 88.36 |
| Flood's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Friendship | 105.00 |
| Kenly | 25.00 |
| Little Rock | 10.00 |
| Marsh Swamp | 80.00 |
| Memorial Chapel | 442.78 |
| Micro | 10.0 |
| Milbournie | 83.0 |
| Mt. Zion | 28.9 |
| First Union | 112.2 |
| Second Union | 100.0 |
| New Sandy Hill | 50.0 |
| Oak Grove | 196.7 |
| People's Chapel | 60.0 |
| Piney Grove | 60.0 |
| Pine Level | 45.0 |
| Pleasant Grove | 90.0 |
| Pleasant Hill | 155.7 |
| Pleasant Plain | 100.0 |
| Rains Cross Road | 150.0 |
| Rosebud | 5.0 |
| Selma | 50.0 |
| Sherron Acres | 250.0 |
| Spring Hill | 100.0 |
| St. Mary's | 600.7 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 130.4 |
| Stoney Creek | 75.0 |
| Stony Hill | 524.0 |
| Union Chapel | 32.5 |
| Union Grove | 30.0 |
| Wilson, First | 1,262.0 |
| Total | $5,620.4 |

## MEMORIAL GIFTS—AUGUST
Total—$95

Mrs. Lucy Alford by Mrs. Nellie Alford.
Mrs. Sandra and Leah Aldridge by Mr. and Mrs. D
S. Tolar, Mrs. Teresa Taylor, and Mrs. Lucy Davis.
Randy Robertson by S. A. Pittman.
Dianne Wooten by Carolyn Sue Burress.

## Coming Events . . .

September 24—Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptis Church near Wilson, North Carolina

September 25—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church Arapahoe, North Carolina

October 1—First Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Friendship Free Will Baptist Churcl near Middlesex, North Carolina

October 4—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina

October 16—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Rains Cross Roads Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina

October 18—Pee Dee Association Cypress Creek Free Will Baptis Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

October 25—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Highland Pines

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# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

**Black Mountain, North Carolina**

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Managers

## CRAGMONT FAMILY RETREAT




On the weekend of August 29, elverton's Grove, Tee's Chapel, and ine Level Free Will Baptist Churches tended Cragmont Family Retreat at ack Mountain. We were greeted by aul and Frank Grubbs, sons of the late ev. H. A. Grubbs and Mrs. Grubbs, unders of this weekend retreat. We ere shown to our cottages by the Rev. nd Mrs. L. E. Ballard, comangers.

We were happy to meet the Rev. and rs. Paul Jenkins and members of wood Lane Free Will Baptist Church of annapolis; also the Rev. and Mrs. ewis Sprouse of Freedom Free Will aptist Mission of Lumberton.

Saturday morning we gathered at the ining hall for breakfast with devotions y Mr. Pink Robbins and grace by Mr. elma McLamb of the Tee's Chapel hurch.

The Rev. Floyd Cherry, pastor of Pine evel church, conducted a Bible study nd gave an inspirational message.

Saturday afternoon was spent by some rocking on the porch, sight-seeing, climbing the mountain, and fishing. Others visited Cherokee, Ghost Town, Maggie Valley, and Santa's Land.

The Saturday evening service consisted of the Pine Level youth choir rendering several songs. Gene Rose of Yelverton's Grove sang "Jesus Loves Me" with sign language. Tee's Chapel youth read poems and rendered songs also. Mrs. Shirley Sellers read a poem, "Leave It for Somebody." Jeff Daughtry of Yelverton's Grove church played and sang "The Lighthouse" and "Speak to Me." The service was concluded outside with testimonies given around a campfire.

Sunday morning we gathered on the proach of the "main building" for Sunday school with Mr. Pink Robbins as superintendent. Mrs. Lois Sprouse of Freedom mission taught the children up to age 12 in the workers' lounge with 19 present. Mrs. Evelyn Norris of Tee's Chapel taught the young people in the dining hall with 36 present. The Rev. Floyd Cherry taught the adult class in the chapel with 56 present. A total of 111 was present for Sunday school.

Following Sunday school we gathered in the Tabernacle for our morning worship service which included a memorial service for the Rev. H. A. Grubbs. Mrs. Shirley Sellers of Tee's Chapel explained how the Rev. and Mrs. Grubbs started this **Family Retreat** when he was pastor of Tee's Chapel church. After a moment of silent prayer, Frank Grubbs prayed the memorial prayer. Mrs. Lillian Grubbs was unable to be with us but we were fortunate to have her children present. Special music was rendered by the Little Folk's Sunday school class. An offering of $114.90 was taken for Cragmont to be used in the renovating of the "main building." Misses Susan Overman and Renee McLamb rendered special music just before the morning message. The Rev. Paul Grubbs brought an inspirational sermon on the subject, "What Is Life?"

Many thanks to Miss Brenda Crocker of the Pine Level church for being our song leader and Miss Susan Overman of Tee's Chapel for being our pianist for the weekend.

Our transportation to and from Cragmont was provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Cherry and the Pine Level church van driven by Carol Green, Mrs. Robert Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Delma McLamb, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Norris of Tee's Chapel. We thank the Lord for a safe and happy weekend.

We thank everyone who helped make this retreat possible. Special thanks to "Ma" and "Pa" Ballard and their staff for a wonderful retreat.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Person Daughtry
Yelverton's Grove Church

## CHURCH AND SPECIAL GROUPTIME AT CRAGMONT

The week of August 29—September 1, we had Cragmont hill about covered with church people. Groups were here from Elwood Lane, Yelverton's Grove, Pine Level, Tee's Chapel, and the

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Fred Rivenbark to Deliver Mt. Zion Homecoming Message**



The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, September 28, with the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark bringing the homecoming message. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship service at eleven o'clock. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. At 1 p. m. an afternoon program of singing has been planned. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Homecoming and Revival At New Haven Church**

Homecoming services will be held at the New Haven Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, Sunday, September 28. Following the morning worship service, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

On Monday evening, September 29, revival services will begin at the New Haven church, continuing through October 4. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Revs. Willie Stilley and David Cauley doing the preaching. The public is invited to attend all these services possible.

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**Living Waters Church Presents Bicycle to Miss Timmons**



The Rev. Jeff Scarborough, pastor of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville, is shown above as he presents to Miss Ruth Ann Timmons a bicycle at the close of the evening worship service on Sunday, September 14. Miss Timmons is the daughter of the Rev. James E. Timmons, missionary to Mexico, and a freshman at Mount Olive College. She was very thrilled to receive this gift of love as it will be her only means of transportation on campus.

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**Grant's Chapel Revival In Progress**

Revival services are in progress at Grant's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Seven Springs, with the Rev. Bob Harrell doing the preaching. Services beginning each evening at 7:30 and continue through Friday evening September 26. Special music is being rendered each evening.

A fellowship supper will be held Friday evening, September 26, just prior to the closing service of the revival. The pastor, the Rev. E. E. Jones, and the church members invite the public to attend the remainder of these services.

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**St. Paul Homecoming Sunday, September 28**

Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church of Newton Grove will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 28. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with special music and worship hour at eleven. The Rev. Ed Miles, a former pastor, will bring the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

The church extends a special invitation to former pastors, members and friends to share this day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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**Ormondsville Church to Observe Homecoming, September 28**

The annual homecoming services of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, will be held Sunday, September 28. The activities for the day will begin with Sunday school at 9:45, followed with the worship service at eleven. The pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rich, will deliver the homecoming message. Following the message Mrs. Clovis S. Bowen will conduct the annual memorial service for the church members who have passed away since the last homecoming service a year ago. Those to be memorialized are as follows: Mr. Henry Vandiford, Mrs. Almeta Walls, Mr. Earl W. Skinner, and Mr. L. H. Faulkner. As usual the church members will bring to the altar their tithes and offerings to be applied toward the church budget.

At 12:30 p. m. a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. The church pastor, along with the church membership, invites all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend this service and join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

**Revival and Homecoming**
**At People's Chapel Church**

Revival services will be held at People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Elm City, the week of September 28—October 4, beginning each evening at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. Delmas Brown, will bring the message Sunday evening, with the visiting minister, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, beginning Monday evening, September 29, and continuing throughout the week. Mr. Brown will be assisting in the services. He states, "We are expecting a wonderful time in the Lord." He and the church members extend a warm invitation to all who can to attend these services.

On Sunday, October 5, the People's Chapel church will observe its annual homecoming. All past members, friends, and visitors are welcome.

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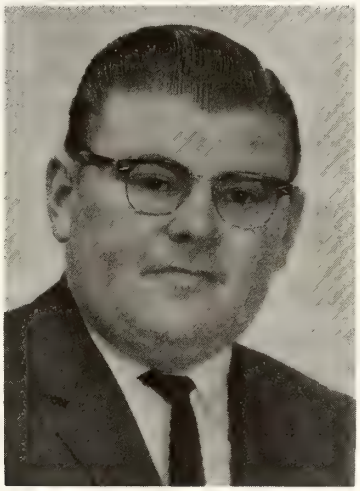
**Homecoming and Revival**
**At Pleasant Hill Church**



The annual homecoming service at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43, between Greenville and Vanceboro, near Calico Cross Roads, will be held Sunday, October 5. This is a very special day for the church as it is the annual harvest offering which is usually very good. The last church year the church put over $12,000 into the denominational work.

The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, states, "At the last business meeting of the church the budget was increased over that of last year. The reason I am telling you this is that even though our church has only 60 active members, you can see that they are very active."

Mr. Willis will be delivering the homecoming message in the morning service. Lunch will be served by the church at 12:30. An afternoon program of singing by local singing groups has been planned. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the Christian worship and fellowship.



On Monday night, October 6, following homecoming, revival services will begin at Pleasant Hill church, continuing through Saturday night, October 11. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Walter Sutton as the visiting minister. The pastor will be assisting in these services and promises to have something special for you each night. The public is invited to attend.

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**Riverside Church Announces**
**Homecoming Services**

The Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton, announces its annual homecoming for Sunday, September 28. The pastor, the Rev. Luby Tyner, will bring the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. Following this a dedication service will be held dedicating the new fellowship building in memory of the late Mr. Leslie P. Williford, a lifetime member and deacon of the church. After the dedication service, lunch will be served in the Williford Fellowship Hall.

In the afternoon a memorial service will be held, followed with a program of singing featuring singers from the local church and visiting musicians. The pastor, along with the church membership, extends a warm welcome for former pastors, all members, and friends of the church to attend and enjoy a day of Christian worship and fellowship.

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**Western Conference to**
**Convene October 16**

The Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene on Thursday, October 16, with the Rains Cross Roads church, Route 1, Kenly. An article announcing the program will be forthcoming in "The Free Will Baptist." All churches are asked to get their church letters back to the clerk, the Rev. James V. Joyner, Box 487, Kenly, North Carolina 27542, at least a week prior to the meeting of the conference. All churches are urged to be represented by delegates at the conference.

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**Earl Glenn to Conduct**
**Ayden Revival**



The Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro will be the visiting speaker for revival services at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church the week of September 29—October 3, beginning each evening at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. C. H. Overman, will assist in the services which will feature special singing each night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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# NEWS AND NOTES

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### Dr. Ruth Moore to Lecture At Arapahoe Church

Dr. Ruth Moore, of Goldsboro will conduct a special lecture on Sunday, September 28, at the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, at 7:30 p. m. The topic of the lecture will be "Demons and Witchcraft." Dr. Moore is presently teaching at the Carter Seminary in Goldsboro. Over the years she has done extensive studies in the area of Satanic worship.

The Rev. Bobby Jones, pastor of the church, extends a warm welcome to all who can to attend this lecture.

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### People's Chapel Church Begins Bus Ministry



After much prayer and a lot of hard work, the first phase of a bus ministry at People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Elm City, has become a reality. This has been the concern of the members of the church for sometimes—to be able to reach out and touch the lives of lost souls. They realize that this is only one way, but truly an effective way.

The pastor, the Rev. Delmas Brown, states: "As you can see from the picture we are posing a question on our bus. After one glance, can anyone deny that they have not been presented the great question? The first Sunday the bus was in operation we picked up five persons who were not attending church. We praise God for a little bus doing a big work! The second phase of this ministry will be the addition of another bus. We covet your prayers as we venture out for the glory of God.

"To the people of People's Chapel who made this ministry possible, may God bless you abundantly."




In the August 20 issue of "The Free Will Baptist" an article appeared stating that the YFA of People's Chapel church had presented a sign to the church. The picture above shows the sign. (At the printing of the article the picture was not available.)

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### Revival in Progress, Followed with Homecoming

Revival services are in progress this week at the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Edwards doing the preaching. Services will continue throughout the week, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Jones, is assisting in the services which are featuring special singing each evening.

Homecoming services will be observed at the Arapahoe church on Sunday, September 28. The pastor and the church members extend a warm welcome to all and ask that all Christians be in prayer for the success of all these services.

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### Homecoming Services at Gum Swamp Church

Sunday, September 28, annual homecoming services will be held at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir in Pitt County. During the morning services the new fellowship building of the church will be dedicated. The pastor, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, will deliver the homecoming message. At noon a picnic lunch will be served by the church members. A very warm welcome is extended to all former pastors, members, nonresident members, and friends to worship with the congregation on what promises to be a great day in Christian worship and fellowship.

### Homecoming at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church

The Sidney Free Will Baptist Churcl Route 2, Belhaven, will observe i annual homecoming on Sunday, Se tember 28, beginning at 10 a. m. wi Sunday school. At the eleven o'cloc worship hour the pastor, the Re Johnnie Vernelson, will deliver tl homecoming message. Also during th service there will be special mus rendered by the New Joy Singers Virginia. A picnic lunch will be served c the church grounds at the noon hour.

At 1:30 in the afternoon a memori service and singspiration will be hel The featured singers for the singspiratic will be the New Joy Singers. The past and the church members extend a wa welcome to the public to attend.

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### Pastor Appreciation Day Highland Pines Church

Sunday, September 7, was observe as Pastor Appreciation Day at Highlar Pines Free Will Baptist Church of Hamle honoring the Rev. Fred Johnson and h family. All plans and preparations for tl day were unknown to Mr. Johnson.

Some humor prevailed at the eleve o'clock worship hour when Mr. Johnsc was informed that he would not be ab to preach. The plans for the occasic were then revealed to him.

The church was then called in conference and Mr. Johnson w granted a weekly salary increase. Aft this he was presented a cash love c fering from the various organizations the church. Each member then gave cash love offering which was beyor expectations.

Mr. Johnson and his wife Jane, alor with Mr. Johnson's father and mothe Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, we called to the front of the church. Ea person present was then called upon give thanks and honor due this family f the wonderful showing made at Highlar Pines church under the pastorship of M Johnson. Various testimonies and than were rendered for the leadership of M Johnson during his twelve months pastor of the church. The church h continuously grown in every respe under the preaching and teachi ministry of this beloved pastor.

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# Our Church Auxiliaries

## WESTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Western District Woman's uxiliary Convention will convene with riendship Free Will Baptist Church near liddlesex, Wednesday, October 1. The heme will be "Superannuation," with cripture taken from Psalm 71:9, "Cast e not off in time of old age; forsake me ot when my strength faileth."

Each auxiliary is asked to bring a pecial offering for the retirement homes. he scheduled program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:15—Registration
9:45—Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
—Devotions, Mrs. Geneva Wilder, Friendship Church
—Welcome, Mrs. Clentis Capps, Host Church Auxiliary President
—President's Remarks, Mrs. James Joyner, Kenly Church
0:15—Hymn, "Wear a Crown"
—"Home for the Aged," Mr. Sam Weeks of the Retirement Homes Committee
—Offering for Retirement Homes
—Special Music, Mrs. Alma Dale, Spring Hill Church
—"News from the Foreign Fields," the Rev. Joe Ingram, Director of Foreign Missions
—"Youth on the Move," Mrs. Dianne Riley, Mount Olive College
—Hymn, "Near the Cross"
—Convention Offering
—Special Music, Mrs. Dianne Riley
—Convention Message, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, Stoney Creek Church
2:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven"
—Devotions, Mrs. James Ray Kennedy, Kenly Church
—"Cragmont Time," Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Stoney Creek Church
—Business Session
—Closing Hymn
—Benediction

## ATTENTION, LADIES OF THE PIEDMONT DISTRICT

The fall meeting of the Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Saturday, October 25, at 10 a. m., at the Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church in Hamlet.

All churches in the district are urged to have someone present as some important decisions will be made at that time. There are several churches that are planning to attend, and there are some older auxiliaries that have newly organized auxiliaries that have not been attending but hopefully will join with us at this meeting.

Attention, local treasurers! Don't forget to send your Children's Home and Missions projects money to the district treasurer. If not sent through her, the district will have no record of your contributions. Let's try to have our state project money for the Children's Home and Missions ready at the fall meeting, if possible.

All district chairmen are asked to have your reports ready at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Griffin, **President**
Piedmont District Auxiliary

## IN MEMORIAM

**MR. CLARENCE MITCHELL**

The following poem was written by Mrs. Ora Barnhill in memory of Mr. Clarence Mitchell and dedicated to his wife, Mrs. Mary Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell, who passed away a few days ago, was a longtime employee at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex.

He wasn't in the public's eye,
But he was always there
To help in any way he could,
The machines and faucets to repair.

Clarence was a man with little to say,
But his actions were words of love
Which proved his love for everyone
Came from the Father up above.

He was a father to lots of boys
Who came to the Home to live.
They loved and respected him in every way
For his love to them he did give.

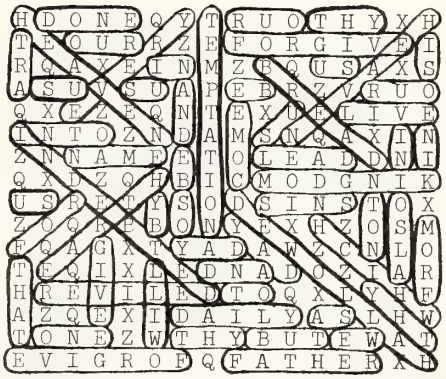
May God bless Mr. Mitchell's family
In their moments when all alone;
He will be missed by his many friends,
Especially those at the Children's Home.

Yes, he will be missed in his home,
And on the Children's Home campus, too;
But God has taken him away—
His labors on earth being through.

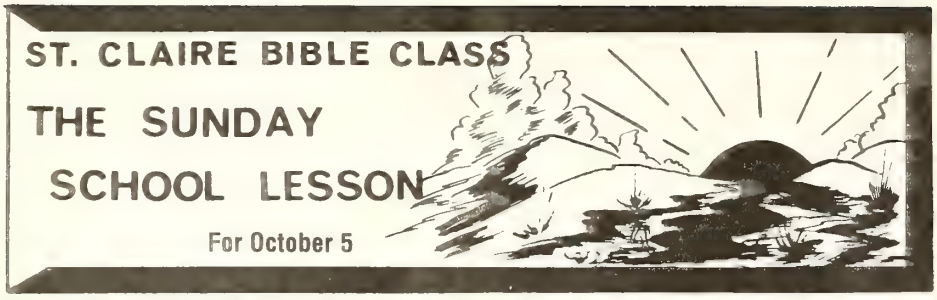
## THE MODEL PRAYER

### Luke 11:2-4 (Authorized Version)

**by Mrs. Royce Matthews**



The model prayer as recorded in the King James Authorized Version of the Bible (Luke 11:2-4) has been circled in the puzzle above. Were you able to locate the words comprising the prayer? The prayer should read as follows: ". . . Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil" (Luke 11:2-4).




## STRUGGLING WITH DOUBT

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19
**Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

### I. INTRODUCTION

In the intervening chapters between the twelfth from which last Sunday's lesson was taken and this, the seventeenth, a number of important events took place.

Abraham had made a journey to Egypt to escape the ravages of a terrible famine.

Returning from Egypt, Abraham and Lot separated, Abraham giving his nephew first choice of a homesite.

Abraham delivered Lot from captivity by the king of Elam, Chedorlaomer.

Abraham met Melchizedek, the mystic king of Salem, who said of Abraham, ''. . . Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth'' (Genesis 14:19), and who paid tithes to Abraham (this system of giving being practiced long before the law of Moses).

Abraham's first child, Ishmael, whose mother was Hagar, Sarah's handmaid, was born.

Now, as we enter this lesson, we are confronted with the story of doubt and fear on the part of Abraham and Sarah that God would not keep His promise to give them an heir. They did not count Ishmael for he was not the child of Sarah, and God's promise was that she herself would bear a child in her old age, and that through him and his seed the promise of a great nation would be realized.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. God's election of Abraham was out of grace. There was nothing in the life of Abraham to merit it, but Abraham's response to the call was individual. The Bible teaches that God's grace extends to all men. The difference is in the response that men make to the call of God.

B. A response to the call of God demanded sacrifice and separation on the part of Abraham. He had to separate himself from his home and his family. This must have been a great sacrifice for him. We must not feel that we can respond to the call of God today without both sacrifice and separation.

C. God's promises to Abram were somewhat like a pebble dropped in a pool of water. It started with a personal blessing to him. Then, as the circle of waves widened, his family was to be blessed. Last, as the circle of waves widened even more, the whole world was to be blessed through him.

D. Abraham is called the ''father of the faithful'' because of his great example of faith and obedience in response to the call of God. How prompt are we to respond to the call of God when we know what He wants us to do?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. ''When God calls us to do a job, He does not ask us to produce results, He only asks us to be faithful.

''Many years ago a minister was greatly discouraged in his work at church, and thought seriously of leaving it. It seemed so long since any souls had been saved, or since there had been any evidence of real spiritual growth in the lives of his church members.

''One night he had a dream. In it he was given a pick and told to go to work on a certain rock. The minister dreamed that he worked hour after hour, and when he looked at the rock, it was hardly dented. Finally, he put down his pick and said to himself, 'It is useless. I am getting nowhere.'

''At that time a stranger came up to him and said, 'Are you giving up?'

'' 'Yes,' said the minister.

'' 'But, weren't you sent to do this job?' asked the stranger.

'' 'Yes,' agreed the minister.

'' 'Then why are you ready to abandon it?'

''The minister looked up at the stranger and said, 'Look, I have made little or no impression on the rock. My work is in vain.'

''To this the stranger answered, 'What difference does that make? Your job was just to pick. It is not your responsibility if the rock does not yield. The result is not yours.'

''When the minister awoke, he knew he would continue his duty to preach the gospel, to teach his people, and God would take care of the results.

''Sometimes we get very discouraged when we cannot see results in our work. Perhaps you have witnessed to fellows and girls at school and you have seen no change. God does not ask you to make the change; He merely asks you to be faithful.''—**Devotions II for Early Teens** by Ruth I. Johnson

B. Perhaps there are not many of us who aspire to greatness as the world understands the term, for many whom the world accounts great have found life bitter and disappointing. Jesus has a different concept of what it means to be great. ''Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,'' He said (Matthew 20:26, **The New International Version**). We may be sure that to whatever life God calls us, it has to do with others and what we may do for them. Abraham was to have a part in bringing blessing to all the world.

Was Abraham a great man? Not when he left Haran. He was an ordinary man. But he was one who heard the call of God and responded. God calls us today through the gospel of Christ. He calls ordinary people from meaningless existence to new life as His children. Those who respond find that life is no longer ordinary; it now has meaning, for they are on the road that leads to fulfillment of God's purpose for their lives.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

C. Professor Drummond saw at a fair a glass model of a famous mine. The owner drove a tunnel through the strata he thought contained gold, spent one hundred dollars on it, and in a year and a half had failed to find gold. Another company drove the tunnel a yard further and struck the ore. So the gold of life may be but a short distance off. There are countless failures in life due to not going far enough. Keep on—the reward may lie but a yard ahead.—**Three Thousand Illustrations for Christian Service**

# STORIES for our youth



## TWO EXTRA LOAVES

by Rosalie W. Doss

JOSH liked to go to Anah's home on bread baking day. It was fun watching Anah and her mother baking bread. Sometimes, if Josh stayed long enough, they even gave him a freshly baked piece broken right off the loaf, with honey on it.

Long ago in Israel baking bread was a tedious process. Before the loaves could even be formed, wheat had to be ground into flour with a small stone handmill. The work of grinding the flour and kneading the dough was usually done in the dooryard near a big, outdoor stone oven.

The part of the bread making that Josh especially liked to watch was the kneading of the dough and forming it into loaves. The women's hands and fingers worked skillfully and swiftly forming the round loaves.

Today, when Josh came to Anah's house, she was working in the yard alone.

"Mother has gone to the market. She left me in charge of the baking and taking care of my baby brother Eben," said Anah proudly. She was pleased to have been entrusted with so many important family responsibilities.

"You do that so fast," said Josn as he watch Anah work with the dough. "Will the loaves turn out as well as the ones your mother makes?"

Anah laughed. "Stay around and see, Josh. I will give you a sample as soon as the loaves have finished baking."

"With honey?" asked Josh eagerly.

Anah nodded. "Our bees have been generous."

After they had finished laughing, Josh heard a noise.

"What was that?" he asked.

"It is little Eben. He is awake from his nap. I must go see about him. I will be back in a moment to finish the bread," said Anah.

Anah had finished kneading three loaves. But there was still a big lump of dough left. Josh stooped over to look at the dough more closely. It was smooth and light. It would bake into several fine loaves of bread.

While he waited, Josh started kicking at a small stone on the ground. Every time he kicked at the stone, he missed. Finally giving a mighty swing, Josh kicked the stone. But he kicked more than the rock, He kicked up a huge cloud of sand into Anah's kneading trough.

What have I done? thought Josh. He had ruined Anah's bread dough. It had been an accident. But would Anah believe him? Surely she would be furious with him. Never again could he expect a sample of that deliciously baked bread from either Anah or her mother.

Josh looked around. No one had seen him. Anah was still in the house. There were people moving into the house next door, but they had not seen him. They were busy unloading their new household belongings from a cart.

Josh started walking away rapidly. Let Anah think a gust of wind had blown the sand into her kneading trough. Later he would tell Anah he had been unexpectedly called away while she was still in the house. He would act very surprised when she told him about the sand.

In the meantime Josh decided to take a walk into the countryside. Usually he enjoyed watching the fat sheep grazing on the hillside. But today was different. Josh kept thinking how unhappy Anah would be when she discovered that part of her morning's baking had been ruined. It would take her a long time to grind enough grain for flour for more bread.

After awhile, when Josh had decided that Anah must be over the worst of her anger, he started back. Guilt drew him back to Anah's house. He had to be sure Anah did not suspect him.

Anah was sitting hunched over her little stone handmill. She was grinding away furiously. She did not look up at Josh as he approached.

Had Anah seen him kick the sand into her dough after all? Josh had to find out. He said, "I had to leave for awhile. A stranger wanted to know directions through our village, and I went to show him the way."

Anah still did not say anything. Trying to think of something else to say, Josh asked, "Have you met your new neighbors yet? They were just moving in as I left."

"No," answered Anah shortly. "And I don't ever want to meet them."

"Why?" asked Josh in surprise.

"The daughter of the family came over and kicked sand into my kneading trough. Now I have to grind fresh flour and start another batch of bread."

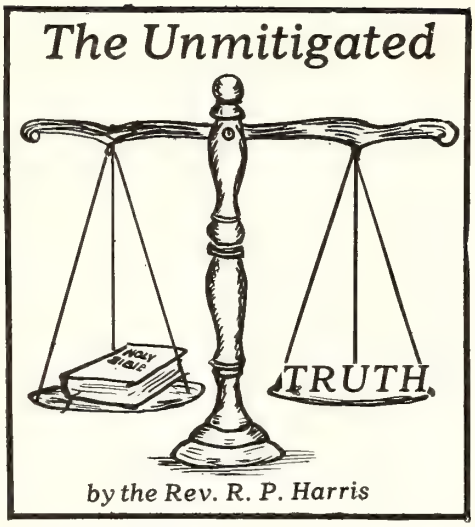
"How do you know it was she?" asked Josh ever so startled.

"She was walking away when I came out of the house. Who else could have done it? I hope she and her family don't live next door very long. I won't be happy with neighbors like that."

Josh gulped. The new girl was getting the blame for something he had done. Anah did not suspect him after all. Josh was surprised that he did not feel happier. He could still come and get treats of freshly baked bread and honey. In the eyes of Anah and her mother he was still their friend. But did he still deserve their hospitality after what he had done? Not only had he ruined Anah's bread, but he had ruined her friendship with new neighbors she had not even met. To think that running away from something that had started out as an accident could end in so much misunderstanding!

Almost before he knew what was happening, Josh had squatted down

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Scriptural Basis: ". . . God sent forth his son, . . . To redeem them that were under the law, . . ." (Galatians 4:4, 5).

### THE HOLY BIBLE IS GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate. The word **Bible** simply means "book," so we must identify the written Word of God as the Holy Bible. The Holy Bible then is none other than God's Holy Word. It is His inspired Word, and those who wrote the Holy Scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write it down. The Holy Spirit had so much power upon those who wrote the words down that it was impossible for them to make a mistake. God has also put a guard on all translators so that mistakes which may be made will eventually be deleted. That is the reason some so-called books of the Holy Bible have never become a permanent part of its contents.

It is thought that some translators made the error of including notes made in the margins of the old manuscripts which were not in the original manuscripts, appearing to be holy and inspired. There is the possibility that some explanatory notes have crept in with the original text, but if God allows it to remain there and sanctions its use, even the added work can be inspired of God.

The full use of the Holy Bible is necessary for our faith. The Holy Bible furnishes divine unction (grace) which no other book has. Even religious books of every sort are devoid of this divine power. The only way any religious book can afford inspiration and power is due to its drawing upon and utilizing what is pulled from God's Holy Word. For example, a magnet can lend, upon contact, some of its power to a metal if that metal is gifted with the power to receive it. God gives us, through faith, the power to become inspired and that is the only way it can be done. No other creature can qualify to receive the inspiration of God! "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Since we believe the Holy Bible is inspired of God, we must believe that it has the power to search our hearts. ". . . the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). This verse reveals the truth that God is **all** and in **all**. He knows everything and there is nothing in the past, the present, or the future that He does not know about. Man is a creature of God's making and is absolutely dependent upon God for everything. Even the devil has no power of his own; God lets the devil do everything he does.

Finally, the Holy Bible is used of God to convert sinners: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). The power of God is made manifest through His Holy Bible! The knowledge of God, as revealed in His Word, is sufficient to convert the vilest and most corrupt sinner that ever lived.

The need of every sinner is the knowledge of God's plan of salvation and faith to believe and accept it for himself. God will even give him the faith he needs and will furnish him with the necessary prods to complete the conversion to its fullest extent. God deals in realities and He never fails. A Christian convert is a sinner who was arrested by God's divine power. He was headed for a devil's hell, but now he is headed toward heaven. The fullness of God's love is in control of his life.

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## STORIES FOR OUR YOUTH

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beside Anah. He took the mill from her hands and began grinding the grain himself.

"What are you doing, Josh?" asked Anah in amazement. "Grinding grain is woman's work."

"That may be," agreed Josh. "Bu today it is my chore."

"Why?" cried Anah.

Josh hesitated only a moment. He said, "It was I who kicked the sand into your bread dough. It was an accident. I did not mean to do it. But I was too scared to admit it. Now it is only fair that I give you a hand with grinding grain for a new batch of bread."

Anah was silent a long time. Then she began making little gasping sounds.

Was anger making Anah cry? "Don't be angry with me. I am very sorry for what happened," said Josh in alarm.

"I am not crying. I am laughing."

"Laughing?" cried Josh.

"Yes," replied Anah. "I am laughing at you, you foolish boy. You should know that after all the years you and I have been friends, I would surely have believed you if you told me it was an accident. But what makes me even happier is that it wasn't the new girl next door."

"Why?" Josh asked. Sometimes it was most difficult to understand the way girls reasoned, even one who had been his friend since early childhod.

"You see, Josh, for a long time I prayed that a girl near my own age would move into the neighborhood. It would be so wonderful to have a friend to walk with to the spring for water and to visit back and forth. Then, when I thought my new neighbor was mean and spiteful, I was heartbroken."

"Perhaps the girl was coming to meet you when you saw her walking across your yard, and she probably went back home when she did not see you," said Josh.

Anah nodded. "She may be a little bashful. But I will fix that."

"How?" asked Josh.

Before Anah replied, she brought several more handfuls of grain to grind. "I hope you won't mind grinding a little more."

"I am so happy you have forgiven me that I will gladly grind the rest of the grain in the big bag," offered Josh.

Anah laughed. "Oh, no, I would never punish you like that. Grind just enough for two extra loaves. I will take one next door to welcome the new girl and her family."

"And the other loaf?" asked Josh.

"It's for you, Josh," said Anah, "to show I hold no grudge whatsoever."

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## RATEFUL OR GROUCHY

by Ruth Langley Newsome

*"For thou shalt eat the labour of ne hands: happy shalt thou be, and shall be well with thee"* (Psalm :2).

I was awakened early one morning by the jolly song of a male dinal. He was singing to his little mate o was building a tiny nest in the pine e just outside my window.

What a contrast between the happy dinal and God's greatest creation, n. The little cardinal was singing his art out in gratitude to his Maker.

For the most part, man is grouchy, contented, and never satisfied. If he s one thing, he wants another. He shes around trying to find something to ke him happy, and happiness is a y illusive thing. It can never be found things and places. Happiness must be nd in the heart of man.

God intended from the beginning for n to be happy with his labor, to find and contentment in his labor. Be like little cardinal that works from dawn dusk, helping to make a nest or viding food for its young, yet still gs. He is grateful and he knows his avenly Father cares for him.

f God so takes care of the birds in the es; He will much more take care of His n children. Just trust Him! Are you not rth much more than the birds in the ?

Heavenly Father, I thank thee for the k thou hast chosen for me; for the ed ones that share its blessing. May I r be joyful and have a song in my art, and be grateful and not grouchy, Lord, I pray. Amen.

## CHURCH LEADERS MOVE TO FREE MISSIONARIES

The last week in August Dr. Jerald nnson, executive secretary of the partment of World Missions of the neral Board of the Church of the zarene, was informed that two zarene missionaries, Armand Doll and gh Friberg, had been jailed by the new ozambique government on dubious arges. Saturday, September 6, upon tructions from the Board of General perintendents, Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, sent telegrams to all U. S. district superintendents urging them and their pastors to wire pleas to President Gerald Ford asking the U. S. government to intercede for the release of these missionaries and an independent missionary, Paul Milan, and their safe exit from the country.

Earlier following the arrest of these missionaries the State Department ordered all missionaries out of the country. All Nazarene missionaries, with the exception of the two jailed, are out and safe. A phone call on September 11 from a Nazarene missionary in South Africa indicated that the Rev. Doll had been taken from solitary confinement and placed in the cell with the Rev. Friberg. Negotiations are continuing between the denomination's leaders and the State Department and African officials to obtain the release of these missionaries as soon as possible.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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**Gospel Sing at Otter's Creek Church**

There will be a gospel sing at the Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, Saturday evening, September 27, featuring the "Enlighteners" from Moorseville. The sing will begin at 7:30 p. m. The pastor, the Rev. Ralph Aycock, and each member of the church invite everyone to come out and enjoy some good gospel singing.

**Otway Church Holds Homecoming Service**

The Rev. T. C. Farmer, pastor of the Otway, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, announces homecoming services to be held Sunday, September 28. After the morning worship lunch will be served on the church grounds. At 2 p. m. a singspiration has been planned featuring the "Young World Singers." A warm welcome is extended all former pastors, members, and friends to attend these services.

**Pleasant Plain Church Changes Date for Homecoming**

All members, former members, former pastors, and friends of Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, please take notice: Homecoming services this year will be held the first Sunday in October instead of the second Sunday, as has been the custom in the past.

## Cragmont News

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Lumberton mission. The groups united in a Sunday school and church service on Sunday morning. It was a great occasion for all of us. Volunteer workers assisted our small staff and things moved along just fine.

As this is being written, we have with us a fine group from Christian Chapel. Marla Ard, one of our summer workers, accompanied by two other girls from her church, assisted our staff (now reduced to four), and so once again things moved along just fine.

Groups from Black Jack, Saratoga, Friendship at Middlesex, Kenly, a Senior Citizens group from Wilson, Friendship at Farmville, Spring Branch, and Little Rock are all schedule to be with us during the remainder of this season, which will close with the end of October. In all cases, we have the promise of volunteer helpers in preparing and serving meals, so we are not worried. Volunteer workers are asking for nothing, and are only being promised free meals—which some have already refused. Cragmont's friends are wonderful people!

The Lord has wonderfully stood by us this year. Despite the fact that we are just a little bit older than we have been anytime before, we have had excellent health and are still able to climb hills and mount steps. Continue to pray for us.

L. E. and Gertrude Ballard,
Comanagers

## Coming Events . . .

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Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, North Carolina

October 30, 31—Cape Fear Conference, Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina

November 5, 6—Central Conference, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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was to speak if he should obey God, and He did thus speak and write.

The following are examples where direct command has been given to the writers to write that which God dictates: "Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers" (Numbers 17:2, 3); "Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz . . . . For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of the people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, not be afraid" (Isaiah 8:1, 11, 12); "But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak" (Jeremiah 1:7). (See Jeremiah 7:27; 13:12; 30:1, 2; 36:1, 2, 11, 27-32; Ezekiel 2:7; 3:10, 11; 24:2; 37:16; Habakkuk 2:2; Zechariah 7:8-12.) Please read from the New Testament 1 Corinthians 14:37 and Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1; 7:14.

God spoke through His enemies at times. Such is the case to be found in John 11:49-52. Then He spoke through the mouth of a dumb beast (see Numbers 22:28-30). In Daniel 12:8, 9 God speaks, Daniel hears, and does not understand; so God sets him at ease as He makes known the fact that he is to go his way waiting for the answer all the time he is engaged in his duties on earth. In Matthew 26:26, 27; Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Corinthians 11:24, 25, He gives them an ordinance to continue in remembrance of Jesus until He comes again.

God either always gave the words to the writers of the books of the Bible or He influenced them by inspiration to choose from their own vocabulary and write them through which they gave His exact message in all details. So when we read the Bible we are reading the message given directly to us by Him who has chosen to use indirect means in the accomplishment of this glorious and rewarding task.

## Stories for our Youth

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"A whole loaf just for me?" crie Josh.

"Yes," said Anah smiling.

Josh sighed happily. It was good t have an understanding and forgivin friend like Anah.—Selected

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## Are You Following Blindly?

# FOLLOW THE LEADER — RIGHT INTO A MUDHOLE!

It was raining. Scores of people were walking, running, passing and repassing, on the way to and from class on the university campus. Those who had the convenience of an umbrella, a monk's hooded rain cloak, or some other similar protection from the heavy falling rain were not so eratic in their walk pattern; rather, the ones who happened to be headed in the same direction seemed flocked together like so many sheep following a shepherd—but *some shepherd*!

This writer was one of the "flock." The rain made visibility difficult, and the massive crowd of people (some short, some tall, some big, some small) made it even more impossible for one to see where he was really going. Every few seconds an "I'm sorry" would be heard from somewhere as a person was jabbed beside the head with an umbrella, stepped on accidentally, or unintentionally knocked to the slippery ground by a too-eager class changer. Even amid the splashes and shoves, this writer could not help but muse over those words, "I'm sorry," and was glad to know that someone still knew how to use them—that they were still a part of some vocabularies and were communicated. Certainly, it was realized that many persons made no apology for their seeming rudeness, but those who did utter the words of regret lifted this writer's hopes a bit—especially in view of present societal behavior and the "I don't care a rip about my neighbor" attitude which is so prevalent nowadays.

Well, the crowd moved along toward the large building which houses the History, Geography, and Political Science Departments. As is always the case, a few "lambs" decided to venture away from the flock and darted in various directions, apparently because of the location of their particular classes. Others, like this writer, stayed close to the crowd, remaining a part of it, intent upon following the "leader" to the proper designation, certain that he (whoever he was) was leading aright.

Suddenly—and without warning—there was a big splash, several screams, a few curses, and mud and water everywhere! You guessed it: A large segment of the crowd (including us, red-faced and mud-splotched) had walked headlong into a large mudwhole, the likes of which few of us had ever seen or hope ever to see again! The leader (whoever he was) had led his flock into a real mess of trouble, however innocently. What is of particular importance is that the "leader" had not called the "lambs"; instead, they had followed of their own accord. Too many people follow too many purposeless individuals into trouble!

In this case, the leader had a good purpose—to get to his class on time and dry, if possible. It is doubtful that he had wanted to be the leader; it is probable that he was merely headed in a particular direction and following a well-worn path with which others (like this writer) thought themselves to be familiar. Rainy weather had made a difference, however; and a low grade of the path had filled with water (which always refuses, naturally, to run uphill). The result: wet and angry people, and some a little more humble because of the "muddening" experience!

This brings us here: Too many of us follow blindly. We follow the crowd—sometimes just to avoid being alone—never asking where the people are really going. You see, we find comfort and security in numbers, disdaining to be separate, when in actuality we can "see" better if we *are* separate.

The injunction here is, of course, as old as time: Don't follow the crowd blindly; and know your leader and where he's going before you flock behind him. If the leader goes astray, it must logically follow that you who trail behind will likewise go astray. Be careful lest you walk into something more to be feared than a mudhole! Mud can be washed off, but sin cannot—except by blood.

There is a Fountain filled with blood, but many people never go to it for their cleansing; and, some who would can't—because they have waited too late and are so used to their "mudhole" condition that they don't even know they're dirty . . . . Don't let this happen to you!

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## OF SENTIMENT, EMOTIONALISM, AND REASON

(Part Ten)
by Loy Everette Ballard

THE period between my return to Western North Carolina in the ng of 1918 from the Seminary and call to the Greenville church in 1923, ught me opportunities for some erience in church work which have n valuable to me all down through the rs. I also had chances to learn quite a about the Free Will Baptists of the untains of North Carolina, South olina, Tennessee, and some other as. I learned of some peculiarities of people which made pastoring rches difficult at times.

One of my first lessons had to do with inclination of Free Will Baptists to put at stress on sentiment and tradition. en I became pastor of Cedar Hill rch in 1918, I succeeded a pastor o had found it necessary to resign ause of letting himself get too in- ved in a situation brought about ause of sentiment. The Cedar Hill rch was located on a red clay hill, h a road leading to it which was at es almost impassable in wet weather d in the winter. Some of the members nted to move to a better location a rt ways off on a good road and nearer center of the community. A good lot s available for a new church ilding—and a new building was one ng everybody agreed was needed. e pastor came out strongly in support the faction wanting to relocate before learned too much about the position of the membership. There s a cemetery beside the old church, ere many of the original members of church and the parents and grand- ents of the current membership re buried. Sentiment was very strong ainst moving away from the cemetery. soon developed that the membership s almost equally devided into two tions—younger members who wanted get out where possibilities for growth re better, and older members who re strongly bound by sentiment to the l location. All efforts to get the groups gether seemed to fail. When a meeting was finally called for a vote on the matter, feelings were running so high that the pastor resigned and urged that a final vote be deferred until a new pastor could be secured. When the committee called on me, I put them off until I could have a talk with the departing minister. He urged me to take the church, but to be careful not to make some of the mistakes he now realized he had made. I did a lot of praying, but finally decided that the Lord was leading me to accept.

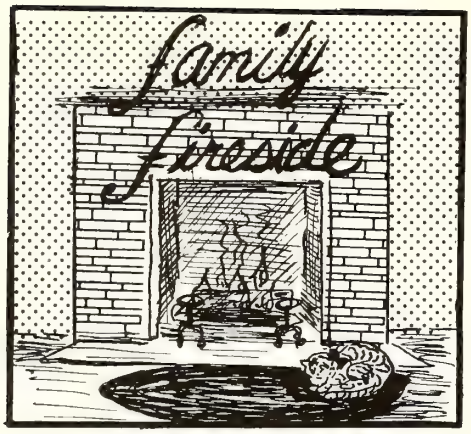
The people received me graciously. I was not unknown to them because, as related in an earlier article, I had already worked with some of the young people of the church. I soon sensed that the people were going to wait for me to make a move, which I am sure they thought I would do soon. But I didn't! The first four Sundays I preached on "The Church and Its Mission in the World." I related to them how that the mission of the church ought to be put above all our personal desires. Now and then someone would venture to ask me something about when we would vote on the question of moving. Each time I simply urged prayer, and expressed the faith that the Lord would lead us to know His will about this.

Then one Sunday morning I simply announced that in the service that evening we would take the vote; that it was my conviction that the matter had already been discussed enough, and that I hoped the congregation would agree to simply vote on it without further discussion. I was careful never to say that no discussion would be allowed. That evening I simply handed out cards on which I had written "Yes" on one side and "No" on the other. "Each member please check the card to show how you feel the Lord would have you vote. After this, anyone who feels as if he should say something will have a chance to do so. Then we will open the meeting with sentence prayers by any who feel like praying, and then we will take the vote," I stated. I guess I was surprised a bit when nobody asked for the privilege of speaking; and I was delighted that the several who did enter into the prayer, in most every case, simply asked that the Lord lead in the vote. Every member was then asked to mark his vote, and two members and one visiting brother from another church were asked to gather up the votes and join me in counting them. More than two thirds of the members voted to accept the new lot and move. When the vote was announced, one man got up and walked out, saying that he did not believe the Lord had anything to do with the vote. About five members, including this man and his wife, asked for their letters later. Before I left the pastorate in 1933, the new building was far enough along for us to move in, though not yet finished. Since then a larger and finer building has been erected. In respect to the sentiment regarding the cemetery, steps were taken to have it properly preserved and cared for.

During this period, I visited sessions of the Jack's Creek and Toe River Associations in North Carolina, an association in South Carolina, and one in East Tennessee. In all these, I found the people quite emotional—there was a lost of shouting. But the people were sincere, and there were strong indications of a desire to go forward in the work of the Lord. In every care, I was permitted to present our youth work, but some seemed to feel that we were trying to get too much social activity among the young people. However, we got an endorsement in every case, and later a few leagues were organized, especially in the Jack's Creek Association.

The leaders of these associations were, for the most part, clam and unemotional. I recall something that happened in the Toe River meeting which was a bit comical. The moderator was a minister named Beam, and he was a good moderator, always composed and calm. One man got up every now and

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture Reading—Colossians 1:11, 12

ALL OF GRACE

During his last hours John Knox woke from a slumber sighing, and told his friends that he had just been tempted to believe that he had "merited heaven and eternal blessedness, by the faithful discharge of my ministry. But blessed be God who has enabled me to beat down and quench the fiery dart, by suggesting to me such passages of Scripture as these: 'What hast thou that thou didst not receive?' 'By the grace of God I am what I am . . . Not I, but the grace of God which was with me.' "—*Christian World Pulpit*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We merit eternity in heaven through our belief and acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God, our repentance and devotion not merely through works alone.*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18

HOW GOD GROWS
HIS CHILDREN

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He, I know, has answered prayer;
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped, that in some favored hour,
At once He'd answer my request;
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

. . .

These inward trails I employ
From self and pride to see thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy ALL IN ME.

—John Newton

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God wants our full attention, and affection. If earthly wishes interfere with His, then we come to grips with many of our conflicts.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 12:8, 19

I AM HABIT

. . .

Through each day I slowly mold thee;
Soon my tight'ning chains enfold thee;
Then it is with ease I hold thee;
Thus is Habit!

. . .

Harmless though I sometimes seem, yet
My strange force is like a magnet;
Like a great and greedy dragnet;
Thus is Habit!

. . .

—Robert E. Sly

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Habits are very strong and binding. Be very careful before you let an action become habitual. It may be hazardous.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture Reading—Romans 10:15

THE TESTING PLACE

For 120 years Noah preached the gospel; tell me, how many conversions did he get? Seven. Who were Noah's converts? They were his wife and family. The place where the reality of a man's religion is tested the most is in his own home.—Rev. Alan Redpath

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We probably will not have the 120 years that Noah had to convert Christians. Even so, have we made any progress?*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:12

SWEET HUMILITY

A hundred years ago, Oberlin, the German philanthropist, was journeying through a snowstorm, near Strasbourg, and lost his way. He w rescued from death by a wagoner w came by after he had sunk in drifts. The man refused any rewa "Tell me your name, at least," s Oberlin. "Tell me," was the rep "the name of the Good Samarita "His name is not recorded," s Oberlin, wondering. "Then let withhold mine," said wagoner.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We are not to do things merely recognition. We are to do g because it is the right thing to do, we are to have an attitude of love the doing.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture Reading—Psalm 43:3

"NOT IN VAIN
HAVE I BEEN I"

If this bit of earth may be
Stronger for the strength I bring
Sweeter for the songs I sing,
Happier for the path I tread,
Lighter for the light I shed,
Richer for the gifts I give,
Purer for the life I live,
Nobler for the death I die,
Not in vain have I been I.

—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pray that we might bring so small ray of light to this dark wor that our mission here on earth will have been in vain.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture Reading—John 17:17

A PROOF OF THE WORD

"David, a man after God's o heart!" said an infidel; "a pre specimen; a liar, an adulterer, murderer." "You are a proof of truth of God's Word," quietly swered the one to whom the wo were addressed, "for the Bible s that Nathan said to David, 'By t deed thou hast given great occasion the enemies of the Lord blaspheme.' "—*Christian Reade Digest*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The story of David shows us th with true repentance we can ag become God's beloved children ev though our sins be many and of t most heinous type.*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**uestion:** Please explain, "Cast thy ad upon the waters: for thou shalt it after many days" (Ecclesiastes 1). What is "bread" as used here what is "the waters"?

**nswer:** Bread is grain such as that ch we convert bread through eding and baking and whatever other cess we may put it through to prepare kind of food we desire for sustaining bodies. In Jesus' day parched grain s used as necessary food beside the er methods used to convert it into the ired kind of food.

n our King James Version of the Bible read" and "meat" both mean not what we use the words to express ay, but just simply "food" and grain, ether corn, barley, wheat, or any er grain so used was called "bread." nce a man sowing grain, any of those ntioned above or any others so used, uld be said to be casting bread upon water or waters if he were sowing m in a water flooded field of a swollen eam that overflowed its waters into a d to be used in the production of grain e used for human consumption.

A good example of the use of the term read" is found in the Book of Ruth en speaking of Naomi. Because of a ine in Israel Naomi and her family rneyed to Moab where there was food be found. While sojourning there all other members of her family, who fled with her, had died except her her two Moabitish daughters-in-law o now had started back toward Israel. s said: "Then she arose with her ghters in law, that she might return m the country of Moah: for she had rd in the country of Moah how that LORD had visited his people in giving m bread. . . . And they lifted up their ce, and wept again: and Orpah kissed mother in law; but Ruth clave unto " (1:6, 14).

Job has the same kind of thing in mind when he says of the Lord: "Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12); "Behold, the wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yielded food for them and for their children. They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked" (Job 24:5, 6).

An example of the interchangeable use of the words "corn" and "food" is found in "And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought from Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food" (Genesis 43:2). The word corn as used here was a common use the English in the day when the authorized version of the Bible was translated made of these grains. It was used to designate any grain for human consumption, and any of these grains are referred to as being meat or bread or food.

George H. Sandison gives some concise information showing the interchangeable use of some of these words in the answering of a similar question on Page 516 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"The illustration in Ecclesiastes 11:1 is taken from the custom of sowing seed by casting it from the boats into the overflowing Nile, or in marshy ground. When the waters recede, the grain in the alluvial soils springs up. 'Waters' expresses multitudes, whose seemingly hopeless character as recipients of charity may turn out better than we anticipate, so that our gift would prove at last not to have been thrown away. The day may be near when we ourselves may need the help of those whom we have bound to us by kindness."

I feel that since there was a group of devout interdenominational Christian scholars chosen, and that above 40 of them were active in translating and checking and counterchecking the King James Version of the Bible with the sole purpose of producing a version free from all denominational and theological bias, that we can find no better, and in many ways none as free from prejudices. These men that produced this version of the Bible, as was generally the case in that day among devout Christians, wanted as nearly as was humanly possible to have a version giving the exact meaning of the original inspired Word of God as found in the original manuscripts, and I feel that this is what they passed down to us. I know of no version its equal. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. . . . For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will" (John 5:19, 21).

George H. Sandison answers a similar question on Page 339 in **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered** as follows:

"Yes, indeed. By Moses and Aaron as follows: Rod turned into a serpent and restored again; hand made leprous and restored again; the various plagues in Egypt, such as water turned into blood, frogs, lice, flies, boils, locusts, and darkness brought; the first-born destroyed; the Red Sea divided (see Exodus 4—12). Joshua divided the waters of Jordan, took Jericho, stayed sun and moon, and destroyed the Midianites (Joshua 3; 4; 10 and Judges 7:16-22). Samson killed a lion and Philistines, carried away the gates of Gaza, and pulled down the house of Dagon (Judges 14 and 16). Elijah brought on a drought, multiplied meal and oil, restored a child to life, brought rain, and divided the waters of Jordan (1 Kings 17; 18; 2 Kings 2:8). Elisha divided the waters of Jordan, multiplied oil, restored a child to life, healed Naaman, caused iron to swim, and restored a man to life (2 Kings 2:14, 21; 4:17, 32-35; 5:10, 14; 6:6; 13:21). The apostles and seventy disciples performed miracles (Luke 10:9, 17; Acts 2:43; 5:12). Peter cured a lame man, healed the sick, made Aeneas whole and

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# GOT NO WILL POWER? GET A TUIT!

by Nina G. Register

EVERYBODY needs one, most of us have wished for one, but few of us can find a "round tuit," especially when we need it most.

However, by special arrangement, a limited number is available to readers of "The Free Will Baptist," and you can now count yourself among the fortunate few who own one of these dynamic discs.

Here is your tuit. Be particular to carefully cut around the circular line, for its power seems to be in its round shape. Square, rectangular, and oblong tuits don't work.




Because of the great demand for them, tuits are in short supply and therefore extremely valuable. Now that you have one, guard it with your life. Keep yours in a safe place, but use if often. It can make amazing changes in your life, as it has in others'.

For instance, members of a weight reducing club who had not lost an ounce in several months were able to shed up to two pounds in only one week, following the receipt of their tuits.

A businessman mailed one to a friend who had repeatedly postponed their fishing trip. "Maybe this will enable you to take a vacation before you get too old," he wrote. Somewhat to his surprise, the friend not only took one week for fishing, he took an extra week for a vacation with his family!

Perhaps the greatest evidence of the tuit's power was shown in a certain Florida church. The pastor distributed them to his congregation on a Sunday morning. Members who had expressed a willingness to tithe, to teach Sunday school, or to help with visitation but could never get started, began to volunteer for these and other activities. In addition, attendance at Sunday night and midweek services nearly doubled soon afterwards.

Perhaps you, like other people, have been looking for something extra in your life. Have you ever said you would like to play the guitar? plant some bulbs? make a dress? paint the porch furniture? visit a shut-in? write some letters? read three Bible chapters everyday?—or expressed a desire to do any one of a number of things, ". . . if only . . ."?

No longer need you say, "I would, if I could only get a round tuit." Now you've got one.

## Coming Events . . .

October 1—First Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina

October 4—Pee Dee District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina

October 8—Albemarle Conference, Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina

October 8—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina

October 16—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Rains Cross Roads Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina

October 18—Pee Dee Association, Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

October 25—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, North Carolina

October 30, 31—Cape Fear Conference, Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina

November 5, 6—Central Conference, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

## NOTE OF THANKS

The note below was sent in by M Pearl Sutton. She states that L Benson is superintendent of the Sun School of the Warsaw Free Will Bap Church and vice-president of the Dist YFA of the Third Union District.

Dear Mrs. Benson,

On behalf of the Warsaw Res Squad, I want to thank you and all y many church members for inviting u your church and making us feel so m at home. We all enjoyed the delici food and fellowship.

We feel very lucky to have such a young Christian man as Larry Benso our squad. I thought you and y church would be interested to know Larry was nominated along with ministers to serve the Duplin Cou Association of Rescue Squads chaplain. I'm sorry to say that he di win, but I feel it was a great honor him, a lay person.

Last, but not least, we wish to th you for your generous donation. You be sure that it will be put to good us helping us to better serve the peopl Warsaw.

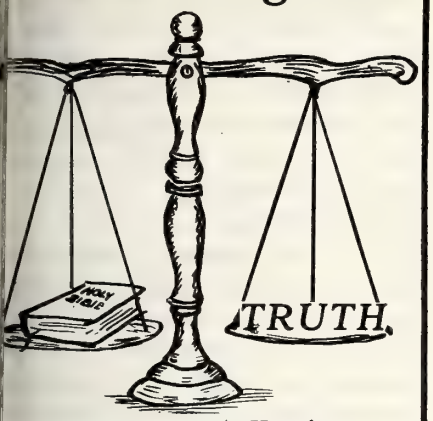
Yours truly,
Truby Pulley, Cap

**BIBLE BOWL QUIZ BOOK**

**The 1975-76 Bible Bowl Quiz book for the General Conference will be "No. One Genesis—Deuteronomy" by B. C. Jennings.**

**Margaret Ard, President General Conference W. A.**

## The Unmitigated




*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

Scriptural Basis: ". . . God sent forth son, . . . To redeem them that were der the law, . . ." (Galatians 4:4, 5).

### THE CHURCH'S POSITION IN SALVATION

The church is an instititution anized by the Lord Jesus Christ for sole purpose of administrating all the trines, ministries, and paraphernalia God's formula of salvation. God gives church the power, the authority, and divine grace in whatever portions ded to perform in the most successful y. The church is designed, signated, and duty bound to be God's bodiment of all His love and all His rt. Every sinner who is saved by the ce of God through faith will be a mber of the church! The church is tined to become the Bride of Christ, there will be a wedding feast for all members when the church and Christ joined together and become **One** in !

n Matthew 28:19, 20 is stated God's mmission to the church: "Go ye refore, and teach all nations, bap- ng them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: aching them to observe all things atsoever I have commanded you: and, I am with you alway, even unto the of the world. Amen."

Jesus gives the command and He ds the authority, the power, and the piration which He shares with every iever who becomes a part of the Great mmission. The church is made up of ople who have agreed to become a part the evangelistic, missionary, and ecutive administration of God's power grace. If this church appears to be dequate or a failure in the mind of you, the reader, take courage. If there is anything in this world destined for complete victory, it is the church of Jesus Christ. It is absolutely impossible for the church to fail in any way. Glory to God!

The church's position in salvation is that it is declared to be the guardian of the gospel. "Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 2, 3). The gospel of salvation simply means that the good news announcing that salvation is made available to all people is declared. The role of the church is to guard, protect, and propagate the salvation movement on earth.

The business ascribed to the church in the salvation effort has been costly in the sacrifice of both human lives and in materials (money, houses, lands); also in the flagrant waste and use of time.

Finally, the church is to send forth the gospel. The organization of the church was made to get the gospel out in great and mighty forces; to utilize also the weak and beggarly elements of the proclamation that Jesus saves. God honors the loud and promiscuous as well as the mute and unassuming declaration concerning the offer of salvation to "whosoever" will call upon His name. The church offers hundreds of thousands of minute as well as gigantic means,

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# THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

**by Mrs. Royce Matthews**

R E S T O R E T H X Y E L L A V P
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P F O R E V E R T S E T N I O N A

In the group of letters above you will find some of the principal words as recorded in Psalm 23. These words may be spelled vertical, horizontal, diagonal, backward, or forward. We hope you will be able to find and circle all of the words.

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preparest
presence
restoreth
righteousness
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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Hickory Chapel to Host Annual Albemarle Conference**

The thirty-first annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will convene with Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, Wednesday, October 8, with the president, the Rev. Robert M. May, presiding. The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Francis Garner
9:40—Welcome, Mr. William Dilday
—Response, the Rev. Marvin Waters
9:45—Conference Called to Order
—Adoption of Program as Order of Business
—Enrollment of Churches
—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates
—Enrollment of Delegates from Other Church Bodies
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Robert M. May
—Appointment of Temporary Committees: Resolutions, Temperance, Nominating
—Morning Offering
—Report of Standing Boards: Executive, Trustees, Education, Missions, Ordination
11:20—Announcements
11:25—Special Music
—Message, the Rev. John Owens
12:00—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Devotions, Mr. Oscar Webster
1:10—Memorial Service, the Rev. Charlie Overton
1:20—Report of State Convention
—Report of Mount Olive College
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
—Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home
—Report of Superannuation
—Report of Foreign Missions
—Report of Home Missions —Church Extension
—Report of Retirement Homes
2:20—Report of Temporary Committees
—Report of Treasurer
—Appointment of Delegates to Various Church Bodies
—Installation of New Officers
—Reading of Minutes
—Announcements of Next Conference
—Benediction and Adjournment

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**Homecoming at First Church of Greenville**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 5. The activities for the day will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed by the worship service at 11 a. m. Lunch will be served on the grounds immediately afterwards. Activities for the day will conclude with the evening worship service at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. T. O. Terry, an outstanding minister from New Bern, will be bringing both of the messages.

The ministers and the congregation extend a warm welcome to former pastors, members, and friends of the church to worship with them on this occasion and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

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**Annual Homecoming At Selma FWB Church**

The annual homecoming service will be held at the Selma Original Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, October 5. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning message by the Rev. R. P. Harris. Mr. Harris is a former pastor of the Selma church, having served from 1942-1949. Lunch will be served in the educational building during the noon hour. A special program of music singing has been planned for the ternoon service. The pastor, Rev. Wells, extends a cordial invitation to former members and pastors to att this homecoming service.

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**Rose Hill Homecoming Sunday, October 5**

On Sunday, October 5, Rose Hill F Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterv will observe its annual homecomi Sunday school will be at 10 a. m., v worship service at eleven. During worship service, there will be a memo service for the deceased members dur the past year. Lunch will be ser picnic style on the church grounds noon. There will be no evening wors for the day. The pastor of the churc the Rev. N. Dan Beaman. A day of w fellowshiping is expected.

A warm welcome to former past members, and friends of the church extended to come and join in a da worship and Christian fellowship.

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**Revival at Piney Grove Church, Albertson**

The Piney Grove Free Will Bap Church of Albertson announces its revival for the week of October 6- beginning nightly at 7:30, with Evangelist Elton Brock, assisted by pastor, the Rev. Gurney Chase. Th will be special singing each night. T pastor and the church members cordially invite the neighboring churc and friends to attend and to be in pra that God will grant His blessing upon services during the week.

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**Homecoming and Revival at Smyrna FWB Church**

The annual homecoming will be held the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Chu located on Highway 96 near Benson, the Meadow Community, on Sund October 5. One of the first pastors of church, the Rev. M. E. Godwin, will the guest speaker.

A singspiration will be held follow the noon meal, beginning at 1: Families and friends are invited to tend. Singers in the area are extended invitation to participate in singspiration.

Revival services will begin following Monday evening, October with the Rev. David Barrow of Dunn

evangelist. Singers are invited to e part in these services and the public ıvited.

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**ıual Fall Bazaar**
**Cabin Church**

Members of Cabin Free Will Baptist ırch, Route 1, Beulaville, are looking ward to seeing old friends and making v friends at their fall bazaar on urday, October 4. The sales booths be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. d will be served all day, beginning h breakfast at 8 a. m. Come out and in the fellowship and do some ppping while you are there.



ndividual booths will be set up to ture the following:

**ıts**—Hanging baskets, shrubs, flowers, etc.

**ery**—Homemade cakes, pies, and candies.

**dlecrafts and Art**—Quilts, crochet items, and unique gifts for that special person on your list.

**ıntry Store**—Canned goods and produce; an opportunity to put something different on your grocery shelf.

**istmas Shop**—Decorations, gifts, etc.

**kstore**—Christian literature, cards, etc.

**ds and Ends**—Used but useful items and antiques.

Thanks to all of you who helped make bazaar a success last year. The rch extends to you a very special tation to come again this year and ng your friends.

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**ny Hill to Observe Homecoming**
**owed with Fall Revival**

lomecoming services will be held at ny Hill Free Will Baptist Church, te 2, Middlesex, Sunday, October 5. vices will begin with Sunday school at 00 a. m. Lunch will be served on the unds at twelve noon. An afternoon program has been planned featuring special music.

On Monday, October 6, the fall revival will begin at 7:30 p. m., and continue through Friday evening. The pastor, the Rev. Davie Brinson, will deliver the homecoming message and will also deliver the evening revival messages. The congregation would like to invite former pastors, members, and friends to share in these special services.

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**Homecoming and Revival**
**At Northeast Church**

The Northeast Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, will celebrate its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 5. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship at eleven. At the noon hour a fellowship dinner will be served. A special feature of the homecoming service will be a display of "Memories of Yesteryears," as the church reviews a part of its 148 year's history in keeping with the bicentennial celebration of the nation. A special invitiation is extended by the pastor, the Rev. Bruce Dudley, and the congregation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to join them in this very special day.

On Monday evening, October 6, continuing through Saturday evening, October 11, fall revival services will be held, beginning each evening at 7:30. The guest minister for these services will be the Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of the Piney Grove church of Kenly.

An extra feature for the revival will be a time for the children of the church to sing at 7:15 each evening. The public is cordially invited to share in the worship and fellowship of the revival.

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**Weekend Youth Rally**
**At Winterville Church**

The Proclaimers, a youth organization of the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, are sponsoring a weekend youth rally on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4. At 7:30 Friday evening, a Christian movie, "The Occult," will be shown. Then on Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, a singspiration featuring "The Young World Singers" and "The Gary Webb Trio," will be held. This will be followed with a light supper of sandwiches served by the youth organization. At 7:30 the highlight of the youth rally will be an evangelistic service will a guest speaker.

The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, and the youth organization invite the public to attend all these services you possibly can and support the youth work of the church.

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**Homecoming and Fall Revival**
**At Kenly FWB Church**

The Kenly Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly, will observe its 84th anniversary on Sunday, October 5. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the message by the pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served in the American Legion Building on Highway 222, west of Kenly, following the worship hour. Prior to the meal, the church will observe a memorial service in memory of its deceased members.

Revival services will begin Monday night, October 6, continuing through Friday night, October 10. The Rev. Frankie Flowers of Goldsboro will be the guest evangelist. Good singing and preaching will be enjoyed by all attending. The pastor invites all to join in these services.

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**Annual Homecoming at Pleasant**
**Grove Church, Pikeville**

Sunday, October 5, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, will observe its annual homecoming. Following Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., the pastor, the Rev. James Lupton, will bring the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The afternoon services will begin with a memorial service, after which special music will be rendered by the Oak Street Youth Choir from Goldsboro.

The pastor, along with the church membership, invites the public, former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

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**Unity Church Announces**
**Revival and Homecoming**

The Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Pervis Road, Durham, announces its fall revival, beginning Monday evening, October 5, and continuing throughout the week. This is to be followed with the homecoming service of the church on

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Sunday, October 12. The Rev. Raymond E. ''Rod'' Jones, pastor of Saint Mary's church in New Bern and a former pastor of the Unity church, will be bringing the messages for the revival and homecoming. A period of great fellowship in the Lord is expected during these services, so everyone come, bring a friend, and be much in prayer for these services.

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**Homecoming-Harvest Day**
**At Robert's Grove Church**

Homecoming and harvest day will be observed at Robert's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, on Sunday, October 5. Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven. Dr. Michael Pelt, professor of religion at Mount Olive college, will deliver this message. The harvest day goal is set at $5,000, and the offering will be taken at the close of the morning worship service. Lunch will be spread on the church grounds at noon, or in case of inclement weather, in the church fellowship hall.

A memorial service will be held in the afternoon, followed with plenty of good gospel singing for everyone to enjoy. The church membership and the pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, invite all former pastors, members, relatives, and friends to come and enjoy the day of Christian worship and fellowship.

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**Fall Revival at**
**St. Paul Church**



The fall revival at St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, will begin Monday evening, October 6, and continue throughout the week, with the Rev. Bobby R. Taylor, pastor of the Bethany church near Winterville, as the guest minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. John Owens, assisting Mr. Taylor. Along with good gospel preaching each evening, special music will be rendered each service by the church choir. Mr. Owens and the church membership extend to all a cordial invitation to attend and pray for the revival.

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**Revival and Homecoming**
**At Owens Chapel Church**



The Owens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, announces fall revival services for the week of October 5-10, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartansburg, South Carolina. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Jack Scarboro. There will be special singing each evening and the public is invited to attend and enjoy each service.

On Sunday, October 12, the church will observe its annual homecoming. Following Sunday school at 10 a. m., the pastor will bring the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. In the afternoon a program of gospel singing has been planned. The pastor and the church extend a warm welcome to former pastors, members, and friends of the church to attend and join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

**Spring Hill Church Announces**
**Homecoming and Revival**

The Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 5, with the Rev. Kenneth Carter, a former pastor, bringing the homecoming message. Lunch will be served picnic style at the noon hour. A service of gospel singing has been planned for the afternoon. The pastor, the Rev. William Dale, and the church membership extend to all former pastors, members, and friends a cordial invitation to attend and renew old acquaintances and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

On Monday evening, October 6, at 7:30, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes, pastor of the Little Rock church in Lucama, will begin a series of revival services in the Spring Hill church. He will be assisted by the pastor who states that the theme for the revival will be ''Come and Praise the Lord.'' Special music will be rendered each evening along with the good preaching by Mr. Eakes. Everyone is invited to attend these services and be much in prayer for their success.

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**Homecoming and Revival**
**At Christian Chapel**

The Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pink Hill, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 5, with the pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard, delivering the homecoming message. From 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. a program of gospel singing has been planned. The pastor and church members extend to everyone a warm welcome to worship with them on this occasion.

The fall revival at Christian Chapel will be held the week of October 6-10, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg. Mr. Patrick will be assisted by the pastor. Special music will also be a part of each service. The public is invited to attend.

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**Warsaw Church to Host**
**Sunday School Convention**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw will be host to the Third Union District Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Conference on Saturday, October 4. The convention will come to order at 10 a. m., with the Rev. O. B. Taylor

presiding. At noon lunch will be served by the ladies of the church in the fellowship building. All churches in the Third Union are requested to send delegates and visitors are invited. Especially are all pastors in the district invited to attend. The Rev. John Raeford Lee is the host pastor.

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**Beulaville Church Homecoming Sunday, October 5**

The Beulaville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 5. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m. This will be followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Chris Singleton, at the morning worship hour. At 12:30 p. m. lunch will be served in the fellowship hall.

Mr. Singleton, along with the church members, invites all former pastors, former members, and friends of the church to worship with them on this occasion and enjoy what promises to be a a great day of Christian fellowship and worship.

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**Revival and Homecoming At Hugo Church**



Revival services are scheduled for the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton, for the week of October 6-11, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting evangelist for these services will be the Rev. O. B. Jones of Tarboro. Mr. Jones will be assisted in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30, by the pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones. Special music will be rendered at each service.

On Sunday, October 12, the Hugo church will observe its annual homecoming. Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m., followed with the pastor bringing the homecoming message at eleven. Lunch will be served at noon.

At 1:30, an afternoon program of singing will be held featuring the ''Melody Makers'' of the Black Jack church. The pastor and the church membership extend a warm invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend this special service.

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**Bobby Woodard to Deliver Tee's Chapel Homecoming Message**

Homecoming services will be observed at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Smithfield, on Sunday, October 5. The services for the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven by the Rev. Bobby Woodard of Greenville, South Carolina. Dinner will be served on the church ground at the noon hour. Singing by various groups is planned for the afternoon. All former pastors, members, friends, and singers are urged to attend. The pastor is the Rev. Foy Futrelle of Goldsboro.

Mr. Woodard, the guest speaker, is a graduate of the Princeton, North Carolina, High School. He attended the North Carolina State University and received his B. A. degree from the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. In May of this year he received his Master's degree from the the Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. He is still at the university doing postgraduate work. He has done pastoral work in North and South Carolina and in Tennessee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodard of Princeton, and is married to the former Gladys Lawhon of the Tee's Chapel community. They have four children.

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**Homecoming at Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church**

The Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern, on the Aurora road out from Bridgeton, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 5, with the pastor, the Rev. James Warner, bringing the message. Following the message, a picnic lunch will be served by the ladies of the church. The pastor and the church membership extend a warm welcome to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and renew old acquaintances and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

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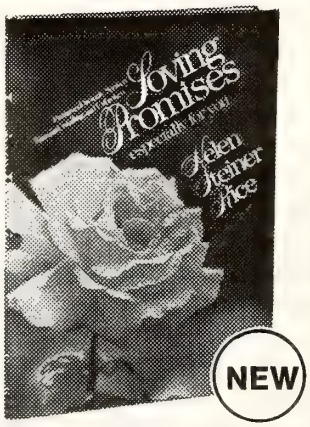
**Little Creek Church to Observe Homecoming**

The annual homecoming at Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, will be observed on Sunday, October 5. The day's services will consist of Sunday school, the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. David C. Hansley, special music, and a memorial service by Mr. James Ray McLawhorn. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend and enjoy the day with Christian friends and loved ones.


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## STRUGGLING WITH DOUBT

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19
**Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 12:9

### I. INTRODUCTION

Is it a sin to doubt? Yes, if we are talking about doubting God's Word. Thomas could not believe Jesus had risen from the dead, even in the face of two facts: (1) Jesus had appeared to His disciples when Thomas was absent, and (2) Jesus had **said** He would live again. On His second appearing to His disciples, and Thomas was present, our Lord urged the dsciple not to be unbelieving, Thomas was contrite and fell at His feet. The sin of doubt had broken his heart, but Jesus healed it.

It is a sin to doubt what God says, but it is also a human thing to do. For this reason God does all He can to help us overcome our doubts. When He sees us struggling with them He is always close at hand (in the Word of God) to show us the way to victory, and speaks to us (in our prayers) with assurance that He will not fail us.

At this point in Abraham's life, some years after he had settled in Canaan, God was about to put him to one of the greatest tests of faith he had ever known. Whatever doubts he might have had concerning being led into a strange, unknown land, these were nothing to compare with doubts which he might have had later.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Abram had many trials and difficulties. Satan used these to plant doubt in his mind concerning the promises. We should not find fault with Abram because of this. Haven't you ever had doubts? It is the business of Satan to approach God's people with doubts. He even approached Christ and said, "If thou be the Son of God."

B. God gave Abram enough evidence to remove completely his doubt. If we will look to the evidence that God gives instead of nursing our doubts, God will remove them. Look at the evidence God gave Abram, and then go to the New Testament and look at the evidence God gave Thomas who doubted that Christ had arisen from the dead.

C. It is not difficult to accept all of the promises of God and rejoice in them when things are going well, but when things are dark and we are discouraged it is more difficult to accept the promises. Just when we need the promises of God the most is the very time that we are most apt to doubt. Yet, this is also the very best time to test the promises of God and resolve our doubts.

D. Some have felt that Abram laughed at the promises of God, but this does not seem to be the case. He laughed with joy and wonder at the greatness and goodness of God's promises. He did not laugh at God, he laughed with God.

E. Have you doubts? Then we humbly suggest that you bring these doubts to the Lord and honestly admit them. You will never resolve your doubts by denying them. Bring them to the Lord and He will renew His promises in your life and resolve your doubts and fears.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITONAL TRUTHS

A. It may be that man has become too self-reliant! "See what I have accomplished," he says. And then upon sober reflection he must ask, "And for what? For what purpose? With what significance?" Only the person who is in fellowship with God has any answer to these questions. Abraham, a childless old man, knew quite well the limitations and frailties of life. But he also knew the strength and power of God. It was not confidence in self that sustained him, but confidence in the Almighty who had come to him to propose and to ratify a covenant. This is what made the difference between Abraham and those around him. Life had meaning for him because he entered into the plans and purposes of God, and then he relied upon God.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. The power of doubt should not be underestimated; it may at times actually defeat God's purposes in our lives.

It is said that on one occasion Martin Luther felt the "props were about out from under the Reformation" and collapse seemed certain. But that night, so testifies Luther, "I was looking out of my window, and beheld the stars, and the whole majestic vault of God, held up without my being able to see the pillars on which the Master had caused them to rest." From that moment all doubts and fears left his soul and he believed that God would support the work he and others were attempting to do.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

C. The faith that honors God:

1. A faith that will believe without encouragement from others.—Abraham.

2. A faith that will believe without encouragement from God.—The Syrophencian Woman.

3. A faith that will believe without previous experience.—Noah and the Deluge.

4. A faith that will believe without hurrying to prove.—The Nobleman of Capernaum.

—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

D. God's program of multiplication for Abraham's seed includes the idea of spiritual increase. We cannot see great numbers of men and women turning to Christ without recalling this promise.

The subcontininent of India is populated by an estimated six hundred million people, 80 percent of whom live in thousands of small rural villages.

According to a report in the magazine, **Today's Christian**, the Christian faith is spreading among Hindus like a brush fire; it is jumping from village to village. Pastor Ezra Sargunam of the Evangelical Church of India told of amazing growth in that church. The first ten years of labor reaped only 725 believers; yet the seed had been planted. During the last four years the harvest has ripened, and the church has grown to over twenty-five hundred members.

The growth rate has been 300 percent in the last ten years. Believers are moving out to preach the gospel in every village they can reach, hoping to plant one hundred new churches in the next five years.—Selected

# SALLY MISSES A GOOD TIME

by Anna Hartzes

SALLY didn't want to go to Connie's birthday party today because she didn't like the dress she had to wear.

"It's a very lovely dress. You look very nice," Mother said.

"I don't want to wear this dress," Sally whimpered. "It's an old hand-me-down."

The dress had belonged to her cousin who had outgrown it and passed it down to Sally.

"The dress makes me look fat. It makes my legs look skinny," Sally added, her face frowning.

"Nonsense. The dress looks good on you. And you are going to wear it," Mother said firmly.

"Everyone will make fun of my old hand-me-down," Sally pouted.

"Everyone will be too busy having a good time to even notice what you're wearing. Furthermore, your friends are too well-manned to behave as you say. Their parents have taught them the same way you have been taught, to appreciate the things God gives us," said Mother.

Sally let out a sigh of discontent. She wished the floor would swallow her up. That would be the only way she could get out of going to Connie's brithday party. But things like that never happened when you wanted them to.

So Sally left for Connie's home. She walked slowly, wishing the party would be over before she arrived.

From outside of Connie's house she heard everyone inside having a good time at the party. At the door, she saw Tom, her neighbor, talking to Frank, another neighbor. Suddenly they looked at her and burst out laughing.

Sally dropped her face in shame. They're laughing because I'm wearing my cousin's old dress, Sally cried to herself.

She wanted to turn around and run home, when Jack bumped into her. He had a big smile on his face, which changed into a big laugh. He tried to excuse himself, but the words wouldn't come. He hurried away.

Sally fought back the tears. He was laughing at her, too, she knew.

Sally's good friend, Belinda, passed by her. When Sally greeted her, Belinda turned from her as if she hadn't seen her.

How awful! Sally thought. No one wants to speak to me in this old dress.

Just then Connie came in from another room and welcomed Sally. As Sally gave her the present, she told Connie tearfully, "I feel bad. I cannot stay at your party." And she rushed away.

At home Sally told Mother she didn't stay at the party because she didn't feel well. But Sally knew that Mother knew the real reason.

The next day Tom and Frank saw Sally outside playing. They asked, "Why did you leave the party so early? You missed a good time."

"We had the funniest joke to tell you. Tom told it to me as you were coming in," Frank said.

Sally wanted to ask, You weren't laughing over the horrible way I looked?

When she saw Jack, who had bumped into her at the party, Jack said, "I'm sorry I bumped into you yesterday. I couldn't apologize because I was laughing too hard over the funny joke Tom told me."

Sally thought, He wasn't laughing at me either.

When she saw Belinda later in the day, Belinda asked, "Why didn't you come to the party yesterday?"

"I left early, but I spoke to you. You didn't answer, but turned away as if you hadn't seen or heard me," Sally answered.

"I broke my glasses before the party yesterday. I got my new glasses today. Now I can see. Without my glasses on yesterday, I didn't see you," said Belinda. "And everybody talked so loudly that I did not hear when you spoke to me."

Sally felt very foolish. She had left a good party because all she could think about was that everyone was making fun of her old dress.

No one had noticed that her dress made her look fat and her legs skinny or that it was a hand-me-down. Everyone had been too busy thinking about having a good time to notice what she was wearing. Maybe her dress didn't look as bad as she thought.

From now on, Sally decided, I'll be thankful for what I have. I won't miss any more good times by feeling everyone is making fun of me because of my clothes or for some other silly reason—Selected

## STORIES for our youth



# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sam Weeks

Several persons have recently inquired about whether I intend to remain at the Children's Home as its superintendent. Most of these questions were prompted by my recent announcement and acceptance of my call into the ministry. Because of the uncertanties existing in some minds I thought I should write an article and publish it in "**The Free Will Baptist**" clarifying and stating my future intentions.

My entire family and I are very sure that this is where God wants us to be. We love our work and most of all, we love the children deeply and cannot bear the thought of leaving them. When we came to the Children's Home three years ago, we were sure that this was God's plan for our lives, that certainty still remains with us; therefore, we have absolutely no intention of stopping in the middle of a work that God has for us to do and we plan to stay here and finish it.

Some ministers have expressed the fear that I might have such a strong desire to preach that I would decide to leave. It's true I do have a yearning to proclaim God's Word, but I can do that at the Home because this is certainly a worthy ministry. In addition to proclaiming God's Word at the Home, I can also preach in numerous Free Will Baptist churches upon your invitation.

It has been said oftentimes that our denomination's confidence in the superintendent can be measured by the amount of contributions received. I suppose it's true in most cases, but I'd prefer to blame our recent drop in contributions at the State Convention to other factors: primarily inflation, unemployment, and poor or late crops. Irregardless of where the blame is placed, the Children's Home needs the money to successfully operate. Dear friends, if your church did not send an offering to the State Convention for the Children's Home, please do so by mail right away.

In summary, we can simply say that we're still committed to this work and intend to press forward; so, if you're with us, let us know so real soon with a contribution from your church.

## THE THOUGHTS OF A CHILD
## (Is It You!)

Is it you who loves me,
  Though I am just a child;
When I feel rejected,
  Unwanted, and denied?

Is it you who gives to me,
  A smile along life's way;
Or brings a bit of laughter
  Into a troubled day?

Is it you who gives to me
  In hours of despair,
Love and understanding,
  And my troubles help me bear?

"Is it you who will betray me?"
  Asked Jesus of His friend.
"I need your reassurance,
  Again and again and again!"

Is it you who has shared with me
  Your precious gifts of love,
And helped me find salvation
  In our blessed Saviour's love?

—Gladys Weeks

## MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

During our last State Convention a suggestion was made that the Children's Home Board of Trustees consider establishing an appropriate memorial for Mr. Clarence Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell, whom many knew as "Pee Dee," came to the Home as a seven-year-old boy. He was raised at the Home, and after reaching adulthood he started serving on the staff. He faithfully served the Home for over twenty-eight years and most of that time as "maintenance man," until his death on September 1, 1975.

At the Board of Trustees' annual meeting on September 22, 1975, the board authorized the following:

1. That the maintenance shop at the Home be named Mitchell's Maintenance Shop in memory of Mr. Mitchell.
2. That an appropriate memorial plaque be designed and placed upon the shop serving as a permanent reminder of Mr. Mitchell's faithful service.
3. That a memorial fund be established in memory of Mr. Mitchell, and that his friends and churches be encouraged to make memorial contributions to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Persons desiring to contribute to this memorial fund should be sure to properly designate the contribution and mail it to The Superintendent, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

## CAPE FEAR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, Wednesday, October 8. The convention theme will be, "Glory in the Cross," with Scripture taken from Galatians 6:14, ". . . God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." The scheduled program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"
—Devotions, Mrs. Ray Warrick
10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Thelma Jackson
—Response, Mrs. Ray Smith
—Special Music, Mr. Sherwood Parker
10:25—President's Remarks, Mrs. R. H. Jackson
—Reading of Minutes
—Recognition of Guests
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED AT DINNERS

As a means of expressing its sincere appreciation for the continuing support it receives from each Free Will Baptist church, Mount Olive College plans to award three $100 scholarships at each of the seventeen county dinners.

Scholarships will be given in three areas: First, to the church giving the greatest amount at each dinner. Second, to the church giving the greatest amount per capita (average per member). Third, to the church bringing the most high school students to the dinner.

It is possible for one church to win all three scholarships. Each church has the privilege of selecting the student or students from their church to receive its scholarship. The scholarships will be accepted during the 1976-1977 or 1977-1978 academic years.

The membership figures used in determining the per capita scholarship winners are from the State Convention report.

The high school students attending the dinner must stay for the entire program.

These scholarships will not affect the existing church matching scholarship program.

A certificate will be presented to each winner at the dinners.

## 1975 COUNTY DINNERS PLANNED

All arrangements have been finalized for the annual county dinners for Mount Olive College.

The College hopes to raise a minimum of $75,000 at the seventeen county dinners. All Free Will Baptists are urged to attend the dinner along with their high school students. The schedule of dinners includes:

**Jones County,** Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, the Rev. Andrew Hill, chairman; goal, $2,000.

**Pamlico County,** Saturday, October 11, 7:30 p. m., Arapahoe Church Fellowship Building, Tom Caroon, chairman; goal, $3,750.

**Craven County,** Monday, October 13, 7 p. m., Juniper Chapel Church Fellowship Building, Roy Wetherington, chairman; goal, $4,175.

**Wayne County,** Thursday, October 16, 7 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Ben Rollins, chairman; goal, $7,200.

**Greene County,** Saturday, October 25, 7 p. m., Snow Hill Junior High School, James Ray McLawhorn and George Harrison, cochairmen; goal, $4,900.

**Johnston-Wake Counties,** Monday, November 3, 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez, chairman; goal, $10,050.

**Nash County,** Wednesday, November 5, 7 p. m., Middlesex Elementary Cafeteria, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman; goal, $1,975.

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties,** Friday, November 7, 7:15 p. m., Dixon High School, Leonard Hobbs, chairman; goal, $1,075.

**Lenoir County,** Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Stanley Jenkins, chairman; goal, $4,050.

**Edgecombe-Halifax Counties,** Monday, November 10, 7 p. m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman; goal, $2,150.

**Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties,** Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p. m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria, David Cahoon, chairman; goal, $3,825.

**Beaufort County,** Saturday, November 15, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School, Oscar Webster, chairman; goal, $3,000.

**Pitt County,** Monday, November 17, 7 p. m., D. H. Conley High School, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, chairman; goal, $11,175.

**Wilson County,** Tuesday, November 18, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James Hunt, chairman; goal, $7,790.

**Sampson, Harnett and Cumberland Counties,** Thursday, November 20, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. Felton Godwin, chairman; goal, $6,175.

**Carteret County,** Saturday, November 22, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School, Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner, cochairmen; goal, $4,000.

**Duplin County,** to be announced; goal, $5,875.

## 108 FWB STUDENTS ATTEND MOC

Student enrollment for the fall semester at Mount Olive College has increased to 401, the largest number of students ever to enroll at the College.

Of the total student body, 108 students are from 70 North Carolina Free Will Baptist churches and three

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then to shout, and this slowed down the business. At one time this man came around in front of Brother Beam and said, "Brother Beam, everybody around here knows how I like to plow, but I'm telling you I had rather shout than plow anytime." Brother Beam looked at him steadfastly and said, "Brother, there are times when it is more important to plow than to shout." The man took the hint, and after two or three more "glory hallelujahs," he sat down. Then Brother Beam said clamly, "Brethren, let us now proceed with the plowing!"

All that I learned from my early pastorates and visits made me happier than ever to be a Free Will Baptist. I saw these people as needing leaders who would encourage them in better ways of carrying on the work of the Lord, to which work they were truly dedicated; thus, I prayed that I might be permitted to help them find a greater place in the great plan of God for His church, and to find also better ways of serving Him.

(Next Week: West? No, East!)

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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restored Dorcas to life (Acts 3:7; 5:15, 16; 9:34, 40). Stephen and Philip wrought miracles (Acts 6:8; 8:6, 7, 13). Paul cured a lame man, cast out an unclean spirit, made the bite of a viper harmless, restored Eutychus to life, and healed the father of Publius (Acts 14:10; 16:18; 20:10-12; 28:5, 8).

## THE UNMITIGATED TRUTH

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methods, and minds to make the salvation formula available to all men, women, and children all over the world. The business of getting the gospel message out holds the highest and most needed consideration of all the affairs and concerns of man on earth. There will come a time when all earthly endeavors and ambitions will end. One day man will be carried out of time and into eternity. The only reasonable and endurable effort in the whole world is to preach Jesus Christ, the Lord of all in heaven and on earth. Now is the time to act! God have mercy on us!

## CHURCH AUXILIARIES

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—Appointment of Committees
—Hymn, "At the Cross"
11:00—Christian Service Fund
—Special Music, Mr. Sherwood Parker
—Message, the Rev. Kemery Ard
12:00—Benediction and Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, "Glory to His Name"
—Life Membership Award
—Special Music, Mary Lynn Honeycutt
1:15—Youth Chairman Report
—Children's Home Report
—Mount Olive College Report
—Cragmont Assembly Report
—Foreign Missions Report
—Home Missions Report
—Superannuation Report
2:00—Business Session
—Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
—Benediction and Adjournment

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churches in Georgia, Florida, and Mexico. While the number of Free Will Baptist students attending the College is larger than in recent years the College wants to make every effort to reach more FWB students.

The following Free Will Baptist churches have students currently enrolled at Mount Olive College as pictured on Page 15:

**Beaufort County:** Free Union, Shiloh, and White Hill.

**Bladen County:** Oak Grove.

**Columbus County:** Beaver Dam.

**Craven County:** Bridgeton, Core Creek, Gethsemane, New Haven, Oak Grove, Saint Mary's, and Spring Hope.

**Cumberland County:** Eastwood.

**Duplin County:** Beulaville, Bethlehem, Sarecta, and Snow Hill.

**Edgecombe County:** First Tarboro.

**Greene County:** Free Union, Grimsley, Howell Swamp, and Spring Branch.

**Johnston County:** Bethel, Everette's Chapel, Hopewell, Piney Grove, Pleasant Hill, Powhatan, Rains Cross Roads, Riverside, First Smithfield, Stancil's Chapel, and Friendship.

**Jones County:** Whaley's Chapel.

**Lenoir County:** Deep Run, First Kinston, Hugo, LaGrange, and Smith's New Home.

**Nash County:** Mount Zion, Rock Springs, and Union Chapel.

**Pamlico County:** Rock of Zion and Warden's Grove.

**Pitt County:** Piney Grove, Reedy Branch, and Bethany.

**Sampson County:** Hillsberry, Lee's Chapel, Robert's Grove, and Saint Paul.

**Tyrrell County:** Sound Side.

**Washington County:** First Plymouth, Mount Tabor, and Union Chapel.

**Wayne County:** Casey's Chapel, First Goldsboro, Fremont, Mount Olive, Northeast, and Pleasant Hill.

**Wilson County:** Aspen Grove, Calvary, Daniels Chapel, Little Rock, Piney Grove, and Saint Mary's.

**Florida:** Merritt Island.

**Georgia:** Zion.

**Texas:** Free Will Baptist Chapel.

Each Free Will Baptist church is requested to supply the College with a list of its high school seniors, juniors, and sophomores.

### Note of Thanks

**The Home Missions and Church Extension Department would like to use this method to express thanks for your financial support at the North Carolina State Convention. The amount contributed to this department amounted to $6,392.30. Many thanks and may God bless each of you.**

**Taylor Hill**
**Director-Treasurer**

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**Religious instruction has been banned from tax-supported schools and colleges until recently. Now religion instruction has been elected by many students and is no longer a "no-no."**

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IS NO "NO-NO!"

The American Civil Liberties Union and shades of Madalyn Murray O'Hair will cause another raucous as soon as the court docket will allow their case to be heard against a new emphasis on religion! Mrs. O'Hair and the ACLU (sometimes acting together and sometimes apart) have seen many of their antireligion suits work to their favor, but this case (if they choose to try it) may prove a little more difficult.

What we are talking about is a sudden rise in religious course offerings (because of *demand*) in many colleges and *public high schools.* U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, in its August 18 issue, estimates that 1,000 public high schools are now offering *objective religious study courses* which are the *most popular* of *elective studies.* Is this surprising, or is it another strong indication that man's innate nature urges him to seek *God* and to learn more about Him?

With the expulsion of religion from the public schools came a breakdown of moral codes. Mrs. O'Hair, often referred to as the "Baltimore atheist," contended that the U. S. Constitution provided freedom *from* as well as freedom *of* religion and took the case of *imposed* religion to the Supreme Court and won! In the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling (during the early 1960's), many religious leaders have shuddered at the thought of Mrs. O'Hair's next move. Mrs. O'Hair's intelligence and articulate manner are impressive; and in addition to her oral ability, she has been seen to display a determination seldom equalled and has almost literally fought with her teeth and nails to have her way. Most of the time she has been successful.

It must be shocking to Mrs. O'Hair to learn that college students in increasing numbers are now majoring in religion. This is particularly important during this time when there is widespread delving into the occult, witchcraft, devil worship, and sideline spiritualism (sometimes called *spiritism*—communication with the dead). Of particular interest also is that *some states are now certifying public school teachers as religion specialists.* How they are getting away with it and how long they will continue to do so are two questionable points; and another matter of deep concern is this: Are these states not in *violation* of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which reads in part: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion . . ."?

Mrs. O'Hair and ACLU are sure to argue that there *is gross violation.* It is almost certain that a portion of the Fourteenth Amendment will be cited: ". . . No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. . . ." This segment of the Fourteenth has been construed to impose restrictions on state and local governments to "establish religion," very much as the First Amendment restricts the national government. The first time the Fourteenth was applied to religion was in 1947, in the New Jersey case, *Everson vs. Board of Education.* Since that time, there have been other celebrated cases in which the Fourteenth Amendment has been cited—Mrs. O'Hair's much-publicized suit of the early 60's being of real significance.

The recent upsurge of religious interest on the part of students has been "blamed" on church leaders, educators, and parents who are seeking to rekindle the fire of sacredness, belief in a personal God, Christ as Saviour, and overall morality, while increasing interest in religion in its broadest spectrum. Criticism has obviously already arisen and is expected to get worse. Two New England states, New Hampshire and Connecticut, namely, have joined their sister state, Massachusetts, and have recently passed laws allowing prayer (voluntary and undenominational) in public schools. It is reported that this trend is spreading to adjoining states, as legislatures are seriously considering similar proposals that may indeed become written laws! But—more trouble from the hierarchy! If Mrs. O'Hair doesn't challenge these state laws, the ACLU is expected to try their luck.

What seems so strange to us is that the Supreme Court, in interpreting freedom *of* religion as being freedom *from* religion, *has discriminated against the masses who want religious instruction but who have been denied it by the Court's injunction, resulting (in recent times) from Mrs. O'Hair's atheism.* It is especially frustrating when one considers that this "In God We Trust" nation was founded on religious principles and that a few atheists and their cohorts can upset the whole system. . . .

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# YOUTH EVANGELISM

(Part One)
by the Rev. Harry Grubbs

*(This sermon, in two parts, was delivered by Mr. Grubbs at the Mission-Evangelism Conference in Greenville, on July 25, 1975, and is being published in "The Free Will Baptist" by popular request. At the time the sermon was delivered Mr. Grubbs was pastor of the Milbournie church near Wilson; but as of August 2, he is pastoring the Sherron Acres church, 1300 Lynn Road, Durham, North Carolina 27703.)*

I have chosen for my topic today, "Youth Evangelism." I feel hat this is a very important area for the hurch. We need to be concerned about ringing our youth into the kingdom of od and in helping them grow in grace nd knowledge of our Lord and Saviour esus Christ, and, in helping them find heir proper place in the kingdom and in he church. God is very much concerned ver our youth, and we need to be oncerned too.

## . THE CHALLENGE

### A. Scriptural

Many times in Scripture, both the Old nd New Testaments, God gives commands concerning young people.

When God made His covenant with the sraelite people through Moses, He ssued this challenge: ". . . these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt each them diligently unto thy children, nd shalt talk of them when thou sittest n thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, nd when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7).

Again the Scripture says in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

"Teach them unto thy **children**!" "**Train your children!**" These are commands of God himself.

The New Testament follows suit. When people tried to bring children to Jesus so that He might bless them, the disciples turned them away, possibly saying, "Jesus doesn't have time to waste on children." But Jesus rebuked them saying, ". . . Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein" (Mark 10:14, 15). "Receive the kingdom of God as a little child." What does that mean? It means to have the kind fo **faith** that a child possesses. I read an article in the paper sometime back of a boy who fell into an open, dry well. His injuries were very minor, but he couldn't get out of the well. Some men who were working nearby heard his calls for help and came to his aid. They dropped him a rope and told him to hang on and they would pull him out. The boy asked, "Is my daddy up there?" They said, "No, but we'll pull you out and take you to your daddy." But the boy refused to be pulled out by anyone other than his own daddy. The men managed to get the boy's address and the name of his parents, and the boy's father came to pull him to safety. Now this child had faith in his father. This is the kind of faith that God requires of His children.

Again Jesus said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. . . . it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish" (Matthew 18:10, 14).

Indeed God loves young people and desires that we do all we can to reach people while they are young. It is much easier to reach young people with the gospel than it is to reach people who have become set in their ways. The Scripture points this out too in Ecclesiastes 12:1, and I quote from the Living Bible: "Don't let the excitement of being young cause you to forget about your Creator. Honor him in your youth before the evil years come—when you'll no longer enjoy living."

The Apostle Paul also challenges young people. He wrote to Timothy, and he might well be writing to today's youth: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

There are more challenges from the Holy Scripture for us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our youth, but these should challenge us sufficiently.

### B. Today's Youth

The youth of today present a tremendous challenge in themselves. They are more sophisticated, more intelligent, more inquisitive, more worldly than probably any generation ever before them. They are more aware of political, social, and religious trends than any generation at the same age. They are also more aware of state, national, and world affairs. They are more knowledgeable about the facts of life than any generation before them.

But at the same time, we face a generation of young people who are possibly more disoriented, frustrated, and unsure of themselves than any generation before them. They are faced with greater temptations today. Not only

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
Scripture Reading—John 8:12

A GIVE-AND-TAKE WORLD

We live in a give-and-take world. Few Christians, however, are willing to give what it takes to fully follow Christ—total dedication. They fail to say with Paul: "I count all things but loss for Christ . . . for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung" (Philippians 3:8).

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ came to earth as an example for men. He gave all He had—even His life—to insure a better life for us all.*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:58

ONLY THEE

Oh hide this self from me, that I
No more, but Christ in me, may live!
My vile affections crucify,
Nor let one darling lust survive.
In all things nothing may I see,
Nothing desire or seek, but thee!

—Gerhard Tersteegen

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our love of worldly goods and pleasures obstruct our relationship with our Saviour. The few pitiful years spent in this world cannot compare to a lifetime in Paradise.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:1

THE QUINTESSENCE

During World War II, some escaped prisoners of war hid for some time in a cellar in Cologne, Germany.

They wrote on the wall this inscription:

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining;
I believe in love, even when feeling it not;
I believe in God, even when He is silent.

Thus was expressed the quintessence of faith.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Quintessence may not be a pretty word but its meaning is quite beautiful: The essence of a thing in its purest and most concentrated form. We can feel the presence of the Holy Ghost even though nothing around us seems in any way to be holy.*

WEDNESDAY, COTOBER 15
Scripture Reading—Psalm 5:11

LIVING FAITH

Doubt sees the obstacles,
Faith sees the way;
Doubt sees the darkest night,
Faith sees the day.

Doubt dreads to take one step,
Faith soars on high;
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I."

—Author unknown

PRAYER THOUGHT

*I believe. With these words we proclaim our trust, love, and acceptance. When we truly believe in God we are able to ignore the petty adversities of this life.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
Scripture Reading—Mark 9:43

LIVING IN HELL

Kathleen Spiller, 26, was one of two women charged in the disappearance of $492,000 from the Penticton, B. C., branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. For nearly three years, she had taken money from the bank. During that time, she spent thousands of dollars on cars, clothes, jewelry, and her home. An aching conscience finally led her to confess the embezzlement. She said, "I could not go on living in hell!"—Adapted from *The Prairie Overcomer*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*For many of us our real idol is material wealth. But we can't help noticing how many who seemingly have everything this world has to offer are still unhappy.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
Scripture Reading—Revelation 1:8

"HE CARETH FOR YOU"

When you've met some disappointment,
And you're tempted to feel blue,
When your plans have all been sidetracted,
Or some friend has proved untrue;
When you're toiling and you're struggling
At the bottom of the stairs,
It will seem a bit like heaven,
Just to know that Jesus cares!

Ah, this life is not all sunshine,
Some days darkest clouds disclose,
There's a cross for every joybell,
And a thorn for every rose!
But the cross is not so grievous,
Nor the thorn the rosebud wears,
And the clouds have silver linings,
When we know that Jesus cares!

—Author Unknow

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It's nice just to know that Someon cares. We know Jesus cares. He ha sacrificed much for us and still concerned about our well-being.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
Scripture Reading—Psalm 82:5

THREE DAYS TO SEE

Said Helen Keller in her splendi essay, "Three Days to See," "I wh am blind can give one hint to thos who see: Use your eyes as tomorrow you would be stricke blind. Make the most of every sens Glory in all the facets of pleasure ar beauty which the world reveals to yo through the several means of conta which nature provided."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Nature provides a wealth of beaut that surpasses material wealth. Th is one wealth we can enjoy to th utmost. None are so blind as thos who can see and yet refuse.*

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Up-To-The-Minute lustrations*, Moody Press.)

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** Could one be a Christian without studying the Bible?

**Answer:** One of the commandments found in the New Testament admonishes us to study and suggests for what purpose we need to study: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:15-19).

There are many things one stands in need of in order that he be Christlike in all that he does, says, and thinks and this is what being a Christian will bring forth in one. Remember the Bible says, ". . . the tree is known by his fruit" (Matthew 12:33); "Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh" (James 3:12); "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).

A truly born-again Christian's life will habitually bring forth good fruit as a regular habit. He may and will occasionally sin, but he will not let the sun go down on his wrath for he will have formed a regular habit of confessing and forsaking sin rather than one of covering his sin. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). The Bible conveys to the Christian who heeds its injunction to hide it in his heart. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:11, 105); ". . . I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16); ". . . the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12).

Since the Word of God is the Saint's spiritual food it is indeed necessary that he partake of it day by day; that is what our Lord did. He was well enough versed in it from having memorized it and studied it that He quoted it freely in reply to His enemies and for a means of preparing His followers against the evil days they are bound to encounter here in this world of sin and rebellious sinners.

Here is what George H. Sandison says in answering a similar question in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"The Christian should go to the Bible just as a sheep goes to pasture or a thirsty man to water. We should cultivate the feeling that in the Bible God is speaking to us personally, and read it for ourselves, expecting to find definite, personal messages for our own souls. Hearing others talk about the Bible or explain it or preach from its texts can never take the place of reading it for ourselves. But we ought ever to be mindful of the fact that preaching and teaching are the most important functions of ministers and preachers. They are highly trained, are especially endowed to that end, and their explanations of texts and passages, being the result of careful and prayerful preparation and research, have the weight of authority and should be accordingly valued. Helps and commentaries are also useful, but we should not get into the habit of relying upon them or reading them to the exclusion of the Bible itself. Many people, particularly young Christians, are apt to become discouraged about their Bible reading because they begin with the most difficult instead of the simplest parts. A good book to begin with is the Gospel of Mark. This is a straightforward account of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. After reading this several times you will become interested in reading Matthew's and Luke's accounts of the same events, and will read John to get the deeper and more spiritual conceptions of the Master and His wonderful conversations reported at greater length here than in the other Gospels. At the same time be reading the Book of Acts, which is plain and intensely interesting. Read Isaiah and the Psalms for devotional use. In Paul's epistles a good place to start is the letter to the Philippians, which is full of joy and contains plain and important teachings about the person of Jesus. Ephesians and Colossians contain rich spiritual teaching and Romans and Galatians give the foundations of Paul's doctrine. Starting with this foundation you will be better able to understand and enjoy all the other epistles of the New Testament. Gradually you will grow familiar with the Old Testament, history and prophecy alike, and will soon come to find Bible reading a delight, particularly if you have passed through a definite experience of conversion through faith in Christ's blood and are seeking all the time to come, through faith and obedience, into closer fellowship with Him."

So the answer is no! One cannot be the kind of Christian we are called upon in the Bible to be without meditating on it day and night according to "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:1, 2).

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## WEST? NO, EAST!

(Part Eleven)
by Loy Everette Ballard

AFTER I returned home from the Free Will Baptist Seminary in the spring of 1919, I kept in touch with many of my friends in Eastern North Carolina through correspondence and through reading about them in **The Free Will Baptist**. I made one trip back East in 1921, and attended one day of the State Convention. I guess there was always in the background of my mind the hope that sometime I might have an opportunity to pastor churches in the East, but I felt a profound responsibility toward the people of my home area. I cannot say that at this time I had any deep convictions regarding the locale of my future ministry. I had simply entered doors open to me without much searching for any special indications of God's directing me to any particular field for my labors.

In the summer of 1923, soon after the meeting of the General Conference in Georgia, I received a letter from a church in Nashville, Tennessee, stating that this church had voted to extend to me a call to become its pastor beginning in September. I felt highly flattered at receiving this call, and I suppose this caused me to react favorably without praying enough about it. I was sure enough that I resigned my office position in Asheville, and began making preparations to go to Tennessee. Then came a letter from the church stating that its pastor had reconsidered his resignation, and had offered to stay on another year; and that, for some seemingly good reasons which they gave, the church had decided to ask me to accept their apologies and release them from the call they had extended to me.

I confess that I was somewhat confused and my faith had a little bit of a jolt, but I was not in despair. I thought of the experiences of Paul when he had made plans, only to be forbidden to follow them. I am glad that I remembered that Paul simply went to God in prayer, and I did the same.

Being free from home obligations, I decided to go to the State Convention, which met that year at Reedy Branch church in Pitt County near Greenville. My brother volunteered to take me, and we persuaded my father to go along. At lunchtime, on the first day of the convention, a committee from the Greenville church talked with me about pastoring their church. They suggested that I stay over and visit the church on Sunday, and preach and meet the members. I did this, and the committee talked with me more after the service, but did not want to make a final decision until they had a church conference on the following Wednesday night. Since my brother had to return home on Monday, I left Greenville with some misgivings about getting the call. However, the last of the week a letter came confirming my call, and asking that I come as soon as possible. I got ready and returned East the following week, fully satisfied that this was in the will of God for me.

Very soon I learned some things that might have caused me to think twice before accepting the call, had I known them before. I learned that the church was somewhat divided, and that there was some contention over the leaving of the former pastor. I went at once and talked with the former pastor, and he assured me that his decision to leave was definite, and that I had his goodwill and prayers. I was brought to a greater dependence upon prayer by the things I learned, and I am sure the Lord heard my prayers. The division did not prove to be as bad as I had thought; and it was not long until there came about understandings which, while not wholly removing the contention, made it possible for me to have in general the support of the church. I remained in Greenville this time for three years, and I believe that some real progress was made.

During these years I had opportunities to be involved more and more in the general work of the denomination in Eastern North Carolina. I joined the Central Conference in November, and in that session I was appointed as field worker for the Free Will Baptist League work in the conference. I also became a member of the North Carolina Ministerial Association the following May, and was elected as field secretary, responsible for promoting the organization statewide. As field worker for Free Will Baptist League work, I visited most of the churches in the conference during the two years I served in this capacity, and helped to organize several leagues. The Greenville church already had a very active league, and a group from there went with me on several occasions.

Here are some significant things that happened among Free Will Baptists during the period from 1919 through 1925: South Carolina Free Will Baptists began to take a more active interest in the general work of the denomination. Gifts to missions gradually increased during the period. Special moves were made toward improving their Sunday schools. Thirty-one churches reported to the State Conference in 1922 as compared to twenty-six in 1919. While not many new state bodies united with the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of the United States during these years, the program was expanded considerably. A Woman's Home Mission Convention was organized as an auxiliary to the General Conference. Eureka College, just opened at Ayden, North Carolina, in 1925, received the endorsement the same year by the General Conference. A five-year program for North Carolina Free Will Baptists was endorsed by the State Convention in 1923. This period saw a number of outstanding revivals held throughout the denomination. The Revs. R. V. Self, S. H. Styron, Willis W. Ballard, J. L. Welch, were at the high point in their career as evangelists, holding evangelistic meetings generally over the bounds of the General Conference. Many souls were saved in the revivals held by these and other evangelists, and there was a general increase in membership in many churches.

(Next Week: Wedding Bells and Conference Disagreements)

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## EASTWOOD MISSION

We, of the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Mission, Fayetteville, wish to change our name for the purpose of buying property, becoming a church, and having our own church name.

We came out from our mother church, the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, in good standing with the church and are carrying the church's name until such a time as our members agree upon a name of our own. We would like to state that this is not a split from the Eastwood church. We dearly love and appreciate our mother church, and Eastwood is now, and will always be, our mother church.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in the seventeen months we have been a mission. We are hoping to buy property and start our own building program. We have chosen for our name a locational name and also the name of our denomination. We would like for our mission to be addressed as the Catalpa Free Will Baptist Mission. We ask for your continued prayers and support, and may God bless all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Alton Howard, Pastor

## WHY HOME MISSIONS?

I recently learned that some of our churches have allotted Home Missions as little as $20 for the coming year. There are many that do not even have us in their budget at all. I am persuaded that the main reason for this is that they do not really understand our purpose, and that is what I hope to convey in this article.

Perhaps I can do better by giving some real life examples. When I moved to Fayetteville twelve years ago, there was no church of our faith to attend. Today we have an established church and a mission. Since the Eastwood church of Fayetteville was first established, it has provided a church home for approximately one hundred other Free Will Baptist from your churches that have moved into the area. Also, every deacon has come from other Free Will Baptist churches. We most likely would have lost most of these brethren to other denominations if we had not provided a church home for them in the area. I found that most Free Will Baptists who had moved into the area prior to the church being established were already settled in other churches and were not willing to pull out and join us. It has been the unsettled ones that have moved in that we have received. This church has ordained five ministers, has trained approximately 150 teachers and officers, and is one of our largest contributors to our denominational enterprises.

I sincerely hope no one is taking this in a critical way by accusing me of boasting, because my purpose is to show how the people from your churches have helped to bring all this about. As a matter of fact, I am saying "thank you" for the faithful people that you have trained and have served faithfully in establishing this church.

Now the same thing is taking place in other areas where we do not have churches established. More of our people are moving into the cities and newly developed areas than ever before, and we need missions and churches there for them to become involved in or else we will continue to remain a small denomination with resources so limited that we can barely make a spark of light in the world of evangelism around us.

Now let me say a few words to all of our church people who are deliberately selfish and are hoarding your resources. Jesus said that He will take it from you and give it to another who will use it (see Matthew 25:28). Many of our churches continue to be small and unfruitful simply because they are not sharing that which they do have with their community and for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The greatest thing you can do for your church to help it to grow and prosper is to bear fruit; for God will send you a return on your money and efforts, "heaped up, packed down, and running over." Finally, let me say this: I see every new mission that we help to get established as a young sapling fruit tree that will be needing help for perhaps several years until it grows into a mature tree, and then it will be giving back manifold the fruit that it receives.

The best thought of all is that it will be a perpetual thing that will continue to grow until Christ comes. May God bless you for taking time out to read this article. I hope it has helped you to see the importance of Home Missions and Church Extension as I do.

Respectfully submitted,
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## COMING EVENTS . . .

October 8—Albemarle Conference, Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina

October 8—Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina

October 16—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Rains Cross Roads Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina

October 18—Pee Dee Association, Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

October 25—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, North Carolina

October 30, 31—Cape Fear Conference, Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina

November 5, 6—Central Conference, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Grimsley Homecoming**
**October 12**

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Snow Hill, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 12, with the pastor, the Rev. Tom Miller, bringing the message. At noon a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. A singspiration has been planned for the afternoon. The pastor and church members extend to all former pastors, members, and friends a warm invitation to attend and enjoy the worship and Christian fellowship.

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**Revival and Homecoming**
**Scheduled for Whaley's Chapel**

Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Hargett's Cross Roads, Route 2, Richlands, announces revival services for the week of October 13-17. The guest speaker for the week will be the Rev. Norman Ard of Pink Hill, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Andrew Hill. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with each one featuring special music.

On Sunday, October 19, the church will observe its annual homecoming which will also be the church's 75th anniversary and harvest day. The pastor will be bringing the homecoming message at the morning worship hour, followed with lunch being served in the fellowship hall at 12:30. An afternoon service will begin at two o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend all these services.

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**Revival and Homecoming**
**At West Hillsborough Mission**

Revival services are scheduled for the West Hillsborough Free Will Baptist Mission beginning Wednesday, October 8, and continuing through Sunday, October 12. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. James R. Byrd of Durham as the evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Grayson Spencer.

On Sunday, October 12, the mission will observe its homecoming service. The pastor and the mission members invite everyone to attend these services.

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**Stewart Humphrey to Conduct**
**Smithfield Revival**



The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, pastor of the Gum Swamp church near Greenville, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield the week of October 12-17. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with special music being rendered each service. The church is located on the corner of Rose and Third Streets in Smithfield. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr. A cordial welcome is extended everyone to attend. A nursery will be provided throughout the week.

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**Walter Sutton to Conduct**
**Friendship Revival**

The Rev. Walter Sutton will be the evangelist for revival services at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, the week of October 13-18, beginning nightly at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, will be assisting in the services consisting of Bible preaching, gospel singing, and spiritual fellowship. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

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**Revival and Homecoming Announced**
**For Casey's Chapel Church**



Revival services are scheduled for Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro for the week of October 13-17, beginning nightly at 7:30. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. George C. Lee of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Peggy Casey of the church states: "We invite all of our friends in Christ to come and worship with us during these services. It is our prayer that each of us as members will be revived and that souls will be saved. We ask your prayers that this will be a truly great revival."

Homecoming services are planned for Casey's Chapel for Sunday, October 19. The Rev. David Thick of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex will bring the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. During this service the annual harvest offering of the church will be received. At 12:30 p. m. the annual picnic will be held in the educational building of the church. After lunch a short program will be rendered by some of the children from the Children's Home. A warm welcome is extended to former pastors, members, and friends to attend and enjoy what promises to be a great day in the Lord's service.

**Marsh Swamp Youth Visit White Lake**



On Saturday, September 6, a group of youth and chaperons from Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, enjoyed a trip to White Lake. The trip was made on the newly purchased church bus and was driven by the pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs. A picnic lunch was also enjoyed on the trip.

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**Sweet Gum Grove Fall Revival Oct. 13-18**

Fall revival services are scheduled for Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, for the week of October 13-18. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Clyde Cox as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Brinson, will be assisting in the services which will feature special music each evening. Your prayers are requested for the success of the meeting, that souls may be saved. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Revival and Homecoming At British Chapel**

Revival services are in progress this week at the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill with the Rev. Ray Wells of Selma as the visiting minister. Services are beginning each evening at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. Carlton Lucas, assisting Mr. Wells, and will continue through Friday evening, October 10. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

On Sunday, October 12, the British Chapel church will observe its annual homecoming with the pastor bringing the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The pastor and church membership invite everyone to attend and enjoy the Christian worship and fellowship on this occasion.

**Fall Revival and Singing At Spring Hope Church**

Fall revival services will be held at the Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, New Bern (on the Aurora road out from Bridgeton) the week of October 13-18, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Eldon Brock of Kinston, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. James Warner. There will be special music each evening and the prayer room will open nightly at 7:15. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Sunday evening, October 19, at seven o'clock, the Gary Weber Singers will present a program of gospel music at the Spring Hope church. Everyone who enjoys good singing is invited to attend.

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**Mt. Tabor Church to Observe Homecoming**

The Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church of Creswell will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 12. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven by a former pastor, the Rev. Ed Miles. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

An afternoon singspiration has been planned. The pastor, the Rev. Stanley Buck, and the church members, invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and share with them the Christian fellowship and worship.

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**First Church, Warsaw Revival Oct. 13-18**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw, located on Highway 117, at the northern edge of Warsaw, announces its fall revival for the week of October 13-18, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. David Charles Hansley of Mount Olive, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. John Raeford Lee. Special music will be rendered each evening. The pastor and church members invite all interested persons to attend.

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**Revival and Homecoming Rose of Sharon Church**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Robersonville, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen, evangelist; assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. Services begin each evening at 7:45 p. m., and will continue through Saturday night, October 11.

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the worship service at 11 a. m., with the pastor bringing the message. Following lunch on the church grounds, the afternoon service will include a memorial service and special music by church choirs and other groups, including The Coachmen from New Bern.

Former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

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**First Church, Wilson to Observe Annual Homecoming**



Homecoming service will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson on Sunday, October 12. The Rev. W. A. Hales, Elizabeth City, will be the guest speaker for the morning service. Mr. Hales, who is a former pastor of the church, will be celebrating his fiftieth year in the gospel ministry.

The afternoon service will feature a memorial service led by Mrs. Judy Cooke, and special music by the "Steeplaires" and the "Limestone Trio" of Pink Hill.

All friends of the church and Mr. Hales are invited to come for this special service.

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**Black Jack Church Announces Revival Followed with Annual Homecoming**

The Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, announces revival services for the week of October 12-17, with the Rev. Noah Brown Sr., pastor of Faith church, Morehead City,

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as the guest minister. Mr. Brown will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, each evening at 7:30 p. m. The evangelist and pastor, along with the church members, invite everyone to come and worship with them.

On Sunday, October 19, Black Jack church will observe its annual homecoming. The homecoming message will be delivered by the pastor, followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. All former pastors, members, and friends are extended a hearty welcome to attend and enjoy the day of worship and fellowship.

**"Bike-A-Thon" Sponsored by Winterville YFA**

On Saturday morning, September 6, at nine o'clock, the youth of Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church began a successful 31.2 mile "Bike-A-Thon" for the church building program. The ride was organized and sponsored by the YFA of the church. Each rider had to get a sponsor at 10 cents per mile. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, was sponsored at $1 per mile.

Youth riders included Tim Divinty, Erwin Hines, William Smith, Jimmy Hines, Marty Corbett, Randy Edens, Donald Riberio, Carl Mayo, Tony Dobbs, Alice Hines, JoAnn Hines, Cindy Branch, Lisa Mayo, Lisa Dobbs, Linda Hines, Guyla Corbett, and Rhonda Vernelson.

Adult riders were Bruce and Debby Gray, YFA sponsors; Jack Mayo, pastor; Albert and Carol Dobbs, Seth Cayton, and Ron Braxton.

Clyde Hines helped to supervise the event. Almost all the riders finished the course inspite of the 91 degree weather with no problems greater than a blowout. The riders returned to the church at 2 p. m. and were served a sandwich lunch donated and served by Louise Hines, Clara Hines, Gladys Corbett, E. C. Hines, and William Nobles. The event successfully raised $377 for the building program.

**Successful Homecoming and Revival, Everett's Chapel**

The Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, observed its seventy-third homecoming day on Sunday, September 28. The morning sermon was delivered by the Rev. Billy Yawn, pastor for the past seventeen years. The church enjoyed a record attendance in excess of six hundred fifty persons. Quartets, trios, choirs, and gospel groups presented a singspiration throughtout the afternoon. Highlights of the day included a fellowship dinner and the awarding of Pastor Yawn an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

The Everett's Chapel fall revival began Monday evening, September 29, and continued through Saturday, October 4. The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, delivered the messages each evening. He was assisted by Dr. Billy Yawn, pastor, and Mr. H. Levelle Joyner, director of music. Special gospel groups sang each evening.

**Revival in Progress At Black Jack Grove**

Revival services are in progress at the Black Jack Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, continuing through Saturday evening, October 11. The evangelist is the Rev. Jim Kirkland of Kingsport, Tennessee, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Sugg. Services are beginning each evening 7:15 with prayer rooms provided.

The pastor states, "We ask for all who are impressed by the Holy Spirit to pray for us. Your presence at the remainder of the services will be appreciated, and to God be the glory forever."

**Homecoming and Revival Elm Grove Church**

The Elm Grove Free Will Baptis Church, Route 3, Ayden, announces homecoming services for Sunday October 12. The day's activities wil begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m. followed with the homecoming messag by the pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey, a the morning worship hour. At noon lunch will be served picnic style by the ladies o the church. An afternoon service o choral singing and a memorial servic has been planned. The pastor and th church members extend to everyone warm welcome to visit and worship wit them on this occasion.

On Monday night, October 13 continuing through Friday night, Octobe 17, revival services will be held at Elm Grove with the Rev. Bobby Taylor, pasto of the Bethany church near Winterville as the guest speaker. The pastor will b assisting in these services which wi begin nightly at 7:30. The public invited to attend these services also.

**Colquitt Church to Hold Dedication Service**



The members of the Colquitt, Georgia, Free Will Baptist Church are pleased to announce the completion of a new church and educational building, and are planning a dedication service for October 26, at 2:30 p. m.

Each step in this planning and erection of the new facility has been both a physical and spiritual victory. Services are presently being held in the new facility located in Colquitt, at the corn of Brinson Road and Grow Street.

The members and pastor extend to a hearty welcome to attend this servic Lunch will be served following t morning worship hour.

Mrs. Thelma Lovering, church cler states: "The Rev. Chester H. Pelt was t pastor of our church during the buildi

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## YOUTH HAPPENINGS IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central Conference Youth onvention met September 6 at the yden Free Will Baptist Church. The outh were entertained by ''The King's aughters'' of Ayden and viewed the lm, ''The Return,'' which was very njoyable. The project for the past year as been the beginning of a swimming ool fund for Cragmont. The Winterville hurch youth raised $150 for the project. Ve would like to urge any other interested groups to help us in support of his project. We then discussed our roject for the up-coming year. Everyone elt it was time for us to grow and reach ut to others for Christ. So instead of hoosing a project that would be mostly or our enjoyment, we decided to support mission program in India. This is an vangelistic program where we would be elping to purchase and distribute Bibles o people without them. We felt this would be rewarding to others, letting hem know that we want everyone to know our God.

We were proud to congratulate the Gum Swamp YFA and AFC on winning the Bible Bowl Quiz. They traveled all the way to East Banks, West Virginia, in competition.

We would also like to state that ''The Proclaimers'' of the Winterville church sponsored a Youth Rally on October 3, 4. Friday night at 7:30 there was a film and Saturday at 3 p. m. there was a singspiration which featured ''The Young World Singers'' and ''The Gary Webb Singers.'' That evening there was an evangelistic service with Rick Clayton speaking.

Also the Ayden church's YFA is sponsoring a bazaar between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on October 25. Many homemade items; such as, afghans, Christmas ornaments, canned goods, baked goods, capes, home decorations, etc., will be sold at the church annex, with all proceeds going to the building fund for the new annex. A chicken stew dinner will be served between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

These are a few of the things the Central District youth are doing. Don't you want to get involved? Our next meeting will be November 22 at the Saratoga church. Come and get involved for Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Debbie Smith

## ALBEMARLE DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pantego, Thursday, October 16. The convention theme will be ''Witnessing in Our Time,'' with Scripture taken from Proverbs 11:30, ''The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.'' The program is as follows:

**Morning Session**

10:00—Hymn, ''Rescue the Perishing''
10:05—Devotions, Mrs. Edwin Roper
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Lydie Cooper
—Response, Mrs. Joseph Maitland
10:20—Greetings from the President, Mrs. Lula Daw
10:25—Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
10:30—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries and Missions
—Offering for Home and Foreign Missions
10:45—Missions News, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
11:00—Report of Children's Home, Mrs. Sam Weeks
—Offering for Children's Home
—Special Music, Host Auxiliary
11:30—Message, the Rev. Marvin Waters
—Benediction and Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:00—Hymn, ''Wonderful Words of Life''
1:05—Memorial Service, Mrs. Francis Spruill
1:30—Report of Mount Olive College, Mrs. Dianne Riley
1:45—Other Denominational Reports
2:00—Committees' Reports
2:15—Treasurer's Report
—Announcement of Next Convention
2:30—Hymn, ''When We All Get to Heaven''
—Benediction and Adjournment

## WOODROW AUXILIARY OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Woodrow near New Bern held an inspiring installation service for the new officers elected to serve the church year, 1975-76, along with the new church officers, on Sunday, September 7, during the morning worship service.



The new auxiliary officers as pictured above are as follows: President, Barbara Watson; vice-president, Sarah Gibble; secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Harrell; program chairman, Madie Moore; denominational enterprises, Viola Outlaw; cheer chairman, Martha Nobles; benevolence chairmen, Esther Moore and Maggie Sanderson; refreshment committee, Millie Ricks and Margaret Jones.

## YOUTH MAKES PAYMENT ON FELLOWSHIP HALL

The AFCs and YFAs of the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church of Selma will make the October payment on the church's new fellowship hall. The AFCs worked hard selling Stanley products while the YFAs worked selling vanilla and lemon flavoring to help raise the $100 needed for the payment. However, this could not have been done

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## GIVING WHAT GOD ASKS

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 22:1-13
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 11:17

### I. INTRODUCTION

A farmer once went to hear John Wesley preach. The sermon was on the Christian's use of money. Welsey's first point was, "Get all you can." He advocated hard work and making all the money one could without any unchristian practices. The farmer thought, "That's fine preaching." His second point was, "Save all you can." This was good, too, thought the famer. His last point was, "Give all you can." With a frown the farmer whispered to a neighbor, "Now he's spoiled it all!" How quickly some people can lose interest in good preaching!

Abraham's willingness to give what God asked of him is one of the most remarkable examples in the Bible. On four occasions he was called on to give up something he loved most dearly. (1) He gave up his home and country when God called him to go to Canaan. (2) He gave up his nephew, Lot, when separation seemed to be in God's will. (3) He gave up Ishmael, when he must have loved this child, to keep peace in the family. (4) And in today's lesson we see him willing to give up his beloved Isaac had God insisted.

Foolish men have thought that happiness increased with the ratio of one's wealth—the more money, the more happiness. A London newspaper thought differently; it said, "Wealth lessens rather than increases human happiness. Millionaires who laugh are rare." Wise men have learned that true happiness comes when we give—give as God asks us to give, and give for His glory and the welfare of our fellowman.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. God does not tempt man by alluring him to sin, but by allowing his faith to be tried. God asked from Abraham that which was nearest to his heart, and when God saw Abraham's willingness to give Him what was dearest, he returned the son to Abraham.

B. We do not know what God wants from you, but He wants you to be willing to give up that which is most likely to come ahead of Him. Are you really willing to put God first in your life?

C. We have three great types here in this lesson. Abraham is a type of God the Father who was willing to offer His Son; Isaac is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ who was submissive to the Father's will; and the ram caught in the ticket became a substitute for the condemned man.

D. Sometimes God gives us choices either of which are in His will, but He told Abraham to take his son to Mount Moriah. There was no choice in this instance. This is a specific place. God would not have blessed him in the same way anywhere else.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

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A. Many children, when first introduced to fractions, find them to be quite confusing. The secret is in understanding what part of the whole they represent. This set of fractions, we see above, adds up to make a whole unit. This is true of life. Too many of us, perhaps unwittingly, have fractured our lives. We live our lives in compartments, which we sometimes regard as unrelated. A fraction of life is for God, a fraction for family, a fraction for self, etc., but we see no relationship among the various segments. Oftentimes tension may develop because of such fractures.

Every person does live in many relationships. What we need is to have some way to "put it all together," something that gives meaning and purpose to each segment of life. God provides this for us through Christ, for He gives us a purpose big enough to make life worthwhile. In this way all of life's relationships fit together to the honor of God and to the welfare of our own souls. What does God ask of us? Commitment to Him, full commitment. When we commit our whole lives to Him, giving Him our supreme loyalty and love, all of life takes on meaning.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Faith knows that God has His moment, and in that moment everything yields to His will. Faith can wait. If she comes to a prison gate, she can stand without until God touches the bars, and it flies open. If the enemy hurls rocks from the battlement, she stands unmoved and unharmed. Faith knows some Jerichos need to be compassed fourteen times, and she carries with her the word of victory to give the final shout.—Selected

C. Abraham was willing to slay his son in obedience to God's command. But Abraham was also alert to the change God wanted to make in his plans.

A wedding rehearsal was taking place when a man walked into the church and announced, "There's a big fire down the road."

An investigation revealed that the home in which the mother of the bride lived was ablaze. Several hours later the house was declared a total loss. Wedding gifts, rings, marriage certificates, and the wedding dresses were completely destroyed. There was a question whether the wedding would even go on, but it did.

The Christian couple had to face this question: Will we allow God to do something like this in our lives?

Blessed are the believers who are walking so closely with the Lord that He is free to change plans. Abraham and his spiritual descendants knew how to trust God from the beginning, even before seeing the final results.—Selected

# STORIES for our youth



## WHEN DO WE OBEY?

by June R. Chapman

JANET picked up the books from her desk and hurried out of the room.

"Hey, what's your hurry?" Angie called.

Janet stopped and waited for Angie to catch up. "Mother wants me to hurry home so I can stay with my little brother and sister while she takes my big sister to town to buy new shoes," she explained.

"Well, I'll walk along with you," Angie suggested.

"OK," Janet said. "But we'll have to hurry."

Janet wasn't too anxious to walk home with Angie, because she had heard some things about her that weren't very nice. Janet didn't know if they were true, but if they were, she didn't want people to think that she was the same kind of girl.

As they walked down the sidewalk, Janet didn't talk very much. She was doing a lot of thinking. Maybe she could help Angie by being nice to her. Perhaps if Angie began to like her a great deal, she could get her to go to Sunday school to learn about the Bible.

Angie interrupted her thoughts. "How about that old arithmetic?" she asked. "Do you know how to get it?"

"Sure," Janet told her. "I finished almost all my problems in school."

"Well, I sure don't understand them," Angie complained.

Janet had an idea, but she wasn't sure that it was a good one. "You could come over to my house, and I could help you," she finally said.

"That would be wonderful," Angie said with enthusiasm. "I'll be over as soon as I change my clothes."

Janet was washing dishes when Angie came. "I'm just about through with Mother's lunch dishes," Janet said. "When I'm finished, we'll go into the living room, where I can keep an eye on Debbie and Jimmy."

Soon the two girls were busy working on the arithmetic assignment, and Janet was able to tell Angie how to do them without too much trouble.

"How about going for a walk now that we're through?" Angie suggested.

"I can't; Mother told me to stay right here till she gets back."

"Couldn't you go and not tell her?" Angie asked.

Janet looked a little surprised. "I'd rather not. Jimmy would tell her anyway."

"That's all little brothers are good for," Angie said in disgust.

After a moment's silence, Angie had another idea. "Let's make some candy," she said.

Janet hesitated. She didn't want to tell Angie that her mother didn't want her making candy unless she was there. Angie might get the idea that she couldn't do much of anything. But after a few seconds, she said, "Mother wouldn't want me to."

Angie looked at Janet. "Why do you always mind your mother? I don't mind mine unless I want to."

Now Janet was beginning to see why people talked about Angie's not being a good girl.

"The Bible says, 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right' (Ephesians 6:1), and I want to do what the Bible says."

Angie didn't stay much longer, but before she left, Janet promised that she would be her partner on the bus trip their class would be taking to the glass factory the next day.

When she got to school the following morning, Angie was waiting for her.

"I've got a real good plan," Angie said.

"What is it?" Janet asked with interest.

"My mother told me about it. She said that the kids will be all bunched up when they get on the bus and the driver won't know who really puts their fare into the box. That way we can ride free and have extra money to spend for something else."

Janet couldn't believe her ears. Her mother would **never** tell her to do something like that! "That would be the same as stealing money from the bus company," she said.

"What of it? They have plenty of money. Besides, you said yesterday that the Bible says to obey our parents. My mother told me to do it, and I'm going to do what she says."

Janet didn't know what to say. That Scripture verse did say for children to obey their parents, but then she thought of the rest of the verse.

"Yes, the Bible does say that we should obey our parents, but it says 'in the Lord,' and if they tell us to do something Jesus wouldn't want us to do, then we mustn't do it."

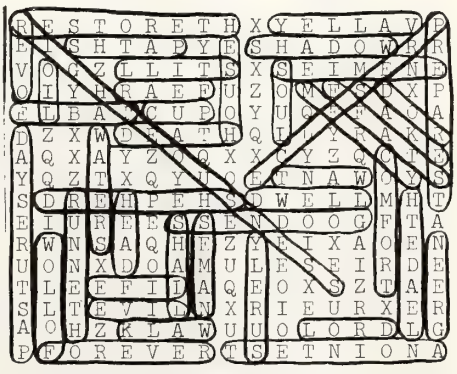
Angie turned her nose up in the air. "You have an answer for everything, don't you?"

Janet turned to go into the school building. She knew she didn't have all the answers, but she knew where she could find them, and she resolved that she would learn more and more about the Bible so that she would know the answers for what is right and wrong.—Selected

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### THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

by Mrs. Royce Matthews



The words circled above are the answers to last week's puzzle, "The

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## Puzzle Answers

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Twenty-Third Psalm.'' These are the principal words in the psalm and were spelled vertically, horizontally, backwardly, diagonally, or forwardly. Were you able to locate all of them?

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### WANTED
### WISDOM—ANY AMOUNT
**For Immediate Use**

If there's anything I crave high on the list of desires, it's wisdom.

We all know what to do about the big things. Thou shalt not kill, steal, use the Lord's name in vain, commit adultry, bear false witness. When faced with these facts of life, it's simple. Thou shalt not—period.

The big ugly sins are not the issue with most of us, it's the little jobs on the border.

If every situation came complete with men in black hats vs. men in white hats, it would be easy. But situations are like men's styles today—every color and shade imaginable. And some situations are like material that changes color when viewed from different directions.

I guess most all of us have a standing prayer for more wisdom, and many times have wondered what it would be like to be wise enough to handle everyday problems and relationships without the nagging question, ''Did I do right?'' Then we wouldn't have to go through the dilemma of making a yes or no decision when the children ask for something on the border line. It would be simple.

You'd know whether to answer, ''Yes, darling'' to your wife, or ''No, I will not!''

You'd know whether to pump some human relationship knowledge into the person who did you an injustice or give them a Christian smile, sending them on their way to turn loose their destructive powers on others.

You'd know whether to sympathize with the chronic complainer or tell him what you believe to be the truth—99 percent of his problem is himself.

It's not easy to be wise, is it?

Wisdom comes through growing, striving, praying, and living; and praying some more. Then being willing to take advantage of the gift God offers, bit by tiny bit.

## INTRODUCING



# THE SINGING KIRKLANDS
### of
### Kingsport, Tennessee

The Singing Kirklands will be in concert at the First Free Will Bapti Church, 110 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, during the eleven o'clo worship hour October 12. The Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of the churc invites the public to attend this special service.

On this same date the Kirklands will be at the Jackson Heights Fr Will Baptist Church, Popular Street (Jackson Heights subdivisio Kinston, for a singing service at 3 p. m., and then a service sponsored t the youth of the church at 7 p. m. The pastor of Jackson Heights, the Re Everette Harper, extends an open invitation to all to attend these services

The singing group is being promoted by the Rev. Harry A. Jone pastor of the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church near Grifton.

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re they faced with alcohol, which is bad nough, but they are faced with narijuana, cocaine, and other more langerous drugs. They face a constant challenge to "Take a puff," "Take a whiff," "Take a shot," "Take a joint," "Take a trip," "Take a needle." They face a constant challenge to play Russian Roulette with an automobile or motorcycle, with drugs, or with veneral disease.

Today's youth have lived their entire ives in the age of TV. TV has done a lot o upgrade the intellect of today's youth. t has helped make them more aware of world events. It has contributed to their sophistication, intelligence, inquisitiveness, worldiness. But it has also contributed to their frustration.

From the time a child can begin to understand language until he goes to kindergarten or enters the first grade, he sees (via the TV soap opera) a woman have five affairs, two divorces, three marriages, one abortion, two miscarriages; pop pills like they're going out of style (amphetamines and barbiturates), guzzle liquor like it runs from a faucet, smoke marijuana with absolutely no side effects, experiment with halucinogenic drugs, and generally live a life of hell on earth . . . . And that's supposed to be "normal."

We try to teach moral values, and they see these values broken down everyday by heroes of the boob tube. We try to teach against the use of profanity, but not only do the guys with the black hats use dirty language, but questionable characters like Maude spout it out; and even the good guys like Dr. Welby intersperse their conversation with four-letter words. We try to teach biblical doctrine, but the theology of Archy Bunker leaves a lot to be desired. We tell our children one thing and laugh at another. We tell them one thing and support our hero who practices the opposite. No wonder today's youth are frustrated and confused.

This is a **tremendous challenge** we have of meeting the spiritual needs of our youth. This challenge is a challenge for the church as a whole, for the individual members of the church, and most of all for Christian parents.

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## Questions & Answers

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Prayer and Bible study go hand in hand in the Christian's habits. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36); "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

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program. He retired in June, 1975, and the Rev. Hollis Warren was called. The Lord has continued His blessings on us for which we are thankful.

"Most of the work of the church was done by the members at night and on Saturdays. We are now tearing down the old church in order to build a personage on this site."

## Church Auxiliaries

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without the wonderful cooperation of the people who bought the products.



The members, pictured above, are as follows: (first row, left to right) Letty Best, Dale Parker, and Jamie Jones; (second row) Patricia Best, Fonda Jones, Kim Burgess, Tammy Jones, and Wendy Parker; (third row) Mrs. Annie Taylor, YFA director; Mrs. Lois Jones, AFC director; D. G. Jones, David Jones, and Shelly Jones.

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IS NO "NO-NO!"

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We appreciate the religious instruction we received while we were growing up, and we are pleased to know of this new interest as shown by U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. Though we disdain the idea, we expect anytime now to hear that a new suit has been entered and that the Supreme Court will hear the case. Notwithstanding that, in our opinion, *religious instruction is no "No-no!"* And of possible consequence is that Walter E. McCall, a 33-year-old Rosman, North Carolina, man, who is the first person to pay a filing fee as a candidate for the 1976 gubernatorial race, states that if he is elected he will do his utmost to restore prayer to the public schools. How about that?


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**Idle laymen gum up the works for the would-be active and involved ones. Into which slot do you fit?**



# EDITORIAL...

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## LAYMEN,

## DON'T BE IDLE!

For sometime now ministers have been accused of "running everything in the denomination—from subcommittees to the State Convention of Churches! The obvious question (if the allegation is a valid one) is "Why?" Do ministers elbow their way into every meeting and pull political strings to make sure that they are seated on and appointed to particular committees or positions of prestige? Could not this push-pull concept be an erroneous one? The "jobs," whether gained through persistent effort on the part of the ministers or whether given without their "application," are often at best very thankless ones. So, why are so many ministers running the show?

Ministers, given their due deserts, have long led in denominational activities by necessity. If it had not been for our pioneer ministers who gave unselfishly of their time and means, where would our church be today? This is not irrespective of devoted lay leaders, but one must be objective and concede to the fact that lay leaders have been in the minority—most of the time because they were just *too busy doing something else and had no time for the Lord's work*. This is a bold statement, but consider it well before you hit the ceiling.

Consider, if you will the docile, indolent, inactive lay members of the denomination. Mind you, there *are* many conscientious lay members who get left out in the cold and who, when they turn on the heat in oral debate or raise questions in convention meetings, seemingly are cast aside or ignored. Passive rather than active individuals are usually the ones who raise the most fuss, though admittedly some conscientious souls get a thumbs' down gesture before they can raise objections or even voice favorable opinions.

In regard to ministers: This writer cannot help but reflect upon a wonderful departed saint who made a profound and unforgettable impression on this writer during his early youth. This minister was short in stature but tall in every other way. He was strong in the Lord but displayed the gentlest of manner with children and the elderly. He was firm and unwavering in conviction, but not unreasonable. He would sit down and talk at length with the erring, pray with the troubled, watch through the night with the sick—staying close to their bedside, console the bereaved, and do countless other good deeds without asking for accolades. His reward came from the knowledge that he was doing God's will. He often walked ten miles or more to deliver sermons for which he might receive two or three dollars, which in turn he would give back to the treasury of the church. On the side he worked long and hard—well into the night to support a family and lived a meager but not grudgeful existence, contented to be about his Father's business. Every Sunday he made a point to shake this writer's childish hand and made him feel that he was as important as any other member of the congregation. The minister was the Rev. Walter Nobles of Winterville, North Carolina, and countless friends share this writer's memory of him. How many lives he touched can only be told in eternity. Idleness certainly was not a part of his life nor a word in his vocabulary.

Surely, some laymen have been given a bum deal insofar as being granted membership on committees and denominational boards, but the contention is that many lazy ones have made it impossible to put a lot of confidence in the zealous one; hence, the ministry rules the coop—and not always by choice! Somebody has to do the work, you know; and, if you laymen want a denominational job, get busy. Show that you are interested and *can do something*, and sooner or later someone is bound to notice! Comment?


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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Twelve)
by Loy Everette Ballard

**WEDDING BELLS AND A LIFETIME PARTNERSHIP**

ON March 31, 1926, I married Elizabeth Gertrude Oakley, a student at East Carolina College, Greenville, and an active youth worker with the Methodist church. Ours has not only been a happy marriage, blessed in time with two fine sons, but from the very beginning it has been a partnership in the work of the Lord through the Free Will Baptist church.

As soon after the wedding as Gertrude could arrange to properly terminate her relationship with the Methodist church, she became a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and I had the joy of baptizing her. She made no compromise by coming to our church, because she had been converted in a Free Will Baptist church, and only joined the Methodist church because her family was Methodist.

We began at once to work together in the interest of organizing Free Will Baptist leagues, and in preparing literature for the use of the leagues. Our mutual labor in the interest of youth work has been a constant thing through the years. We have both served at times on the National League Board. We have worked together in many youth conferences at Cragmont Assembly, in Black Mountain. We have also worked together in Sunday school work. She was the first field secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention—an office I later held for twenty-two years. For ten years we have served as comanagers of our Cragmont Assembly. About the only area where we have served separately has been in the woman's auxiliary work. Gertrude has held most every office in the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and offices in the National Women's Auxiliary Convention. She conducted the first daily vacation Bible school sponsored by the woman's auxiliary, and directed the Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont Assembly for several years. We have been so closely associated in denominational work that when people speak of us, it is generally "Mr. and Mrs. Ballard"—or more lately "Pa and Ma Ballard." Now, I am not relating these facts to secure credit or praise for us, but to emphasize our oneness not only in marriage, but in the Lord's work as well.

Not long after our marriage, I resigned from the Greenville church to become pastor of the Kinston church, where we remained almost two years. Here our first son, Beverly, was born. Soon after his birth, a group of interested Free Will Baptist leaguers met in our church to consider the organization of a State Free Will Baptist League Convention. A temporary organization was formed, with Mrs. Ballard as president. The following July, representatives from leagues from several areas met in Durham, where a permanent organization was formed, with the Rev. E. C. Morris as the first president.

There is not much I can say about our work in the Kinston church. The church was rather poorly located, and the membership was small. However, we enjoyed a good fellowship and made some of our most lasting friends during this time.

A rupture which threatened for awhile the unity of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists developed between the Central Conference and the Eastern Conference in 1926. The Central Conference had received two ministers into fellowship who were under some charges in the Eastern Conference, to which the Eastern Conference strongly objected, requesting that they be required to return to the Eastern Conference to answer the charges. Some documents I have in my possession indicate that the Central Conference Ministerial Character Committee did not consider the charges such as to reflect upon the character of the brethren in question, and hesitated to take any action against them. This resulted in the Eastern Conference officially withdrawing fellowship from the Central Conference, and recommending that none of their churches use ministers who belonged to the Central Conference. This rupture lasted for several months, however we are glad to report that in a joint meeting of the executive boards of the two conferences in September of 1927, the Central Conference committee apologized to the Eastern committee, the two ministers involved apologized, and the matter was settled and fellowship restored. This is the only time we have any record of two North Carolina conferences having severed fellowship. I was embarrassed to some extent in my pastorate at Kinston, due to the fact that the church belonged to the Eastern Conference while I was a member of the Central Conference. However, no attempt was made to get the church to discharge me on this account.

In its 1926 session, the North Carolina State Convention approved a statewide drive to expand the Free Will Baptist league. The drive was to be headed by the Rev. T. E. Beaman, with field workers appointed for each conference and association in the state. Later we will have something to say of the results of this drive.

(Next Week: Working in Tennessee)




SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8:17

JESUS'S BOUNDLESS LOVE

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
And reign without a rival there!

O let thy love my soul inflame,
And to this service sweetly bind,
Transfuse it through my inmost frame,
And mold me wholly to thy mind!
—Paul Gerhardt

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Utopia! To be free from conflicting interests and give our entire minds and souls to Jesus and His boundless love would indeed be marvelous.*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
Scripture Reading—Psalm 18:30

"IF I WERE THE CREATOR"

Upon the completion of his first year in college, a youth returned to his country home to spend the summer vacation.

His studies in the college had given him some sophisticated ideas about creation and the seemingly wrong arrangement of things in general.

Out walking with his dad one day, he saw a huge pumpkin growing on a small vine. Then, looking up, he observed a small acorn on a large oak tree.

"Dad," said he, "if I were the Creator, I would have put the acorn on the fragile vine, and the pumpkin on the mammoth oak."

Just then the acorn fell and hit his head!—Told by Ralph M. Smith

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Since God had the brilliancy and ultraintelligence to create mankind, why are we continuously surprised that He is correct?*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Scripture Reading—Psalm 42:1, 2

A NAUSEOUS FEELING

A university student said to Billy Graham, "Whenever I hear the word God, I feel physically ill. How do you explain it?"

Graham said, "Suppose that my stomach is upset, and you bring me a sizzling-hot, juicy steak. Yet the sight of it would give me a nauseous feeling.

"The Bible teaches that when people are rebelling against God, they cannot bear to think about Him. They have no spiritual relish for Him. Only when God heals their sin-sick souls can they have relish for Him.

"Only God can bring spiritual healing to our mind and soul."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our subconsciences are working even when we do not realize it. Our inner beings know when we have fallen away from God and we are made ill by our inconsistencies.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:9

REGARDLESS OF FEELING

Said Charles Kingsley, "Our love for God does not depend upon the emotion of the moment. If you fancy you do not love Him enough, above all when tempted to look inward, go immediately and minister to others. Visit the sick or perform some act of self-sacrifice, regardless of how dull or indisposed you may feel while doing it. The fact that you are doing it, proves your spiritual part is on God's side, however tired the flesh may be."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God has told us that our love for Him is manifested through our love and kindness to our fellowman.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
Scripture Reading—Psalm 127:3

BABY'S SKIES

Would you know the baby's skies?
Baby's skies are Mother's eyes.
Mother's eyes and smile together.
Make the baby's present weather.
Mother, keep your eyes from tears,
Keep your heart from foolish fears,
Keep your lips from dull complaining
Lest the baby think 'tis raining.
—M. C. Bartlett

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Motherhood is a sacred and holy honor. In a baby's little world Mother is, for a time, the only God baby knows.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
Scripture Reading—Psalm 40:8

A TRAGIC MISTAKE

David Howard said, "We have the tragically mistaken idea that in following God's will, the choice is between doing what we want to do and being happy, and doing what God wants us to do and being miserable. Somehow we have gotten the idea that God is a kind of celestial Scrooge who leans over the battlement of heaven trying to find people who are enjoying themselves and who calls down, 'Cut it out!' "

PRAYER THOUGHT

*None of us can find true happiness without God in our lives. We seek happiness in many ways but unless God is with us our happiness is a mockery.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 30:12

DON'T SHAVE . . . LIE DOWN IN STREET

Said Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, "The dramatic and forceful behavior of a small minority has tended to obscure the wholesome and often idealistic performance of today's college students. In responding to a survey by The Research Institute of America, a twenty-one-year-old student asked, 'Why should I work hard to be recognized by society when all I have to do is not shave for a few days, lie down in the street, and become a national personality overnight?' "

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Any ridiculous, extremely disgusting, or way-out action can receive attention. It requires diligence and intelligence to receive worthwhile acclaim.*

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Please explain, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13). Who are those that are baptized by the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** They are the saints, Christians, or holy ones. This baptism takes place the instant one believes in Christ in the manner the Bible regards one as believing, when he gets saved or is converted or is born again. No one has ever been saved in the true biblical sense unless he has been baptized by the blessed Holy Spirit. This believing that the Holy Spirit had in mind when He wrote, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31) carries with it all our commitment.

The Bible teaches us to commit our ways to the Lord. "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday" (Psalm 37:3-6); "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6). Compare these with, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:14-17); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

The Bible teaches that to understand its teachings is to compare spiritual things with spiritual things. There is but one simple way that this required task may be done and that is by becoming sufficiently familiar with the Scriptures so as to compare one passage's teachings with the whole of the teachings of the Bible, and each single grain of truth on a given subject with each other such teaching throughout the whole of God's Word as found in both the Old and New Testaments.

To do that one needs to obey that which God tells all of us who are members of the true church: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Now if one should want to be able to meet the gainsayers on the subject, "Speaking in Tongues," a subject much in the forefront among some today; he needs not to isolate a few expressions found in a limited few passages in the Bible, but to use an exhaustive concordance and make a thorough study of all the Bible has to say on the subject, keeping this in line with the general spirit and teaching of the whole Bible.

This kind of study will prevent each of us from becoming fanatical. The trouble with most, when they become fanatical on any one subject in the spiritual realm, is that they adapt and use "secondhand goods." Instead of following the instructions the Bible gives on such a subject, we resort to the more lazy or the easier way of taking what we have heard or read on the subject. Thus we get confused like most of the Jews in Jesus's day had done when they substituted the teachings of "Talmud" for those found in the "Torah." The "Torah" was what God had given the Israelites through inspiration by the instrumentality of Moses the human writer. The "Talmud" was given as a commentary on the Old Testament which the Jews had adapted as the final authority.

We know that the Jews had "jumped the track" in Jesus's day when it came to biblical teachings and holy living. This applies to any of us today who name the name of Christ without committing our ways to Him, instead of someone who may think he is right and the final authority on any biblical subject. It's easy and may sound glamorous to the flesh to join oneself to any of the many groups that are fanatics on any subject.

Jesus and His apostles following Him sought to steer clear of this pitfall and to steer us clear of it also. When it comes to the tongues question some of the main Scriptures to read prayerfully and study in the light of their context are found in Acts 2; 8; 10; 19; 1 Corinthians 13:8; 14:1-33, 39, 40. One must have an understanding access to the Word of God. He must accept Christ as it presents Him and appropriate Him as his very own in that sense. The Holy Spirit, when giving the invitation to sinners to come to Jesus, empowers the Word so that the Word itself both enlightens the sinner that reads or hears the Word and enables him to come to Christ. (See Hebrews 4:12; Acts 16:31; Romans 1:16-20.)

Dr. L. T. Talbot offers a well planned discourse on the baptism of the Holy Spirit in answering a similar question on Pages 127-129 in his book **Bible Questions Explained.** We suggest that you secure a copy of this book and read this selected material.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## "THE NEW CREATIONS" BEGIN NEW YEAR



*The "New Creations" pictured above include the following (first row, left to right): Debbie K. Carter, Fayetteville; Ruth Ann Timmons, Quemado, Texas; Kim McKinny, Greenville; Harper Shackleford, Walstonburg; and Connie Matthews, Dunn. (Second row): Kay Parrish, Fayetteville; Terry Farrell, Lucama; Beth McCoy, Cove City; Sue Cox, Vanceboro; and Keith Wilson, Kenly. (Back row): Curtis Brock, Kinston; and Ricky Lambert, Benson.*

"The New Creations" for 1975-76 consists of eight young women and four young men who love the Lord and wish to serve Him through the medium of song and testimony. This group is available to conduct services in area churches.

Their schedule for the fall semester includes the following churches:

October 19—7:30 p. m., Johnston Union, Smithfield.

October 26—11 a. m., Verona church, Verona.

October 26—7:30 p. m., Macedonia church, Vanceboro.

November 2—11 a. m., Trent church, Merritt.

November 9—7 p. m., Lee's Chapel, Dunn.

November 23—11 a. m., Green's Cross Baptist church, Windsor.

November 30—7 p. m., Calvary church, Wilson.

December 7—7 p. m., Spring Hill, Goldsboro.

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain at Mount Olive College, is advisor to the group and may be contacted at Mount Olive College in regard to programs. Phone (919) 658-2502 (College); or (919) 658-9363 (Home).

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### 1975 COUNTRY DINNERS PLANNED

All arrangements have been finalized for the annual county dinners for Mount Olive College.

All Free Will Baptists are urged to attend the dinner along with their high school students.

The schedule of dinners remaining includes:

**Wayne County**—Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Ben Rollins, chairman; goal, $7,200.

**Greene County**—Saturday, October 25, 7 p. m., Snow Hill Junior High School, James Ray McLawhorn and George Harrison, cochairmen; goal, $4,900.

**Duplin County**—Saturday, November 1, 6:30 p. m., East Duplin High School Archie Benson and Davis Evans cochairmen; goal, $5,875.

**Johnston-Wake Counties**—Monday, November 3, 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez, chairman; goal, $10,050.

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# YOUTH EVANGELISM

(Part Two)
by the Rev. Harry Grubbs

**II. THE MISSION**

**A. Parents**

Parents have a tremendous responsibility for youth evangelism. Far too many parents want to leave this aspect of child rearing to the church—the minister, the Sunday school teacher, the youth leader—but I say **evangelism begins at home.**

You've heard the saying "Charity begins at home." In the sense that "charity" is used in 1 Corinthians 13 (KJV), this statement is absolutely correct. In 1 Corinthians 13 (KJV), "charity" is the translation of the Greek word **agape.**

"Though I speak with the eloquence of men and even angels and have not **agape**, I become as blaring brass or a clanging cymbal" (my version of 1 Corinthians 13:1).

The best translation of the word **agape** is love. The Scripture says, ". . . God is love" (1 John 4:8). The word that is used is **agape**. **Ho Theos Agape estin.** God is **Agape**. God is love.

The verb form of the same word is used in John 3:16, **agapao**. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This word **agape** (love) means sacrifice. God gave His only begotten Son, His unique Son, His Son that is like no other son. We all like to think of ourselves as God's children, but this Son is like no other. To give this Son is the supreme sacrifice of all time of all ages. Evangelism begins with this love, **agape**, and love begins in the home.

If a child begins to understand love as a payoff, he develops a distorted meaning of the word. That is, if Daddy comes home with a toy and says, "Now go on and leave me alone," the child's understanding of love will be very materialistic. The child had much rather have some of Daddy's time than another toy. Love, that is **agape**, means to give of self. Isn't this what Jesus did? Jesus never gave material things; He gave Himself. Peter said to the lame man who had asked alms of him and John, ". . . Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). Peter did not offer material things; he offered himself and more—he offered Jesus Christ. Isn't this what evangelism is all about? This love is learned in the home, not in church or Sunday school. It is learned, not by explaining what it is, but by living it.

God lays on parents a great responsibility. God makes three calls to His people. First He calls to salvation. This call is extended to all people. "The Lord is not . . . willing, that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). At the very moment we receive the call to salvation, God calls to Christian growth and maturity. When our baby was born I was awed at her helplessness. Now she is almost two years old. If she had not grown, if she had not begun to crawl then walk, if she had not started talking by now, I would have been worried long ago. We would have taken her to the doctor, to a specialist. We would have asked, "What's **wrong**, Doc?" We would have felt a sense of urgency. But so many people are born into the kingdom of God and remain helpless babies. God is concerned when we don't grow. God also calls us to service at the very moment we receive the call to salvation. He may not call us immediately to a specific service, such as into the ministry, as a missionary, as a Sunday school teacher, etc., but He does call us to service. God saves us for a purpose. But when God blesses Christian parents with children, He makes a specific call to us. When God blesses us with children, they are **our** children; but more than that, they are **His** children He has placed in our care. He has called us to service. He has called us to teach them who their real Father is. He has called us to tell them about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Your children may not, and probably will not, accept Jesus as personal Saviour around the family altar, but when children of Christian homes come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, parents can feel good that they have done their part.

What can parents do? Please excuse my being personal, but this is something I know. One of the first words our baby learned was "Bible." Children can learn very young that the Bible has a special place in the home, not on the shelf, but in the hearts of the members of the family. This is accomplished by reading from its pages regularly, daily. Family prayer is a vital ingredient to rearing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Recently we had supper a little later than usual. I was helping my wife get things on the table. The baby was already in her chair. As I turned toward her, I noticed she had her head bowed, mumbling. Then I understood the last word, "Amen." She was ready to eat, but she knew we always asked the blessing first. She doesn't understand what prayer is all about yet, but she will. She also goes to Sunday school, morning and evening worship services, and prayer service on Wednesday. She doesn't know yet what worship is all about, but she'll learn. She'll also learn myth from reality. We'll tell her one day that Santa Claus and good fairies are not real, but that Jesus Christ is. The task of parents in evangelism may very well be to cultivate young lives to be ready to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord when the time comes.

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## COMING EVENTS . . .

October 16—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Rains Cross Roads Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina

October 18—Pee Dee Association, Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

October 25—Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, North Carolina

October 30, 31—Cape Fear Conference, Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina

November 5, 6—Central Conference, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Rocky Mount Revival**
**In Progress this Week**

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 406 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount, with the Rev. Harry Brown of Durham as the evangelist. Services will continue through Friday night, October 17, with the pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris, assisting Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown has been preaching since he was 19 years old and is the son of the well-known evangelist, the Rev. Noah Brown. Mr. Harris states that there will be special music each evening and a nursery will be provided. He and the church members extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend these services.

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**Fremont Revival**
**In Progress**

Revival services began Monday evening, October 13, and will continue through Friday evening, October 17, at the Fremont, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Renfrow, is assisting in the services which is featuring special music each evening. The public is invited to attend the remainder of the services.

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**Sandy Plain Church**
**Schedules Harvest Day**

Sunday, October 19, the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pink Hill, will hold its annual harvest day service. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the pastor, the Rev. Robert Rollins, bringing the message at the worship hour. At noon a picnic lunch will be served in the church's fellowship hall. At 1:30 p. m. an afternoon service will be held consisting of a devotional service and gospel singing. The pastor states that the goal for the harvest day offering is $5,000.

Mr. Rollins and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to worship with them on this occasion and bring your gifts to the Lord as He has blessed you.

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**Shiloh Homecoming**
**Followed with Revival**

The Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, announces its homecoming for Sunday, October 19, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. The pastor, the Rev. Marvin Waters, will bring the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. Following the message, a picnic lunch will be served by the church. During the service a harvest day offering will be taken for the new parsonage. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend.



On Monday night, October 20, the Rev. Willis Wilson of Winterville will begin a series of revival services, continuing through Saturday evening, October 25. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the pastor assisting Mr. Wilson. Special music wi be rendered at each service. On Saturda night the featured singers will be "Th Singing Ormonds." The public i cordially invited to attend all thes services you possibly can.

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**Fred A. Rivenbark Conducting**
**Free Union Revival**

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Durham is the evangelist for revival services now in progress at Free Union Free Wil Baptist Church, Route 1, Spring Hope Services which are beginning each evening at 7:30, will continue through Friday evening, October 17. The pastor, the Rev. Lester Duncan, is assisting in the services which are featuring specia music each evening.

On Sunday, October 19, the church will observe harvest day with a picnic lunch at the noon hour. An afternoon program of singing has been planned Everyone is invited to attend any or al these services.

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**Special Lecture and Revival**
**At Otter's Creek Church**

Dr. Ruth Fay Moore of Goldsboro wil conduct a special lecture on Sunday October 19, at Otter's Creek Free Wil Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, a 7 p. m. The topic of the lecture will be "Demoniac and Witchcraft."

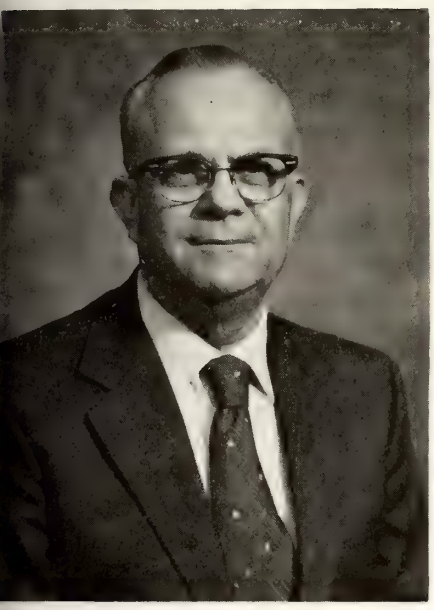
On Monday evening, October 20, the Rev. Gideon Stevens will begin a series of revival services which will continue through Saturday evening, October 25 The services will begin at 7:30 each evening with the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Aycock, assisting. Special music will be a part of each service. The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend these services.

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**Gray Branch Revival**
**Now in Progress**

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is the evangelist for revival services now in progress at the Gray Branch Free Wil Baptist Church, Deep Run. Services are beginning nightly at 7:30 and will continue through Saturday evening, October 18. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services which is featuring special music each evening.

**Rosebud Church Announces Fall Revival**



The Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church ocated approximately eight miles north f Wilson, just off Highway 301, near the irestone plant, announces revival ervices for the week of October 20-25. ervices will begin each evening at eight 'clock with the Rev. Leslie Hawley of enly as the guest evangelist. The astor, the Rev. Douglas Skinner, will ssist in the services which will feature pecial singing each evening. The ongregation invites everyone to come in them during this week of services.

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**eep Run Church to bserve Homecoming**

Annual homecoming day and loyalty unday will be observed Sunday, ctober 19, at the Deep Run, North arolina, Free Will Baptist Church. ervices will begin with Sunday school at 0 a. m., followed with the morning orship service at eleven. A fellowship nner will be served at 12:15. At 1:15 m. an afternoon song service will be eld featuring the ''Crossroads Quartet'' Gray Branch church, the ''King's ad Crusaders'' of Greenville, the Christianaires'' of Deep Run, and other ecial groups.

The pastor, the Rev. Buddy Sasser, nd the congregation invite all former astors, members, and friends to come nd enjoy the good fellowship. There will t be the usual evening service.

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**iverside Church Revival ow in Progress**

Revival services are in progress at the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton, continuing through Friday evening, October 17. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Robert Langley as the visiting minister. The pastor, the Rev. Luby Tyner, is assisting in the services. He states, ''We are having a wonderful time in the Lord.'' He and the church members extend a warm invitation to all who can to come and worship with them throughout the remainder of the revival. Special music is being rendered each evening, and all singers are invited to attend and participate in the services.

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**Homecoming-Revival Pleasant Hill Church**

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 19. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship service at eleven. The Rev. C. M. Coats, a former pastor, will bring the homecoming message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at 12:30 p. m.

Activities for the afternoon will begin at 1:30 with a devotional by the pastor, the Rev. Dwight Hawley. A memorial service will follow by Mrs. Linda Pierce. Following the memorial service a musical program has been planned. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to these services.

On Monday evening, October 20, at 7:30 p. m., revival services will begin at Pleasant Hill with the Rev. James Lupton, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, as the evangelist. Services will continue through Friday evening, October 24. The pastor will be assisting in these services. The public is invited to attend.

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**Stoney Creek Church to Observe Annual Homecoming**

Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, October 19.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m., followed by the morning service with the pastor, C. F. Bowen, bringing the homecoming message. A goal of $7,000 is set for the harvest offering.

Mrs. Delbert Scott will conduct a memorial service in the morning worship hour for members who had died since the last homecoming. Following the service, dinner will be served to all.

The afternoon will be devoted largely to singing and special music. Some of the groups participating will be the local chancel choir, a youth choir, and the Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet. Special guest singers will be the Steeplaires, a male quartet from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. There will be no evening service.

All members, former members, and former pastors are cordially invited to be in attendance throughout the day. The communities of Stoney Creek, Patetown, and surrounding areas are also invited. In fact, everyone is invited!

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**Watery Branch Revival In Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Stantonsburg with the Rev. Delmas Brown as the visiting evangelist. Services are beginning each evening at 7:45, and will continue through Saturday night, October 18. The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, is assisting in the services. Special music is also being rendered each service. The public is invited to attend the remainder of the services.

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**C. F. Bowen to Conduct Ormondsville Revival**

Revival services are scheduled for the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, for the week of October 20-24, beginning each evening at 7:30. The guest speaker for the services will be the Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro. The pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, will be assisting in the services which will feature good preaching, special music, and Christian fellowship each evening.



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## News and Notes

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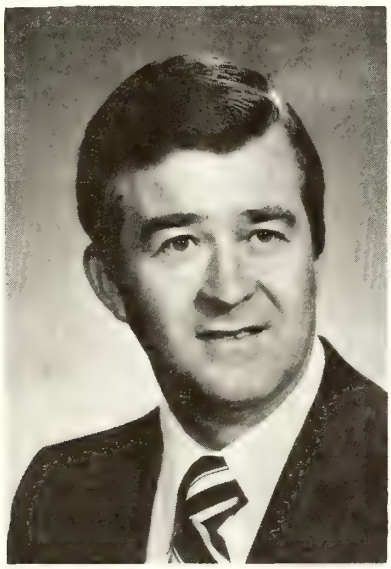
Mr. Bowen, an outstanding minister of the denomination, is no stranger to the Ormondsville Community, having held several revivals here before. He is also the writer of two of the adult Sunday school quarterlies for the denomination.

The pastor and the church membership extend to all a warm welcome to come and worship with them throughout this series of services.

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**Homecoming and Revival At Bethany Church**

The annual homecoming of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church of Winterville, will be held on Sunday, October 19, with Sunday school beginning at 9:45 a. m., and worship services beginning at eleven. The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Taylor, will deliver the homecoming message. Lunch will be served at noon on the church grounds. An afternoon program of gospel singing has been planned. The pastor and the church extend a warm invitation to the public to join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.



The fall revival at Bethany will begin Monday night, October 20, continuing through October 24. The guest minister will be the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the pastor assisting Mr. Mayo. Special music will be rendered each night.

The pastor and the church membership extend to all a cordial invitation to attend and pray for the revival.

**Edgewood Church Homecoming And Revival**

The Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Macclesfield, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 19. Following the morning service, a picnic lunch will be served. An afternoon program of gospel singing has been planned. The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, and the church members extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends of the church to join them in a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

On Monday evening, October 20, the fall revival at Edgewood will begin with the Rev. David Charles Hansley as the evangelist. Mr. Hansley will be assisted by the pastor. Each service will include good gospel preaching and special music. The public is invited to attend.

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**St. Mary's Homecoming Followed with Revival**

The Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Fleet Street, New Bern, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 19, with the pastor, the Rev. Rod Jones Sr., bringing the homecoming message. Following the message a picinc lunch will be served by the church. A singspiration has been planned for the afternoon. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to join them in worship and Christian fellowship.



Beginning Monday, October 20, and continuing through Friday, October 24, fall revival services will be held at the Saint Mary's church, beginning nightly at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Robert May, pastor of the Hickory Chapel church of Ahoskie, who is also president of the North Carolina State Convention. Special music will be a part of each service. The pastor who will be assisting in the services, along with the congregation, extends a warm welcome to the public to attend these services.

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**Long Ridge Church Announces Revival and Homecoming**

The Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church near Mount Olive announces its fall revival for the week of October 20-25, beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Kemery Ard will be the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

On Sunday, October 26, the Long Ridge church will observe its homecoming. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship at eleven. Lunch will be served in the recreation building at noon. An afternoon of singing has been planned. Singing groups from other churches are especially invited to attend and participate in the program. The pastor and church congregation extend to everyone a warm welcome to attend.

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**Mt. Zion Church, Roper To Observe Homecoming**

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 19. Activities for the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship at eleven. The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Overton, will bring the homecoming message. At noon lunch will be served by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon service will begin at 1:15. During this service a history of the church will be given by Mrs. Ruth Davenport, a memorial service by Mrs. Darline Oliver, and a singspiration with groups and individuals from other churches taking part. The pastor and the church members cordially invite the public to attend.

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**Camp Vandemere to Host Eastern Conference**

The eightieth annual session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will meet at Camp Vandemere on Wednesday and

Thursday, October 22, 23. The scheduled program is as follows:

**Wednesday Morning**

9:00—Registration
10:00—Devotions, Calvin Heath
10:10—Conference Called to Order, Clerk
—Welcome, the Rev. Ralph Sumner
—Response, the Rev. Bruce Dudley
10:15—Moderator's Message
10:25—Roll Call of Ministers and Receiving of Church Letters
—Recognition and Welcoming Visitors
10:45—Report from Mount Olive College
10:55—Report from Eastern Woman's Auxiliary Convention
11:05—Appointment of Committees
—Conference Offering
11:20—Worship Service:
Praises in Song
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Norman Ard
12:00—Lunch

**Wednesday Afternoon**

1:15—Devotions, Larry Higgins
1:25—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Seating of Delegates
1:30—Report of the Executive Committee
—Partial Report of the Examining Board
2:00—Report of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation
2:10—Report from General Conference
2:15—Report from the North Carolina State Convention
2:20—Report from the North Carolina Ministerial Association
2:25—Report from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
2:30—Report from Camp Vandemere
—Offering for Camp Vandemere
2:45—Report from the Church Finance Association
2:50—Miscellaneous Business
3:15—Closing Hymn, Benediction, and Adjournment

**Thursday Morning**

9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Jack Phillips Jr.
10:10—Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day
—Roll Call of Ministers Absent
Wednesday
—Call for Church Letters Not Turned In
10:30—Report from Cragmont Assembly, Inc.
10:35—Report from Eastern Conference Mission Board
10:45—Report from North Carolina State Mission Board
10:50—Report from North Carolina State Church Extension Board
10:55—Report from Free Will Baptist Children's Home
11:00—Conference Offering
11:15—Worship Service:
Praises in Song
Conference Sermon, the Rev. David C. Hansley
12:00—Lunch

**Thursday Afternoon**

1:15—Memorial Committe's Report
—Memorial Service
1:30—Final Report of the Credentials Committee
—Final Report of the Examining Board
2:00—Committee Reports
3:00—Miscellaneous Business
—Installation of Officers and Committees
—Reading and Approval of Minutes
3:15—Closing Hymn, Benediction, and Adjournment

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**Homecoming at Rock Springs Church**

Homecoming services will be observed at Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church of Bailey Sunday, October 19. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven by a former pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

An afternoon singspiration has been planned. The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the church members invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and share with them the Christian fellowship and worship.

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## CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

### PAINTING, CLEARING, AND FENCING

Doug Skinner of the Rosebud church and Franklin Vester of the First church of Wilson came up recently and spent three days painting the interior of the tabernacle at no cost to Cragmont, except a place to sleep and part-time eating at the skimpy (between group) table of the four workers still at Cragmont. Their churches furnished the paint. The interior of our tabernacle certainly has a new look, which we hope will still be there to greet next summer's worshipers. We move a vote of thanks to these brethren and their churches.

"Bev" Ballard, with a little help from some of us lazy folks, has done quite a bit of clearing out undergrowth to extend the cleared area of our campus. He is also cutting posts and poles in readiness for fencing in the parts of our property so easily accessible to intruders. We are looking now for a couple of men to help do the fencing. It seems difficult to get local help; so, if anybody with muscles and a strong back wants to volunteer, our phone number is 669-7677. We have some unoccupied rooms, and Doug and Franklin left enough food to feed two more men for two or three days! We have the month of October—the time when the good Lord does His wonderful job of painting on the canvas of these mountains—in which to get this job done. If our good editor gets this in the "Baptist" right away, we can wait on any volunteers who can pay for a delightful vacation with elbow grease.

We have recently had nice groups here from Black Jack and Saratoga churches, and we are looking for groups from Friendship and Spring Branch churches in Greene County, and Little Rock church at Lucama, along with a Senior Citizens group from Wilson County during October. The good Lord willing and the creek not overflowing, we will be closing for the season around October 28. Prices have been so high, and we have had so many extra things to pay for, that we are not going to need an armored truck to carry the surplus money from this year's operations to our general treasurer. But we have had, so far, a great season, and we expect a good many of the hundreds who have been here to say, "Amen!"

L. E. and Gertrude Ballard
Comanagers




## ATTEMPTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 25:29-34; 29:21-30

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 3:5

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today is designed to show the futility of trying to go through life without God's leadership and direction. It is the story of a man who, for a season of his life, thought of no one except himself. He was not above deceiving, lying, and cheating to obtain those things which he wanted for himself.

The remarkable thing about the story of this man Jacob is that a change came into his life. He had an experience with God that changed his attitude toward many things. From that day forward he was a force for good in the world that all men had to reckon with. Heretofore he had wrestled with men and prevailed by the use of means that were less than honorable, but now that he has wrestled with God and prevailed, his life is reoriented and takes on new purpose and design. The change which took place in his life made it possible for him to be reconciled to God, reconciled to his brother whom he had wronged, and reconciled to God's will for his life.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The lesson this week is about two brothers who were so different even though they were twins. Brothers in the flesh can be different. It is the attitude toward God and the things of the Spirit that makes a difference in men.

B. One of the most interesting aspects of the lesson today is to observe how Jacob deceived his father and later was deceived by Laban. It has always been true that men reap exactly what they sow.

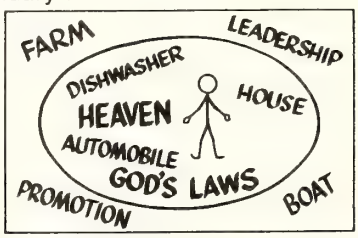
C. Esau is an example of one whose life was concerned only with the fulfillment of fleshly desires. He did not think about the future. His only concern seemed to be getting what he wanted at the moment. He did not know the meaning of discipline in his life.

D. It has been said that those who do not discipline themselves will become the servants of those who practice self-discipline. This was certainly the case with Jacob and Esau.

E. The love of a man for a woman is a beautiful thing. Jacob loved Rachel; and even though he was deceived and cheated, he worked for her until she became his.—**The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. All of us set goals for ourselves, such things as losing ten pounds, passing a driving test, getting elected to a coveted position, attaining success in our respective careers, getting married, or buying a new dishwasher or a new car or a new house. Some of these goals are easily achieved, but others are very elusive. When treasured goals stay beyond our reach, we must remember this fact: if we want to live in partnership with God we must live within the boundary of God's laws.




Many times our goals can be achieved without any conflict with God's laws. But sometimes it appears that the only way to reach certain of our goals, even good goals, is to violate our partnership with God by telling a lie, cheating, slandering, or such. At such times we must remember that our ultimate goal is to live with God in heaven. To violate God's laws jeopardizes this ultimate goal, and there is no guarantee that we will secure the earthly goal even if we do break God's laws. If we are wise we will choose to maintain our partnership with God and trust Him. In time the seemingly impossible goal may come within our reach. But even if we never receive our earthly goal, let us remember that nothing this world offers can compare with the blessedness of God's eternal friendship.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. The struggle that began in the womb of Rebekah continues to this day. It is interesting to read in the daily newspaper the results of events recorded in the Bible centuries ago. The people of Israel are descendants of Jacob, and the Arabs are descendants of Esau. The conflict between them involves faith as well as land, for most of the Arabs are Moslems.—**Adapted**

C. "We often feel that to get the most out of life we must exercise our freedom of will. The radio blares out songs encouraging us to exercise our freedom of will for our own pleasure—'I've Gotta Be Me,' 'It's My Life and I'll Do What I Want.'

"Everywhere we go people are saying, 'Do your own thing.' This constant encouragement to allow selfwill to rule our lives causes many problems. Our freedom of will gets us into trouble when we choose to satisfy our own desires rather than do the will of God. In the contest between our personal will and God's will, our will often wins out but heartbreak and ruined lives may be the result.

"Jesus shows us the way to real pleasure in life. Christ was so delighted at the conversion of the woman at the well that it totally overcame His hunger for physical food. That's real joy when you can forget an empty, growling stomach! Jesus experienced this joy when He carried out His Father's will. In fact, Jesus calls this His meat. Just as a thick slab of roast beef can supply our bodies with refreshment, strength, and enjoyment, a healthy portion of time spent in doing God's will can satisfy our spirits.

"True happiness and peace come through doing God's will. A spirit fed on the candy, pop, ice cream, potato chips, popcorn, pie, and cake of selfwill can expect to grow fat and weak. This condition leads to an unhappy and restless life. A spirit fed on the lean meat of God's will becomes fit and strong. How do you want to feed your spirit? Man's will can lead to a broken heart and a weak spirit; God's will leads to a happy heart and a strong spirit."—**Help Me, Jesus,** by Bennett

# STORIES

## for our youth



### Skateboard and New Sled

by
Florence Jansson

PETER wished it would snow. He wished there would be a hick white blanket of snow spread out ver the countryside—and over Hickory ill, which was just beyond his house. ickory Hill was a perfect place for ledding except for one thing. There was o snow as yet this year.

Peter had had his new sled ever since is birthday two weeks ago. And there adn't been even one little flake of snow all this time. Oh, well, Andy's kateboard was fun, too. And you didn't eed snow for that.

As if Andy had heard him thinking, he rned the corner neatly and clattered to stop in front of Peter's house.

"Hi," Peter called.

"Do you want to take a ride?" Andy ffered, pushing the skateboard to him.

"Yes!"

Peter went down the block and around he corner. He skated around the block nd came back to the starting point.

"Oh, that was too short. May I go nce more?" he panted.

"Sure," Andy agreed.

Peter went around the block again and as back in almost no time. This was lmost as much fun as sledding. He anted to keep on and on. But it was ndy's skateboard.

"It's your turn," Peter said. He ished that Andy would tell him to keep oing one, two, three, or maybe four ore times.

But Andy just said, "O.K.," and away e went.

It seemed to take a mighty long time for Andy to skate around the block. Peter knew that it only **seemed** long to him because he was waiting. He waited and wished that he could have another turn.

But Andy didn't even slow down when he got around the block. He just yelled, "Yippee!" and kept going.

Oh, that's not fair, thought Peter. Then he remembered that the skateboard belonged to Andy, and that Andy really had been very kind to share it with him.

As he came around the next time, Andy stopped. "It's your turn," he panted. "Go around twice—**three** times."

Andy was a good friend. He came over almost everyday. He was always on his skateboard. And he always shared turns in the kindest sort of way. If it rained, they played table tennis in Peter's basement.

Sometimes they went over to Andy's house. But when they did, they always had to play with Andy's little sister Debbie and her building blocks for a while. And they had to let Debbie play some of their games with them. It wasn't much fun to play with such a little kid.

At last one Saturday morning when Peter awoke, he could sense a sort of stillness all around. Even before he looked out the window, he knew there was snow on the ground. There was a thick, white blanket of snow all over everything—all over Hickory Hill! "Wow!" he yelled as he hurried to get dressed.

Pulling his sled, Peter climbed Hickory Hill, happy in the thought of coasting down. Already several boys and girls were there with their sleds.

Soon Peter was speeding down the hill. This is happiness, he thought. This is real happiness.

"Yippee!" he yelled as he reached the foot of the hill. Some boys and girls had come only to watch. They were standing at one side, cheering, laughing, and talking.

Peter saw Andy in the crowd. Debbie was holding on to his hand. It was strange, but he hadn't thought of Andy. He wished that he didn't have to think of him now—or of Debbie. They would want to ride his new sled. Well, he **wouldn't** think of them. He would act as if he didn't see them.

Quickly Peter started back up the hill, pulling his beautiful new sled. Somehow it didn't seem so beautiful, so new, and so special as it did before. Peter couldn't keep from thinking how Andy had always shared his skateboard. As Peter walked along on the crunchy snow, the sounds of his footsteps somehow shamed him. "Skateboard—new sled—skateboard—new sled," they seemed to say as if to remind him of something he had forgotten.

When Peter was halfway up the hill, he stopped. He got on his sled and went back down as fast as it would take him. He went straight to Andy and Debbie.

"Oh, that's neat," Andy grinned.

"I want to ride," Debbie begged.

"It's your turn," Peter said.

"May I pull Debbie up the hill and ride back down with her?" Andy asked.

"Sure," Peter replied happily. "I'll wait here. I'll take Debbie back uphill on **my** turn and ride back down with her."

Peter felt even happier than he had felt at first. He felt a whole lot happier. It was twice as much fun to share his new sled with friends. It was **three** times as much fun, really, for there was Debbie, too, no matter if she **was** little. He was even glad that she could have twice as many rides as Andy and he would have.—Selected

# Mrs. Hansley State ARC Nominee

MRS. Elizabeth Hansley of Route 4, LaGrange, and a TMR teacher at Frink Junior High School was honored at the North Carolina ARC Convention at Wrightsville Beach, as the North Carolina ARC nominee for the National ARC Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Hansley was awarded a certificate from the North Carolina ARC and special recognition was given her with a plaque from the National ARC. She stated that she was not sure of the exact date of the announcement of the National ARC Teacher of the Year. ''I've been informed by ARC officials that I stand a good chance to win,'' she proudly added.

The North Carolina Association certificate read: ''In grateful appreciation for services rendered the TMR we hereby cite Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansley for cooperation in helping to nourish, improve, and expand programs through concerted efforts to promote the general welfare of all the special education students by providing opportunities through research, education, training, and rehabilitation for these children and adults.''

Mrs. Hansley has been a special education teacher in the Lenoir County System for six years, the past two have been at Frink Junior High and the previous years were at LaGrange Elementary School.

She is married to the Rev. David W. Hansley, pastor of Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Seven Springs, and the mother of two children: Mrs. Nettie A. Woodall and the Rev. David Charles Hansley, and has four grandchildren.

In her classroom at school, with the motto, ''I Will Try,'' along with the four basic ingredients: love, patience, kindness, and trust, Mrs. Hansley encourages each child to learn to his or her fullest potential, providing them with practical learning experiences in their surroundings and on field trips and making their classroom studies really ''come alive.''

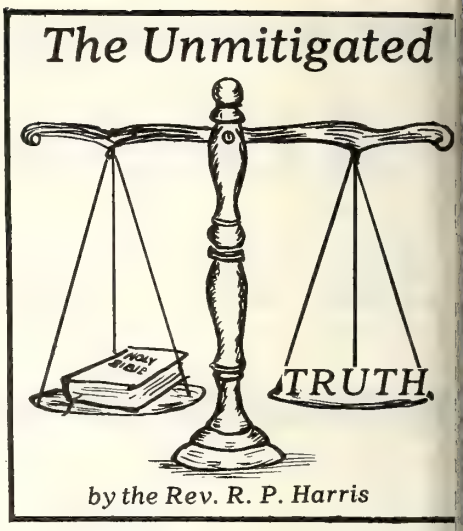
Her attitude has encouraged many handicapped young people to find jobs and make a better life for themselves in their home and community.

She takes her work very seriously and considers it not as work but as a challenge to reach her goals set for each individual child.

Mrs. Hansley has a lifetime experience in her home, church, and community of working with young people. She has also shown that love, along with sincere effort in different areas, will bring joy, happiness, success, and a deep desire to achieve to all the boys and girls she touches.



This outstanding teacher has a busy schedule as a minister's wife, youth chairman of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Conference, summer youth camp director, a writer of children's literature, and a member of various church, school, and civic organizations. Mrs. Hansley finds time to continue her studies in special education by attending special education classes and workshops offered at Western Carolina, East Carolina Universities, and Mount Olive College, both during the summer months and at night during the school year.—Reprint from the September 18 Issue of **The Weekly Gazette**, LaGrange, North Carolina




Scriptural Basis: ''. . . God sent forth his Son , . . . To redeem them that were under the law, . . .'' (Galatians 4:4, 5).

### THE PREACHER'S POSITION IN SALVATION

The preacher is a man called of God to proclaim and declare God's message of salvation to sinners. He is a man ordained of God, trained under the ministry of the Holy Ghost, and licensed by the church. This ministry is so urgent and so necessary that the man of God, so ordered, cannot but preach the unsearchable riches of God's grace.

A good way to determine if God has called you into the ministry is to examine this statement: ''If you can keep from preaching and live with it, **don't preach!**'' I can reply to this statement emphatically: ''I had to preach or die trying.'' I could never live with myself if I refused to preach the honest-to-goodness gospel of Jesus Christ!

Not only am I to declare His gospel, I am also bound to make my life a **living example** of what the grace of God can do with a man.

There are at least three positions the preacher must take in the salvation effort. First, he is a watchman that listens to God speak and then he warns the sinner in the matters of salvation. ''So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore thou shalt hear the word of my mouth, and warn them from me'' (Ezekiel 33:7). This is a business to be handled by the preacher in obedience to the command of God. The preacher has no right to beat around the bush or to water down the truth of God in the way the message is declared. Neither is God's man to take an unholy advantage of the sinner and force him, against the

onsent of his will, to accept salvation. he man of God must remember that he charged with the act of getting the ospel out and that it is God's own use of he message that convicts and saves the inner. Humans are not capable of aving sinners from their sins. God alone an do that!

In the second place, the minister is to reach God's Word. Paul tells us in 2 imothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be nstant in season, out of season; eprove, rebuke, exhort with all ongsuffering and doctrine." Paul was a rince among preachers and won the ight to counsel and advise preachers. he preacher is to become whatever is ecessary to reach and inform the sinner f his rights and of the advantages chieved by becoming a Christian.

In the meantime, the preacher is to ew to the line and level with the sinner n no uncertain terms. He is to reprove, ebuke, and exhort with all long-suffering nd doctrine. There are times when the reacher is proned to sugarcoat and ompromise the presentation of the ospel. I know of no better way to eclare God's Word than in the clear and istinct language best understood by the earer so long as it does not take from or dd to the Word of God.

Finally, the preacher is to show inners their transgressions. This can be one by showing to the sinner that God eally does love them and wants them to njoy the best of everything He has to ffer them. God's best is far above nything this world affords. The reacher is to cry aloud and make known he sinner's plight. But at the same time, e is to comfort him, in no uncertain erms, as to the glory and beauty of the hristian's place in heaven with the aints of God!


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# Our Church Auxiliaries

## YOUTH OFFICERS INSTALLED AND NEW QUEEN AND KING CROWNED

A special youth service was held Sunday evening, September 28, at the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern. Mrs. Ruby Hancock, State President of the Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, installed the following youth officers of the YFA and AFC: **YFA Officers**—President, Allen Broom; vice-president, Rhonda Norman; mission chairman, Mary Register; education chairman, Denise Miller; study course chairman, Rod Jones Jr.; program-prayer chairman, Faye Davenport; benevolence chairman, Mitzi Cooke; recording secretary, Wilma Cox, corresponding and out reach secretary, Pamela Mann; and, treasurer, Chip Dickerson.

**AFC Officers**—President, Debbie Hancock; vice-president, Al Lee; secretary-treasurer, Theresa Mann.

During the service Mrs. Dianne Riley sang the hymn of challenge.

After the installation of the youth officers the new queen and king of the Youth Fellowship Auxiliary were crowned. Jimmy Thomas, the reigning king, gave the challenge of service to the new king, Rod Jones Jr. Denise Miller, the reigning queen, gave her challenge to the new queen, Pamela Mann. The royal court was heralded by the church pastor, the Rev. Rod Jones Sr.

The royal court consisted of two pages from the Cherub Auxiliary, Andy Lee and Chad Keech; two ladies-in-waiting from the Junior Ambassadors for Christ, Ann Martin Register and Jody Duncan. The prince was Melvin Keech and the princess was Theresa Mann, from the Senior Ambassadors for Christ. From the YFA Rhonda Norman was chosen as the lady-in-waiting and Allen Broom as the honor guard.

The members of the royal court were chosen for their work during the past year in all phases of the denominational work—local, district, and statewide.

Mrs. Brenda Lewis, newly elected sponsor of the YFA, sang a song of dedication. Steven Hill served as organist and Brenda Lewis pianist for the service. The benediction was prayed by the pastor, followed with refreshments served in the fellowship hall of the church.



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**Nash County**—Wednesday, November 5, 7 p. m., Middlesex Elementary Cafeteria, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman; goal, $1,975.

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties**—Friday, November 7, 7:15 p. m., Dixon High School, Leonard Hobbs, chairman; goal, $1,075.

**Lenoir County**—Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Stanley Jenkins, chairman; goal, $4,050.

**Edgecombe-Halifax Counties**—Monday, November 10, 7 p. m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman; goal, $2,150.

**Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties**—Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p. m., Roper Union High School, David Cahoon, chairman; goal, $3,825.

**Beaufort County**—Saturday, November 15, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School, Oscar Webster, chairman; goal, $3,000.

**Pitt County**—Monday, November 17, 7 p. m., D. H. Conley High School, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, chairman; goal, $11,175.

**Wilson County**—Tuesday, November 18, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James Hunt, chairman; goal, $7,790.

**Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties**—Thursday, November 20, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. Felton Godwin, chairman; goal, $6,175.

**Carteret County**—Saturday, November 22, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School, Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner, cochairmen; goal, $4,000.




### INSTANT REPLAY

The children being nice and quiet should have been warning enough. The usual boisterous music and playful wrestling were gone. One of the boys opened the door for me. Everything was nice and peaceful, except the temperature must have been near freezing.

I was tired from Monday morning work. ''What are you doing with the air-conditioner on and the fan, too?'' I asked.

''But, Mama, it's hot!'' they protested.

''Not that hot!''

I walked into the other room and in a moment, directly outside the door, came just about the ugliest, meanest voice I've ever heard: ''What are you doing with the air-conditioner on and the fan, too?''

Then it dawned on me—that voice was mine. It seemed mean and ugly because anything less than a sweet musical melody would seem that way to me.

I opened the door to a grinning boy holding the tape recorder.

Down the hall from my office a coupl of businessmen were well into a ho argument. Their language would hav wiggled your ears! It's unbelievabl either could stay in business and be a crooked as the other said.

It reminded me of the tape recorder. they would have heard an instant replay they would have been so ashamed tha the argument would have die prematurely.

You know, the way we think we soun and the way we really sound may b poles apart. As the tape recorder doesn' pick up the ''inner'' man, people can' see and hear the ''inner'' man. Peopl judge us so much by the way we sound.

If we had to listen to an instant repla of everything we say, don't you thin there'd be about 90 percent les talking? Wouldn't this be a quiet world

Yet, isn't every word we say bein recorded?

# EASTERN CONFERENCE

**(October 22, 23, 1975)**

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Life after death—for the Christian a life with peace that passeth understanding.

# EDITORIAL...

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## "THERE REALLY IS LIFE AFTER DEATH!"

The title above is a personal affirmation of conclusive evidence arrived at after exhaustive research by well-known psychiatrist, Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. A renowned authority in the field of "demise" (or death and dying), Dr. Kubler-Ross made a public statement in Richmond, Indiana, recently, to the effect that she is totally convinced that life continues after death. This bears significance because of the age-old war between scientists, medical doctors, and students of the Bible in regard to the "when you're dead, you're dead" theory.

Formerly, the outstanding woman psychiatrist made vehement statements contending that "death is the end of everything" and would not consider any alternative belief, nor even a compromise. The preponderance of her former stand makes all the more important her making this about-face. Of special interest also is the fact that parapsychologists have claimed for years that life does continue after death, and under the pioneer direction of the now aged Dr. Joseph Rhine of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, investigations and laboratory tests relative to the phenonenon in conjunction with telepathy, clairvoyance, and psychokinesis (movement of physical objects by the mind or without the use of physical means) have proved astounding. While Dr. Kubler-Ross has not discounted parapsychology and called it a pseudoscience, she has nonetheless admitted to having had little traditional religious background and does not even now make a commitment in respect to Christianity. Nevertheless, her research, in her own words, gives credence to the Christian belief that life is everlasting.

Most of Dr. Kubler-Ross's conclusions have been based on her experiences with dying persons, her observation of their manner of dying, and their "attitude" during the time just prior to the demise. Also, other of her conclusions have been based on talks with people who had been pronounced "legally" or clinically dead but who were revived by medical means, such as heart shock treatment and resuscitative methods.

According to her, there are three steps to the dying process which all persons go through: First, there is a floating experience whereby the person leaves his body and is conscious of what is happening to or being done for his corpse—even attempts to revive him; second, there is a feeling of peace, well-being, and wholeness; and third, there is a reunion with a "dead" loved one or being met and welcomed by one on the other side.

Dr. Kubler-Ross is firmly convinced that her findings are accurate. Others in her field are proported to have staged similar experiments but have not been convinced that life does indeed exist after death or have chosen not to make their "belief" public for personal reasons. While it is not inconceivable that Dr. Kubler-Ross will be challenged, it will take a lot of "undoing" to disprove her findings because she is held in such high esteem and few people will venture to buck her. We find it gratifying that a person high on the science ladder will admit to the soul's spiritual survival after the body dies especially since the majority of scientific brains dispute the fact.

Christians expect life to be pleasurable after death and many non-Christians and members of certain religious sects don't care one way or the other, as many of them subscribe to "the death is hell" doctrine. As far as we are concerned, there has never been any doubt about it; and, we wholeheartedly support the eminent psychiatrist's belief that there is indeed life after death—and for the Christian a life with peace that passeth understanding. Isn't that wonderful?




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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## WORKING IN TENNESSEE

(Part Thirteen)
by Loy Everette Ballard

THE prevailing rule in the Kinston church at the time of my pastoring it was to elect a pastor annually, and the conference year ended the last day of July. Sometime before the end of the conference year of 1928, I had felt led to advise the church that I would not be available for reelection. At that time I had no definite plans, but believed that the Lord would open a door for me; and the rule I had adopted for my ministry was to enter the doors He opened.

A new church had been organized some months before in Nashville, Tennessee, and I was extended and accepted a call to become its pastor, beginning the first of September. The Rev. J. E. Hudgens, pastor of the Asheland City church in Tennessee, urged me to come on to Tennessee when I left Kinston and hold a meeting for him in the Asheland City church, and in another church nearby during August.

Leaving Gertrude and our little son with my parents at Weaverville, North Carolina, I went on to Nashville and enjoyed a wonderful two weeks with Brother Hudgens and one week with a little church near Asheland City. The people were especially generous with their offerings. After making arrangements in Nashville for a temporary place to stay—parsonages were unknown among Free Will Baptists in those days—I returned to North Carolina for my family.

I only spent one year in Nashville, but it was a busy year in which I was involved in many things and learned much about the Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association. The East Nashville church was worshiping at the time in a lodge hall, but was busily engaged in raising money for either building or buying a church (there were a number of very good building available, due to consolidation of churches, especially in the Christian denomination).

This small congregation was a busy group during the year. I fear that too much emphasis was put on the raising of money, but this seemed to be essential at the time. We did all kinds of legitimate things to get money. Mrs. Ballard enlisted a number of the young people in preparing and presenting a religious dramatization, which we put on in several churches, and a number of times in an abandoned theater, taking offerings. Our women prepared and served meals a time or two each month at a reasonable charge, donating, or getting stores to donate, most of the food. At the same time the people were giving very liberally in special offerings taken for the building fund. I must say here that I have never been able to give full conscientious approval to some of these methods of raising money for the Lord's work; but at times it does seem that the need may justify honest methods of commercializing for the material growth of the church. I am glad that our people in general are getting away from this kind of financing. Tithing and giving unto the Lord are the true Bible methods of caring for all phases of Christian endeavor.

I took advantage of every opportunity afforded me that year for learning more about the Tennessee Free Will Baptists. I joined the Cumberland Association, and attended all denominational meetings possible. I associated myself as much as possible with the ministers, and made many lasting friendships. It was a very special privilege to be associated with the Revs. John L. Welch and J. E. Hudgens in a number of endeavors during the years. Among the lay members which I was permitted to be associated with I shall never forget W. E. Coville, the J. E. Fraziers, Mrs. Fred Polston, and Rebecca Stewart—that fine young woman who was working so earnestly in promoting Free Will Baptist leagues throughout the Cumberland Association.

Near the end of the year at East Nashville, we were able to make a deal to buy a very nice church building being abandoned by a congregation uniting with another church in East Nashville. Our congregation did not actually secure possession of the building until after I left Tennessee, but we were permitted to hold our services in it two or three times, and I had the honor of preaching the first sermon in what was to be the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church for several years. They have since built a nice new church in another section of the city.

During the summer of 1929, I attended a seminar for ministers at Vanderbilt University, which added materially to my education and training as a pastor. In all, I consider my stay in Tennessee as a valuable experience in my early ministry.

One unusual thing occurred near the end of my stay in Nashville, which I relate here not with any particular sense of pride, but because of its unusualness. During my year there, I worked some with Mrs. Katherine Atherton Grimes, the writer who was sponsoring a fraternal organization for young people known as the Dixie Guards. Mrs. Grimes was a Catholic, and one day we had a friendly discussion concerning the differences between Catholics and Protestants. During the conversation, I remarked that I would like to have her visit our church, but I was sure it would be against the rules of her church for her to do so. For an answer, she showed me a picture of her standing with a Methodist minister beside the bulletin board of a local Methodist church, and she said that it was made on an occasion when she had addressed a group of Methodist women. She then asked me what other ideas I had about her church. I replied that I was quite sure that I would not be allowed to preach in a Catholic church. She said

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13:8

THE MOTIVE FOR EXISTENCE

Some years ago, in a lecture at Columbia University, the agnostic Bertrand Russell said, "The root of the matter is an old-fashioned thing, a thing so simple I am almost ashamed to mention it for fear of the derisive smile of my critics. The thing is Christian love or compassion. If you possess this love, you have a motive for existence, a guide in action, a reason for courage, an imperative necessity for intellectual honesty."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christian love and understanding are so important in these uneasy, restless times. They are a sure foothold when all else gives way.*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27
Scripture Reading—Psalm 46:10

TERRIFIED TO BE ALONE

Said C. F. Andrews, an English missionary to the Orient, "Whenever I come back to the West from the East, the first impression I get is that the external life has overcome the life of the Spirit; that men and women are living on the surface, as if they are almost frightened to go deeper with God; almost terrified to be alone with their own spirit and with God in silence. They seem almost to have lost the use of the greatest of all faculties—prayer and communion with God."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Perhaps we lose touch with God because we are ashamed of our lives and dislike to bring our sins out in the open. We are the same with people we have misused; we would rather avoid them than admit our errors and apologize.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:15

AN EMERGENCY NUMBER—911

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company is establishing a globe-girdling emergency number—911. Anyone, anywhere, anytime may dial 911 and receive help. The call will go to a central switchboard. From there it will go instantly to the service needed: a physician, hospital, Red Cross, the fire or police department.

Heaven has an emergency number which any of God's children anywhere, anytime, may dial and get instant help.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*All the help in the world, including God's, will be useless to us if we do not request it or make use of it.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8:13

DISTORTED MIRROR

Observed Dag Hammarskjold, former secretary-general of the United Nations, "Vanity rears its ridiculous little head and holds up the distorting mirror in front of you for a mere instant, but one time too many. It is at such times that you invite defeat and betray Him whom you serve. No man can do properly what he is called upon to do in this life unless he can learn to forget his ego and act as an instrument of God."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When self is all-important, it is time for reevaluation. The problem is that by that time our thinking is so prejudiced that even our reevaluation would be incorrect.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
Scripture Reading—John 8:32

TRUTH TRIUMPHANT

John Milton said, "Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so truth be in the field, we do injury by prohibiting to misdoubt her strength. Let her and falsehood grapple! Who ever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?"

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among her worshipers.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Any of us who have told an untruth have discovered that one lie will lead to another and eventually the whole ugly deception will come to light.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 5:12

SPEND AND BE SPENT

Go, labor on; spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will!
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?

Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught;
Thy earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises—what are men?

—Horatius Bonar

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The praise of men will enlarge our heads; the praise of God will enlarge our hearts.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 17:24

DAILY DUTIES

The best things are the nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, and the path of God before you.

Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Live as God would have you live today, and tomorrow will be more pleasant.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Up-To-The-Minute Illustrations*, Moody Press.)

**Question:** Did Peter occupy a place in uthority superior to that of any other of he twelve? Did he forgive sins?

**Answer:** The answer to both questions s a negative one. Jesus called and ommissioned all the apostles in quite he same manner, giving them all dentical authority. All the apostles, as vell as each member of the church, were nd are to make this a personal ap-lication to themselves. "Verily I say nto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on arth shall be bound in heaven: and vhatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall e loosed in heaven. Again I say unto ou, That if two of you shall agree on arth as touching any thing that they hall ask, it shall be done for them of my ather which is in heaven. For where two r three are gathered together in my ame, there am I in the midst of them" Matthew 18:18-20).

Not only does the above Scripture efer to Peter and the ordained pastors of hat day, but to every saved follower of Christ in that age and the ages to come. When one of us witnesses as we are ommanded in Acts 1:8 to do, we are reaching the gospel which is the power f God unto salvation, such as we find in he following Bible verses: "For I am not shamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is he power of God unto salvation to every ne that believeth; to the Jew first, and lso to the Greek. For therein is the ighteousness of God revealed from faith o faith: as it is written, The just shall live y faith" (Romans 1:16, 17). (See Hebrews 4:12.)

God's wrath is upon all, and the final udgment is waiting until what happens o them, which Jesus says must come to all having had only the first or the natural birth. All in the first birth are condemned. (See John 3:3-5 and compare Romans 1:18; Isaiah 53:6.) "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5). The sinner, everyone of us, must favorably respond to the Word of God, accept its authority, and obey its precepts: ". . . he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5); ". . . if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. . . . So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:9-11, 17); "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12); "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

George H. Sandison says the following in answering a similar question in the book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"Matthew 18:18 grants to all of the apostles the same power with regard to admission to and rejection from the membership of the church, which had already been given to Peter, so that all were equally recognized and equipped with the same authority. The apostles were never empowered, as the Roman Church claims, to personally forgive, but simply to declare God's will and readiness to pardon the repentant sinner.

"There is no record in Scripture of any of the apostles exercising in a literal and authoritative sense the power of personally forgiving sins. They all, without exception, preached the forgiveness of sins through faith in and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour. The passage in John 20:21-23 is one that is frequently cited by Catholics in support of the claim of their church of the power to forgive sins. But it has no relation to the Roman Catholic Church, which did not exist until long after apostolic times. Further, the best commentators hold that 'in any literal or authoritative sense, or as a personal act,' this power of forgiveness of sins was never exercised by any one of the apostles, and plainly was never understood by them as a power which they possessed or which had been conveyed to them. All they were authorized to do, or ever did, was in a ministerial or declarative sense to interpret the offer of divine clemency to repentant sinners. No Catholic can point to a single text of Scripture to prove that there is any other mediator than Jesus Christ, or a single text to prove that priests can personally forgive sins."

All are invited to come to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour for salvation, and all that come are saved; also all who, in a right attitude, seek to carry out God's will in obeying the Scriptures are never lost again. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17). (See and compare John 15:5-10 and 1 John 2:3-6.) "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. . . . If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:7, 8, 10); ". . . if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7, 9).




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Weeks of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Eve, to Mr. Richard Wayne Faircloth, Rodgers Cottage, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex.

Miss Weeks is a 1975 graduate of Southern Nash Senior High School, Bailey. She is presently an art major at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

Mr. Faircloth is a 1974 graduate of Southern Nash Senior High School, a former student of Mount Olive College, and is presently a sophomore at Atlantic Christian College, majoring in physical education.

A December 14 wedding is planned at Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on the Children's Home campus.

## SPONSORSHIP

The sponsorship program at the Children's Home is a program whereby a church, auxiliary, or individual can provide direct support for a child. Sponsors mean a great deal to our children, not just for monetary reasons, but because they know that someone is interested in him or her as an individual. Sponsoring a child is an opportunity of being a real, intimate part of a child's life. It gives you the opportunity to share your home, your love, and your influence to help mold a precious child's life.

We have 21 children who are not sponsored. If you are interested in the sponsorship program, contact the assistant superintendent at the Children's Home by mail or call 235-4079.

Below is a list of the children, along with their ages, who are in need of a sponsor:

| | Age |
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| James Joyner | 6 |
| Jesse Joyner | 5 |
| Jeffrey Lamm | 8 |
| Mary Ann Lamm | 9 |
| Louise Whitehurst | 9 |
| Margaret Dement | 9 |
| Mollie Garris | 10 |
| Romona Hopkins | 11 |
| Debbie Sasser | 14 |
| Rosa Lee Summerlin | 8 |
| Sherry Summerlin | 6 |
| Junior Eason | 13 |
| Jeff Eason | 9 |
| Ricky Eason | 7 |
| Donald Sasser | 11 |
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| St. Paul | 200.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 200.00 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 75.00 |
| Yelverton's Grove | 200.00 |
| Total | $3,246.84 |

### Central Conference

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| Aspen Grove | $ 169.00 |
| Ayden | 255.00 |
| Bethany | 28.31 |
| Black Jack | 58.57 |
| Community | 4.45 |
| Dawson's Grove | 200.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 326.65 |
| Edgewood | 295.00 |
| Free Union | 298.06 |
| Friendship | 247.64 |
| Greenville, First | 210.00 |
| Gum Swamp | 200.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 200.00 |
| Howell Swamp | 300.00 |
| Hugo | 100.00 |
| Hull Road | 300.00 |
| Little Creek | 55.00 |
| Marlboro | 100.00 |
| Fourth Union | 119.76 |
| Old Saints Delight | 50.00 |
| Ormondsville | 146.00 |
| Owen's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Peace | 234.00 |
| Reedy Branch | 409.98 |
| Rocky Mount | 50.00 |
| Rose Hill | 245.71 |
| Saratoga | 408.18 |

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| Spring Branch | 110.00 |
| Tarboro, First | 29.00 |
| Walnut Creek | 200.00 |
| Williamston, First | 20.00 |
| Winterville | 200.00 |
| Total | $5,670.31 |

**Eastern Conference**

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| Antioch | $ 50.00 |
| Bethlehem | 200.00 |
| Bridgeton | 50.00 |
| British Chapel | 217.43 |
| Christian Chapel | 200.00 |
| Core Creek | 189.18 |
| Crab Point | 15.00 |
| Croatan | 200.00 |
| Davis | 100.00 |
| Deep Run | 60.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 203.44 |
| Edwards Chapel | 45.00 |
| Faith | 50.00 |
| Folkstone | 100.00 |
| Gethsemane | 120.00 |
| Gray Branch | 225.00 |
| Hillsberry | 20.00 |
| Juniper Chapel | 200.00 |
| Kinston, First | 5.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 10.00 |
| Macedonia | 100.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 100.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Onslow) | 20.05 |
| Mt. Zion (Pamlico) | 200.00 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| Third Union | 60.00 |
| Fifth Union | 75.00 |
| Fifth S. S. Convention | 38.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 128.03 |
| New Bethlehem | 32.41 |
| New Haven | 100.00 |
| Oak Grove | 280.00 |
| Oriental | 25.75 |
| Pearsall's Chapel | 200.00 |
| Pilgrim's Home | 200.00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest | 5.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 30.00 |
| Sandy Plain | 350.07 |
| Smyrna | 100.00 |
| Spring Hope | 150.00 |
| St. Mary's | 505.00 |
| Trent | 55.91 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 101.50 |
| Woodrow | 45.00 |
| Total | $5,166.77 |

**Pee Dee Association**

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| Beaver Dam | $ 725.00 |
| Cypress Creek | 48.39 |
| Union No. One | 115.00 |
| Oak Grove | 275.00 |
| White Oak | 145.00 |
| Total | $1,308.39 |

**Piedmont Conference**

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| Christ | $ 20.00 |
| East Rockingham | 141.20 |
| Durham | 200.00 |
| Mt. Olive | 24.16 |
| Wayside | 10.00 |
| Total | $ 395.36 |

**Rockfish Conference**

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| Conference | $ 12.00 |

**Western Conference**

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| Barnes Hill | $ 10.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 186.26 |
| Calvary | 120.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 87.36 |
| Flood's Chapel | 20.00 |
| Free Union | 200.00 |
| Fremont | 20.00 |
| Friendship | 15.00 |
| Kenly | 200.00 |
| Little Rock | 135.00 |
| Living Waters | 200.00 |
| Marsh Swamp | 50.00 |
| Micro | 250.00 |
| Milbournie | 83.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Wilson) | 200.00 |
| Northern | 800.00 |
| People's Chapel | 40.00 |
| Piney Grove | 125.00 |
| Pine Level | 395.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 230.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 114.13 |
| Rains Cross Road | 50.00 |
| Rosebud | 105.00 |
| Rock Spring | 50.00 |
| Selma | 50.00 |
| Sherron Acres | 50.00 |
| Spring Hill | 200.00 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 200.00 |
| Stony Hill | 147.00 |
| Union Chapel | 111.85 |
| Union Grove | 121.36 |
| Unity (Wilson) | 50.00 |
| Watson's Grove | 75.00 |
| West Hillsborough | 20.00 |
| Wilson, First | 100.00 |
| Total | $4,810.96 |

**Other States**

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| Laurel City, W. Va. | $ 60.34 |
| Total Contributions | $22,032.41 |

## MEMORIAL GIFTS SEPTEMBER, 1975

Memorial gifts to the Children's Home for September, 1975, totaled $480, and were given as follows:

Mrs. Nannie Worthington by Mrs. W. C. Hinson.

John W. Beaman by Mrs. Jamie Barden.

Hoyt Civils by Mr. and Mrs. Benard Adkins.

J. H. Elmore by Mrs. Crafton Tart.

H. W. Hudnell by Marie H. Magee.

Clarence Mitchell by Mrs. Emma Maiden, W. S. Williams Jr., and William L. Powell.

M. T. Batchelor by W. S. Williams Jr.

Charles Lewis by W. S. Williams Jr.

Johnny Kemp by W. S. Williams Jr.

Henry Manning by W. S. Williams Jr.

Gary Fulghum by W. S. Williams Jr.

## HAYRIDE



Friday evening, October 3, was a happy occasion for the girls and boys of Smith Cottage. Their houseparents, the Rev. and Mrs. David Thick, took them on a hayride down on the farm. They stopped by the pond and had a marshmallow roast. It was a treat the children will long remember!

# Churches and Ministers Available

Dublin Grove Free Will Baptist Church located two miles southeast of Aurora is seeking a pastor. This vacancy is due to the illness and resignation of the church's regular pastor. At present the church is having Sunday morning services every Sunday except fifth Sunday. Any minister interested in this pastorate may contact Mildred G. Brothers, Route 1, Box 365, Aurora, North Carolina 27806, or telephone (919) 322-4133.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Homecoming and Revival Marlboro Church**

Homecoming services are scheduled for the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville for Sunday, October 26. The pastor, the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, will bring the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. This will be followed with lunch served on the church grounds. A short afternoon service of singing has been planned. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

On Monday evening, November 3, the Rev. DeWayne Eakes of Lucama, will begin a series of revival services at the Marlboro church which will continue through Friday evening, November 7. The pastor will assist in these services which will feature special music each night. The public is invited to attend.

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**Revival and Homecoming At LaGrange Church**

Revival services are scheduled for the LaGrange, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church for the week of October 27-31. The visiting minister will be the Rev. W. H. Willis of Kinston. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Manning, assisting. Also special music will be rendered each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday, November 2, the LaGrange church will observe its annual homecoming. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will bring the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. Lunch will be served by the church at the noon hour. In the afternoon a program of singing has been planned featuring the local church singers and visiting singers. All former pastors, members, and friends are extended a warm welcome to attend.

**Palmer Memorial Church to Host Cape Fear Conference**

The one hundred twenty-first session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with the Palmer Memorial church in Garner, Thursday and Friday, October 30, 31, with the moderator, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez, presiding. The Rev. Cooper Thompson will direct the Song and Praise Time. The scheduled program is as follows:

**Thursday Morning Session**

9:15—Registration
10:00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Swade Benson
10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Curtis Jones
—Response, the Rev. J. C. Hathaway
10:15—Call to Order, Conference Secretary
—Rules of Registration, the Rev. W. O. Lassiter, Credentials Committee Chairman
—Roll Call of Officers and Churches
—Recognition of Visitors
—Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez
—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Congregational Singing
—Sermon, the Rev. Lloyd F. Hargis
11:00—Report of Mount Olive College
11:15—Song and Praise Time
11:30—Sermon, the Rev. Edward L. Painter
12:00—Recess for Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:15—Congregational Singing
1:30—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Cooper Thompson
—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Report of Executive Committee
—Report of Ordaining Council, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez
—Report of Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, Mr. John Adcox

**Friday Morning Session**

10:00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Atlas Hogg
10:10—Report of Cape Fear Missions Board, Mr. A. F. Ballance
10:20—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson
10:30—Report of Cape Fear Ministers' Conference, the Rev. David Hill
10:35—Report of Board of Education, the Rev. Gene B. Britt
10:40—Congregational Singing
—Sermon, the Rev. Kemery Ard
11:10—Report of Children's Home
11:25—Song and Praise Time
11:45—Sermon, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin
12:15—Recess for Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:30—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Luby Tyner
1:40—Report of Denominational Enterprises
—Report of Temporary Committees
—Treasurer's Report
—Closing Business Session
—Adjournment

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**Moseley's Creek Revival In Progress**

Revival services are in progress this week at Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dover. The revival was preceded by homecoming services held on Sunday, October 19, with the pastor, the Rev. Donald Fader, bringing the homecoming message. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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**Norman Ard to Hold Powhatan Revival**

The fall revival at Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Clayton, will be held the week of October 27-31, beginning nightly at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Norman Ard of Pink Hill, brother of the pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard, who will be assisting in the services. There will be special singing each night. A cordial welcome is extended everyone to attend all these services.

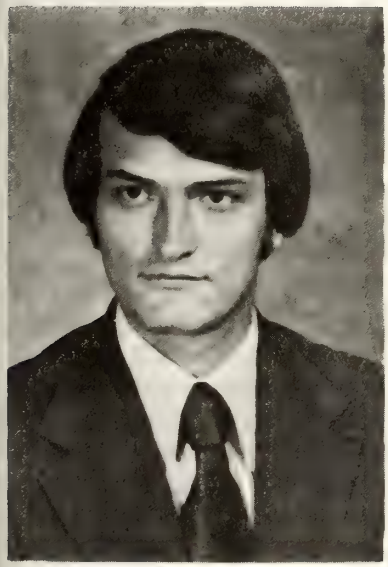
**Homecoming and Revival At Core Point Church**

Sunday, October 26, the Core Point Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Blounts Creek, will observe its annual homecoming with the pastor, the Rev. Charles Hardison, bringing the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. This will be followed by lunch served on the church grounds. All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend this service.

On Monday, October 27, fall revival at Core Point will begin and continue through Saturday evening, November 1. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Raymond Hardison of Croatan as the visiting evangelist. The pastor will be assisting in the services. He and the church members invite the public to attend. Especially are neighboring church choirs invited to attend and participate in the services.

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**Fall Revival at Piney Grove Church**



Fall revival services are scheduled for Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church for the week of October 27-31, with the Rev. Marvin Waters as the visiting minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Tommy Evans, assisting. Along with good gospel preaching each evening, special music will also be rendered. The church is located on Highway 264 West, five miles from Greenville. The pastor and members cordially invite others to join them for these services.

**Hopewell Revival in Progress Followed with Homecoming**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, continuing through Friday evening, October 24. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of the Selma church, as the guest speaker. You are cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

On Sunday, October 26, the Hopewell church will observe its annual homecoming. Following the morning worship, lunch will be served picnic style by the ladies of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Edmundo G. Gonzalez, and the church membership extend to all former pastors, members, and friends of the church a warm welcome to attend and enjoy the Christian worship and fellowship.

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**Malachi's Chapel to Observe Homecoming**

The annual homecoming will be held at Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Sunday, October 26. The activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship with the Rev. Walter Reynolds, a former member of the church, bringing the homecoming message. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

The pastor, the Rev. Jimmie L. Barfield, and the congregation extend a warm welcome to former pastors, members, and friends to come and enjoy this special day of Christian fellowship.

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**Homecoming and 175th Anniversary, Reedy Branch**

On Sunday, November 2, the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville will be celebrating its homecoming and its one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary. "We want you to remember this date because our friends are invited to come and enjoy this special day with us," states the pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson.

On this Sunday the day's services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the morning worship at eleven with the pastor bringing the message. At noon the families of the church will spread a delicious dinner on the church grounds. Then at 1:15 p. m., as has been a custom for many years, the singers of the church, along with singers from other churches, will participate in an annual songfest. "This has always been a highlight of our homecoming program, and we believe it will be again this year," says Mr. Wilson.



Along with the homecoming and anniversary of the church, the pastor will be celebrating his twelfth year as pastor of Reedy Branch. He states, "We shall be looking forward to you being with us for this joyous occasion the first Sunday in November."

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**Revival in Progress Followed with Homecoming**

Revival services began at Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Vanceboro on Sunday night, October 19, and will continue through Friday night, October 24. The visiting minister is the Rev. Henry Armstrong, a former pastor. Services are beginning each night at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. Eddie Edwards, assisting Mr. Armstrong. Special music is also being rendered each evening. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend the remainder of these services and be much in prayer that lost souls will be saved and Christians revived.

On Sunday, October 26, Juniper Chapel will observe its homecoming and harvest day—the pastor, bringing the homecoming message at eleven o'clock.

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Following lunch, a program of special singing has been planned. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend this occasion.

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**Leon Grubbs to Conduct Free Union Revival**

The Rev. Leon Grubbs of Snow Hill will be the visiting evangelist for revival services at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, October 26-31. In addition to the gospel message there will be special music each evening. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, assisting.

Mr. Grubbs is a graduate of Mount Olive College and is now a student at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. He is pastor of the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

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**Homecoming at Dilda's Grove**

Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Macclesfield will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 26. The Rev. Foy Futrelle, a former pastor, will bring the homecoming message. Following a picnic lunch served in the fellowship building, an afternoon singspiration has been planned.

The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, and the church members extend to all former pastors, members, and friends a warm invitation to attend.

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**Homecoming and Revival At Holly Springs Church**

The annual homecoming service will be held at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Nine Mile Road, Newport, on Sunday, October 26. The Rev. Sheldon Howard will be the guest speaker for the morning worship service. Lunch will be served in the Graham Baker Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, and the church members extend to all former pastors and members a cordial invitation to attend.

On Monday evening, October 27, continuing through Friday evening, October 31, the Rev. Francis Garner, pastor of Free Union church, Pinetown, will begin a series of revival services at the Holly Springs church. Prayer rooms will open at 7:15, with the evening services beginning at 7:30. The pastor will be assisting in the services which will feature special music each evening. A nursery will be provided throughout the week. A warm welcome is extended to each one to attend.

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**Homecoming Announced For Friendship Church**



Homecoming services will be observed at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, on Sunday, October 26. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship at eleven. The speaker for these services will be a former pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald. Lunch wi be served on the church grounds at th noon hour.

In the afternoon a gospel sing ha been planned, beginning at 1:30. Th public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Albemarle Conference in Session, October 8**

The Albemarle Conference of Origina Free Will Baptists met in its annua session with the Hickory Chapel Free Wil Baptist Church, Ahoskie, on Wednesday October 8.



Pictured above, left to right, are som of the officers of the conference an union meeting: The Rev. Francis Garne member of the ordaining council; th Rev. Marvin Waters, secretary of th union meeting and a member of th foreign missions board; Mr. Osc Webster, secretary of the conferenc the Rev. Robert May, moderator of th conference; and the Rev. Charl Overton, assistant moderator of th conference.

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## MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT CRAGMONT RENOVATIONS

At the State Convention one individual came to me as the president of Cragmont and told me that she believed that if the right approach were made to the women concerning the old building at Cragmont that she believed the women might change their mind and be in favor of tearing down the old "main building" and building a new modern building. I in turn told someone that I thought the women might change their minds about tearing down the old building.

Now, here is where the problem has come. It seems that I have been quoted as saying that the women "were in favor of tearing the building down." I have not said such a thing and this is to set the record straight. Plans have been made to begin renovation and no plans have been made for tearing the building down.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders at the Press Foundation in Ayden in January, 1976. If you are really concerned about what is going to happen to Cragmont, please come to that meeting and speak up.

I said that it was "my persona opinion" that it would be a waste of money to renovate, but that is purely personal.

I hope this clears up the "rumor" that has circulated.

Willis Wilson, President
Board of Directors
Cragmont Assembly

# YOUTH EVANGELISM

(Part Three)
by the Rev. Harry Grubbs

B. But what about youth leaders? What s their role? All of us who call ourselves 'Christian'' are to a large extent youth eaders. We all have a task. But the people who work directly with young people have a special calling. You are God's representative to the youth. To the non-Christian, God may be only as big as you are. Get that! To the non-Christian, God may be no bigger than you are. Therefore, if you fail, God fails. If you succeed, God succeeds. I am not trying o scare you away from the task by its awesomeness; rather I am trying to mpress upon you the great responsibility hat God has given us.

1. **Love them.** The first and foremost hing that we can do for our youth is to ove them. Love covers a multitude of mistakes. As I have already said, **Evangelism begins with love.** How can a minister proclaim the gospel unless he oves God and loves the people to whom he is preaching? He doesn't win people o Christ through hate. How can anyone eave home to go to the mission ield—Mexico, Africa, the Philippines, or ndia without a deep abiding love for God and for the lost people of this world? Ministers may preach sermons on ''The Wrath of God'' or on ''Hell Fire and Brimstone,'' but they are doing it out of ove for people. They do not want people o have to experience the wrath of God, so they warn them about it. But it is out of love that they preach it. So, in order to reach young people, we must love them.

2. **Accept them.** This is one thing that all people need and I suppose especially young people—to feel accepted. Accept them for who they are, for what they are, and where they are in their physical, emotional, and spiritual development. Don't judge them, but be willing to forgive them. They'll make mistakes, but we all do. Be loving and forgiving.

3. **Remember your own youth.** Treat their problems like problems. Many times we have a tendency to overlook their problems, or at best we often minimize their problems. ''Ah, it's just puppy love.'' Empathize with them. Try to understand what they are going through.

Keep a confidence. When they tell you something very personal, even if they do not specifically say that it is confidential, do **not** tell a soul—not other young people, not their parents (especially not their parents), not anyone but God as you pray for them. The quickest way to lose young people, or anyone for that matter, is to blab everything they say. Keep that big mouth shut!

4. **Be honest.** Don't be afraid to say, ''I don't know.'' You don't know everything, so if you do not know the answer to a question, don't pretend that you do and give false information. Don't pretend to be perfect (you're not), don't expect them to be, and don't act like you expect them to be.

5. **Be patient.** ''Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; . . .'' (1 Corinthians 13:4). If you do not have patience, step aside and let someone else work with the youth.

6. **Be Christian.** Above all be Christian. As I said before, to the non-Christian God may be no bigger than you are. You may be the only sermon He hears.

### III. SOME GOALS

**A.** Help them through the difficult years of adolesence. Treat them like adults even when they act like children. This is a difficult time for them. They are not children, yet they're also not adults. But they want to be treated like adults. Show that you have confidence in them, and they'll rise to the occasion. They might fail, but continue to encourage, and eventually they'll succeed. Show that you do not have confidence, and they'll never be able to accomplish what you want of them.

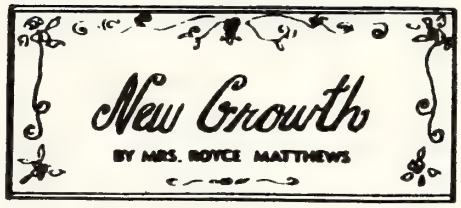
**B.** Lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Share the gospel. Share meaningful passages of Scripture with them. Most Scripture is good, but some passages have a special meaning to you at a particular time or under particular circumstances—share it. Please don't misunderstand me when I say ''**Most** Scripture is good.'' Some has little meaning for me. So-and-so begat So-and-so and he begat Thus-and-so means little to me most of the time. Share meaningful passages. Pray with them.

**C.** Help them grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Help them to understand what it means to say, ''Jesus is Lord.'' Help them to mature as Christians. Help them find their place in the church and in the kingdom of God.

**D.** Finally, and this is closely related to what I just said, help them realize that God has a purpose for them in life—that God calls all His children to service. Help them to know it when God makes a specific call to them.

Now I have not gone into specifics on how to lead young people to Christ. All young people are different and must be approached differently. Besides, I do not have the time to go beyond what I have said. But if I have shown that we do have great calling to evangelize our youth and a tremendous responsibility from God so that many will dedicate themselves to the task, then I feel that I have done my job here today.

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### DON'T PUT TOO MUCH DEPENDENCE IN CHRISTIANS

One of the worst mistakes a Christian can make is putting too much dependence in other Christians. We tend to set them on pedestals. The pastor, visiting evangelist, certain deacons, the Sunday school teacher, the president of the class, certain ladies circle members, the lady who always has a smile, the YFA leader, our parents, the choir director, etc., we mentally put them in ivory towers. We have created certain expectations of them. We depend on them to make our worship services warm and heart stirring. We depend on them to lead us in Christ's footsteps. We think anything less than Christlike is unheard of from these towers.

Then one day you hear the lady for whom you felt so highly make a statement which is very unchristlike. Or that certain deacon does something extremely childish. Or the pastor acts more human than you would expect. One by one, the people we place in the ivory towers topple and fall.

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## FROM DREAM TO FULFILLMENT

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 28:10-17; 32:24-29

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6

### I. INTRODUCTION

Someone has said, "All the progress the world has ever known is credited to the man who would not leave well enough alone." We don't doubt the truth in this, but we should also add that much of the world's greatness results from the dreams of man. Men dreamed of a country free from political bondage and fought a terrible war to make the dream come true. Men dreamed of inventions that would make life easier and their dreams came true. Young people dreamed of a college education that would equip them for life's service and they saw their dreams come true. Have you seen your dreams come true?

God gave Jacob a dream in a most unusual fashion, a dream that took years to reach fulfillment, but a dream that shaped his life eventually into the kind God wanted it to be. A number of years passed between the dream and its fulfillment but they were years when God's watchful care was with His servant all the way.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In this lesson we see two encounters that Jacob had with God. Each one of these encounters had a great effect on him and each one wrought great changes in his life. No man can meet God without his life being changed. Either he will yield to God's will and his life will be changed for the better, or he will resist and his heart will be hardened. No one is ever the same after meeting God.

B. Jacob's dream at Bethel was a revelation from God. It revealed several things to him. First, the ladder revealed that God had provided a way to heaven for mankind. Second, the angels are God's messengers, and their presence indicated God's care for man. Third, God's presence at the top of the ladder showed God's constant watchfulness over this earth. Fourth, God's promise to Jacob showed His concern for man's future.

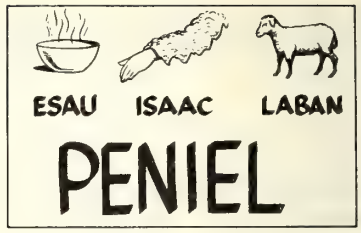
C. Why did Jacob have to wrestle with God? It was not to get God in the notion to bless him. It certainly was not to take a blessing away from God. It was to tune the will of Jacob with the will of God.

D. Why did Jacob try too many things before he turned to God? Why do men often do the same thing today? Wouldn't we save ourselves a lot of trouble if we turned to God in the first place?

E. Have you ever met God and surrendered your will to the will of God? It will change your life completely. —**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Jacob was a crafty man whose clever wits were not always restrained by a sensitive conscience. He did not hesitate to take advantage of his brother Esau's weakness. Thus for a mess of pottage he gained the birthright that properly belonged to Esau. Nor did he hesitate to deceive his own father. Posing as Esau, he was able to gain the blessing Isaac had reserved for Esau. Forced to flee from home, Jacob met God in a vision at Bethel. In the vision God assured Jacob that He would protect him and bring him again to the land. Such a vision should have taught Jacob once and for all to trust in God rather than his own craftiness. But in Padanaram he was still unwilling to trust God, and he restored to his own stratagems to get a larger share of Laban's sheep.




As Jacob approached Palestine onc more, he feared the wrath of Esau. Bu instead of trusting God to fulfill Hi promise to return him safely to the land Jacob once more turned to his ow resources. Hoping to appease the wrat of Esau, he sent his servants ahead wit three groups of animals as gifts. But tha night God confronted him, leaving him cripple. At Bethel, the "house of God," Jacob had been in God's presence, bu at Peniel he felt he had come face to fac with God. Weakened though he was Jacob was stronger than ever, for h learned to trust in God rather than hi own devices. In his humility wa strength.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Jacob said, "The Lord is in thi place; and I knew it not." Have you eve been in the presence of some notabl person without being aware of who h was? Perhaps he was disguised in som way or you just didn't notice who he wa until he was gone. A church organis once denied the use of the organ to on of the world's greatest musician because he didn't know who he was Has God appeared to you in some wa and you failed to recognize Him? What loss that would be!—C. F. Bowen

C. Among students it is rathe common to hear, "I am trying to fin myself." By this the person means he i seeking to discover what he reall believes and what sort of contribution h will seek to make to the world.

Every Christian needs to "fin himself," too. Each one needs to come t grips with the question of who wi dominate, God or self.

It would seem that Jacob's encounte with God while he was en route to Hara was the time when he either made th initial committal of himself to God renewed that committal. Jacob foun himself out there on the Judaean hills When he found himself, he also in a rea sense lost himself in the will God.—Selected

## THE CUSTOMERS CAME BACK

**Raymond L. Cox**

PAPER! Paper! Buy your evening paper here!'' barked Dick Briggs. It was his first day of selling at the corner of Eighth and Main Streets.

''You're really fortunate to get that location,'' his pal Bruce Miller had commented enviously. ''The fellow who sold there before you had the most sales of any of the fellows who peddle the **Times.**''

''I don't see how you swung it,'' George Meadows remarked. George had the corner three blocks away. ''When I first started selling papers, they put me out in the sticks. I worked for months before getting a location near the center of town.''

''You fellows are scaring away customers,'' Dick Briggs complained

# STORIES for our youth



crossly. ''I want to make a success here. That's why I came early to start selling. Why don't you hurry to your corners?''

As George and Bruce walked off, Dick raised his voice and hollered, ''Paper! Paper! Get your evening paper here!''

In the next hour ten or fifteen customers dropped dimes in Dick's outstretched hand and took the **Times** away with them. Not bad for the first hour, Dick congratulated himself. The fellow who used to sell here would be just about ready to begin now. I got a head start!

Business boomed during the next two hours. So many customers approached that Dick had little time to shout, ''Get your paper here.'' He wiped perspiration from his forehead. ''It's hot standing out here in the sun!'' he exclaimed under his breath. ''Wish I had an umbrella like those men I saw selling papers in the big city. They even had stools to sit on!''

The next day Dick dragged a small stool to the corner. At first he stood when a prospective buyer approached. But as the coins clinked into his hand, he grew weary and remained seated. At the end of the day he counted the papers that were left. ''Thirty-five to sell yet,'' he muttered unhappily. ''Yesterday by this time I was almost sold out.''

''What happened?'' Dick's boss asked the next day when he dropped the bundle of papers at the corner. ''Day before yesterday you sold ninety-three. Yesterday you didn't quite make seventy!''

''I don't know,'' Dick replied defensively. ''I yelled just as loud. But lots of folks I waited on the day before just walked past without buying papers. I'll do better today.''

But Dick didn't. He had more time to holler, because fewer customers approached. He was almost hoarse when he got home. ''I only sold fifty-nine newspapers today,'' he complained to his parents.

At school the following morning, Dick looked up George Meadows and Bruce Miller. ''Say fellows,'' he asked anxiously, ''how are your sales of the **Times** going?''

''Great!'' exclaimed Bruce.

''Yesterday I peddled thirty more than the day before,'' George exclaimed. ''It was the best day I've ever had.''

''How many did you sell?'' Dick demanded.

''One hundred and nine!'' George replied. ''I had customers I had never seen before—a dozen or more, at least.''

''So did I,'' Bruce confessed. ''I hope they like my service.''

''Your service?'' Dick queried. ''What do you mean?''

''Satisfied customers come back,'' explained Bruce. ''Sometimes a smile wins a friend as well as a customer.''

''Why should I smile at customers?'' Dick asked almost belligerently. ''They get their papers. I get my money. It's a straight business deal. What does smiling have to do with selling papers?''

''I see you have lots to learn,'' George Meadows declared softly. ''When a person can buy papers at as many places as the **Times** is sold downtown, you need to be friendly so they will keep coming to you. Why, I have customers who pass by three or four places they could get their papers in order to buy from me.''

Dick stomped off unconvinced. That day his sales dropped to forty. For the next week the figure remained in that vicinity, thirty-eight one day, forty-one the next. Maybe Bruce and George are right after all, Dick confessed to himself. The next day he asked, ''Will one of you come to my corner early and watch me sell? Maybe you can help me get back some of the customers who used to buy at my corner.''

''Well,'' drawled George, ''several of your old customers have started buying from me. But I'll help you if I can.'' That afternoon Bruce and George stood a few feet away from Dick as he arranged his pile of papers and squatted on his stool. A lady approached and purchased a paper. Dick, still sitting, handed her the **Times.**

''Get off that stool when a customer comes by,'' George exclaimed. ''The least you can do is to stand and greet your buyers!''

''And don't forget to smile,'' Bruce reminded Dick. He managed a sickly grin when the next customer came.

''Any other suggestions?'' Dick asked his friends as they prepared to hurry to their own corners.

''I found that when I started saying, 'Thank you,' to my customers, I started to sell seventy papers instead of fifty,'' Bruce commented.

''I'll try anything,'' Dick replied. ''Thanks, fellows.''

''Stand up, smile, and say, 'Thank you,' '' Dick whispered after the others left. That day he peddled forty-nine papers. The next day he sold fifty-three. One by one the old customers of that corner came back. Dick not only thanked the customers, he also went out of his way to thank Bruce and George for their help.—Selected

# HISTORY OF SHADY GROVE CHURCH

**1850-1975**



by Mrs. Norvell Dawson, Church Historian

ONLY 74 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence a church was established in the northwestern part of Sampson County, North Carolina. Called the Meetinghouse, it was a small, log structure with stands and benches outside provided for those unable to find seats inside. Since it was the only church within a 20 to 30 mile radius, people of all Protestant faiths met there. Soon, however, doctrinal differences divided the groups with many leaving to establish churches of their own faiths. Twenty-four charter members established the church as being Free Will Baptist and gave it the name Shady Grove, deriving the name from the fact that many large trees provided much shade. In 1855, when the Cape Fear Conference was organized, Shady Grove had a membership of 80.

In 1865, a second building was constructed across the road from the first. It was a frame structure with a door at either end and the pulpit in the end nearest the road. Twenty-nine years later that building was purchased by one of the neighboring farmers and became a part of his stables. Today the boards in the stable are sound and in good condition.

The first section of the present building was erected in 1894 and is the present auditorium. It was rectangular with a door in the end nearest the road with another door leading to the pulpit at the far end. Three windows surrounded the pulpit providing light. A wood-fired heater gave inadequate warmth on cold days and kerosene lamps with reflectors made it possible to have night meetings, but these were held only when it was deemed absolutely necessary.

Sunday school was held every Sunday, weather permitting, with the members remaining for an additional hour to sing. A tuning fork enabled them to begin the song in the correct key. Preaching was held once a month, on fourth Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. People came in carts and buggies with large families filling two-horse wagons and they all hitched their teams in the shady grove. (One elderly lady recalls that their mules were always too tired to pull the wagon on Saturday but by Sunday would have recovered enough to enable them to pull the load.) The men and boys sat on the right side in the church and the women and girls o the left. No woman ever spoke a word i the services, and when the call for praye was given everyone knelt. No offering were taken; yet as early as 1886, b motion, the church voted to give th pastor $50 a year ''for his assistanc and relief.'' Later assessments of $1 t $3 were put upon the members, ac cording to their ability to pay. Anyon able to pay who did not was brough before the church to explain why he ha failed to contribute to the Lord's work.

The church took seriously its covenan to ''bring up those under its care in th nurture and admonition of the Lord, an to abstain from all sinful and conformit to the world, and to be just in all it dealings.'' Thus the church became kind of court, first accusing and the bringing the erring members before th congregation to answer the charge made against them; yet, always whe the members confessed and aske forgiveness, they were restored to fu fellowship.

Thirty-six years after the church wa founded a member was licensed t preach; in 1889 another was licensed t preach; and in 1891 two members wer ordained. License were granted for on one year at a time, then renewed if th man lived up to his high calling. Sinc that time two others have answere God's call to the ministry and today ther are a number of young people in th church who feel the Lord is calling ther into full-time Christian service.

In 1911, when Shady Grove wa denied representation in the Cape Fea Conference, the word ''Original'' wa attached to the name ''Free Will Bap tist.'' The following year in a ca conference at Shady Grove, the Cap Fear Conference was reorganized.

Four churches in the Shady Grove are were founded from this ''mother church'' namely, Robert's Grove, Lee' Chapel, Oak Grove, and Saint Paul. I spite of the loss of many who joine these Free Will Baptist churches becaus they were hearer their homes, and other who left to join with Pentecostal an Holiness groups, the church continued t grow in membership and in its cor tributions to the cause at large.

In 1925 the two wings were added an classrooms were built behind the pulpit Four additional classrooms and a assembly hall were added upstairs i

949, and an activity building was onstructed on the grounds. When fire adly damaged the auditorium and some lassrooms in 1959, the entire building as renovated with many modern onveniences added. Four more lassrooms were built behind the walk-ay that connected the activity building o the church. In 1971 the grounds were ndscaped with the idea of again roviding a shady grove of trees. Last ear a carport was built across the back nd a ramp was constructed so that eople in wheelchairs might easily enter he building. This year the entire parking rea has been paved.

The Sunday school began in 1897 with our teachers. The school now has wenty teachers with an enrollment of 69. The woman's auxiliary, 56 years ld, maintains an active role, giving to very phase of the denominational work ith special emphasis on the mission rograms. Family night, held each Wednesday night, provides a program or every age level. The church budget as grown from less than $850 in 1918 to proposed budget of $35,973 for the resent year.

In keeping with its 125th anniversary, he church is having a series of special rograms. A covered-dish supper, llowed by a special sermon reviewing istoric events with pertinent references o the contributions made by the hristian element, was enjoyed on ugust 23. On September 13 and 14, the hurch observed a ''Youth Happening'' ith the young people in charge of a pecial Saturday night and Sunday orning service with them filling every ffice of the church on Sunday. ''Old-ashioned Sunday'' was observed ctober 5, with the congregation ressing and worshiping as their refathers did. Historic relics of the hurch were on display in the library. ctober 19 the church observed its 25th homecoming with an anniversary ermon by the pastor, the Rev. Cedric D. ierce Jr., followed with dinner on the rounds. The afternoon program eatured a ''Historama'' of the church's lustrious past, present, and future hopes nd aspirations. Revival services began ctober 20 and will continue through the 5 with the Rev. C. L. Patrick of the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church of Valstonburg as evangelist. These vangelistic sermons are including special music and a ''bird story'' for the children. Finally, in November the adult choir will present John Peterson's cantata, ''The Good Life.''

Over a century ago dedicated men and women founded a church by the side of the road. Marching across its pages of history countless others have kept the flame of faith burning brightly; yet, towering above all human efforts one knows that God alone has kept the doors of opportunities for worship and service open. To Him belongs the honor, glory, victory, and praise; and from grateful hearts Shady Grove members proclaim, ''To God Be the Glory!''

## IN MEMORIAM

### MR. R. B. NOBLES

On October 21, 1974, the Lord came and called my husband, R. B. Nobles of Greenville, home to rest after ten years of suffering, which he bore with patience. Although a stroke left him without speech, he was able to write. The Lord gave him strength to get about, for which we are thankful. It was so hard to give him up, but our loss was his eternal gain. Now he can talk and sing as he tours that heavenly city. He did not come to the end of the road, but just around a bend.

In loving memory,
His Wife, Eva

**A Place to Be Filled**

On the farm he worked as a lad;
This was a place filled by our dad.
He was the joy of his father and mother,
To the rest of the family, he was ''Big Brother.''

When a young man he married a beautiful lady
Who helped him down life's dreary road;
Together they made it, though tough at times,
And so very heavy was the load.

This place in life he filled as a husband,
For sixty-two years, filled with pleasure.
All the things he did for us through life,
Mother and we will always treasure.

As a father, there is none to compare
Though we look this whole world through.
The love he showed with such tender care
Was meant for all, including you!

All through the years he worked for our Lord—
As choir leader, teacher, and deacon;
This place he filled was a guidance to all,
And an inspiration to us as a beacon.

Then one day when he had grown old,
God saw fit to call our Dad home.
There was a place in heaven to be filled
By only him and him alone.

We miss you Dad, but we do not sorrow;
You left many memories for us to share.
One day each of us will have a place to fill,
When God calls us home to meet you up there.

In loving memory,
His Children

**Granddaddy, a Wonderful Man!**

It goes unspoken that Granddaddy was a wonderful Christian man. His Christlike life radiated all over him and you could feel its warmth. He was a very rich man—rich in all the things that mean so much to us on our journey to heaven. His love for all of us was shared equally. Each of us has a portion of his loving memory that will linger in our minds and hearts in hope that when we reach the age of maturity we can be as wise and sweet everyday in the Spirit of our living God as our granddaddy was.

In loving memory,
His Grandchildren

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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## New Growth

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It shakes our faith in the church and in people who call themselves Christians. While among the shattered ivory fragments we find someone who is struggling, we also find someone who, while working to the best of his knowledge, stumbles occasionally and makes mistakes and misjudgments; someone who is very human; someone—why it's someone just like—ourselves!

To put too much dependence in other Christians is a tragic error. If we view ourselves and other Christians in a like relationship instead of having our faith shattered when someone makes an error, we can be better equipped to lend a hand and our love.

To find one who never stumbles, never makes mistakes, or a misjudgment —look to God. Place your dependence in Him.

## FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

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that she would have to look into this before giving me an answer. A few days later I received a letter from the Catholic Bishop of Nashville, inviting me to visit and preach in a newly formed Catholic mission in North Nashville. I hardly know until today why I accepted the invitation, but on a Sunday afternoon I preached in that mission church. I was well received and treated well. Of course, I did not take the advantage of this occasion to attempt to expose what I considered the falsities of the Catholic faith, but I preached on the one subject upon which both Catholics and Protestants have been in agreement—"The Divinity of Christ." I just may have the distinction—if it is a distinction—of being the only Free Will Baptist minister ever to preach in a Catholic church.

(Next Week: Sunshine and Shadow Years)

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**—The Editorial Sta**

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November 22—Thanksgiving Servic Memorial Chapel, Free Will Bapti Children's Home, Middlesex, Nor Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

Coming together is Beginning,
Keeping together is Progress,
Working together is Unity,
Thinking together is Success.

**—Table Ta**

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**Lo, sin hath ravished the soul—just because it's all part of Satan's scheme of things. . . .**

## THE SCHEME OF THINGS

To put the tongue in motion before the mind's in gear,
To close the ear before the plea is fully uttered,
To leave the scene before the true story is known,
And to form opinions blindly, caring little
about improper motivations—

Just part of the scheme of things. . . .

To tire too easily if the work is of a benevolent nature,
To put might and force in personal achievement,
To climb steadily for self-esteem, but to stop short
if self shall not be praised,
And to falter in word and fail in deed to advance
the Cause—

Just part of the scheme of things. . . .

To misrepresent second-hand stories and spread them well,
To dissociate oneself from those thought to be of a lower class,
To dispose of evidence that will cast unfavorable influence
upon oneself,
And to exalt oneself to princely roles and kingly lofts—

Just part of the scheme of things. . . .

To sing a song with a grudge in the heart,
To smile a smile when a frown yearns to disrobe itself,
To say a half-hearted "I'm sorry," when inwardly there is no regret,
And to censure both friend and foe severely for little faults—

Just part of the scheme of things. . . .

To act amazed when there is no surprise,
To wax over one's scar lightly, only to draw attention to it
in the face of the one who did the injuring,
To weep at the slightest reprimand, even though it's well deserved,
And to wear a larger chip on the shoulder for effect—

Just part of the scheme of things. . . .

All of the above is just part of the scheme of things—to draw attention to oneself—to do harm to another—to consume oneself with self-interest, when the heart should be smitten and withered because of utter selfishness. Lo, sin hath ravished the soul—just because it's all part of Satan's scheme of things. . . . Do something about it!

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Scripture Reading—Romans 13:14

A TRINITY OF KILLERS

According to the National Council n Alcoholism, only heart disease and ancer kill more persons annually in he United States than does alcohol. 'he statistics do not include the 30,000 ersons who die annually in alcohol-elated traffic accidents. Cancer and eart disease achieve their large 'kill" by a major assist from icotine. Alcohol and nicotine are angerous drugs and are often fatal!

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is necessary that we fully realize he dangers of nicotine and alcohol ince marijuana is considered no nore dangerous than these two leadly pleasures.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Scripture Reading—Luke 21:34

SECURITY

When Mary Selleck of Chula Vista, California, neared her 100th birthday, she expressed poetically her trust in the provident care of God:

'I do not know what the future holds
Of joy or pain,
Of loss or gain,
Along life's untrod way;
But I believe
I can receive
God's promised guidance day by day,
So I securely travel on.

"And if, at times, the journey leads
Through waters deep,
Or mountains steep,
I know this unseen Friend,
His love revealing,
His presence healing,
Walks with me to the journey's end,
So I securely travel on."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We must be ever onward, God has offered guidance, companionship, and love. This is one offer we dare not refuse.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:18

THE LEADER LED

I took a child by the hand
To lead her on her way;
I told her of the love of God
And taught her how to pray.

And as I searched for better ways
Her guide and help to be;
I found, as we walked hand in hand
That she was leading me.
—Mattie A. Adair

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Children are very perceptive and objective. Their views are not obstructed by worldly temptations.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:57

VICTORIOUS

Lt. General William J. Harrison said this about living the Christian life: "It is simply a matter of following the Bible and giving Christ the place that He asks in our lives. If we look to Him in all things, speak to God in prayer, study and heed His Word and remember that we are blood-bought bondslaves of Jesus Christ, our fellowship with Him will continue unbroken."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Prayer to God, praise of God, and perseverance in faith will bring us to our homes in Paradise.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:6

MAN'S INHUMANITY

Many and sharp the numerous ills,
Interwoven in our frame;
More poignant still we make ourselves,
Regret, remorse, and shame;
And man's heaven-erected face,
The smiles of love adorn;
Man's inhumanity to man,
Makes countless thousands mourn.
—Robert Burns

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Man is man's worst enemy. So often we receive real pleasure by bringing discomfort and apprehension to our fellowman.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:25

THE TEMPERED TIMES

Hammer away, ye hostile hands,
Your hammer's break—God's anvil stands!

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Moderation in all things is most important. It is good to stand up for what we believe is right but we must remain open minded enough to change if we find we are wrong.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Scripture Reading—Psalm 121:2

UNDILUTED FAITH

Astronaut James B. Irwin affirmed, "I have encountered nothing on Apollo 15, or elsewhere in this age of space and science, that dilutes my faith in God."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Many scientists are inclined to usurp God's role in the universe. Men who have traversed the universe feel His presence. It is a great pity Darwin was unable to become an astronaut.*

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**THE MIRACLE OF PRAYER**
by Mrs. Calvin Meddlin

God gave us sunshine, birds, and trees,
The star-filled sky above;
He gave us beauty, flowers, and friends
And special folks to love.

And then because each life would bring
Its share of stress and care,
He gave to us a wondrous gift—
The miracle of prayer.

He knew the sun would sometimes hide
Behind a cloud of gray,
And we'd have need of faith and hope,
And strength for each new day.

How comforting it is to know
His love is always there
To comfort, help, and guide us
Through the miracle of prayer.

# THREE MAJOR PROBLEMS

(Part One)

by Wade T. Jernigan, President
California Christian College

MANY and various are the temptations and perennial problems confronting fledgling ministerial aspirants. A library of volumes has been penned by authoritative authors writing out of educational attainment and experiential knowledge. Some, while attempting to alert and to some degree alarm the modern "Timothies," have minimized some dangerous areas, and at the same time have magnified the rather insignificant. Only recently was this brought most vividly to the attention of a Pastoral Problems class at California Christian College by a "Samuel" who had been ushered somewhat prematurely into "Eli's office." Facing up to a church personality that lacked sparkle, a church board steeped in tradition and a church program lagging far short in discharging the Great Commission, the young pastor posed this question, "What is the greatest problem a young preacher has to face?" Immediately each student responded with what He thought to be "the answer." Needless to say, trivial, minute hurdles loomed tall in student response because close proximity to such had blinded untrained vision. The students had answered much like a man standing close to a hill and declaring it to be the tallest in the range because it obscures one's vision to the taller peaks. By doing so, they had partnered themselves with those who majored on the minors. Agreed, present problems seem greater than ones not yet confronted (regardless of their nature) or ones confronted under certain prevailing circumstances which make for an easier answer. In order to determine **the** major problems, a purview must be made of In order to determine **the** major problems, a purview must be made of every eventuality.

Assuming forty-eight years of living, thirty years ministerial experience and ten years educational training gives one the right to write. The following three problems are declared to be the "Majors": (1) Security, (2) Success, and (3) Sex. According to differing personalities, social climate, fellowship, and geographical location, the order may vary.

This writing will cover only Security.



## I. SECURITY

It is this writer's candid opinion that security would most likely come first with rare exceptions. This may stem from the documented fact that many "Pauls" who have gone just ahead of the "now Timothies" assured themselves of security while "tent making." This in no way is to speak snidely of the apostle who made tents; he made them not for personal security, but rather "for the furtherance of the gospel." Nor is it to speak disparagingly of those who have labored in dual roles, not just to live but to live that the kingdom might progress. But untold numbers have braggartly stated that upon retirement, when a definite income is secured, they will go full time. Such declarations have tainted the thinking and possibly tarnished the faith of the pastor's understudies. Through this, some are led to believe that though God is the owner of ". . . the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Psalm 50:10), no longer can one quote with assurance, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Seemingly, all such has become archaic to modern faith.

On the other hand, this may be the greatest of problems because of that to which a young preacher is accustomed upon entering the ministry. An affluent society has spawned less hardy men—men unaccustomed to hardness, scarcity, and "make do." Growing up in an unthreatened secureness, with every material need met, sacrifice comes at a premium. Only through disciplined training can one unshackle himself from the "beggard" need of man-provided security. Not many can immediately "count it all but dung," "count not himself," and "cast all his care upon the Lord."

Security is sought in three distinct areas:

### A. Financial Security

Young preachers look about them and detect that they are an elite group (in the negative sense) among churchmen when it comes to filthy lucre. Laymen of every variety can pursue any legitimate business of their choice so long as it does not interfere with and curtail scriptural church involvement. But such is not the case of God's anointed. Having been biblically charged, "No man that

warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier'' (2 Timothy 2:4), the young minister cannot be guilty of ''filthy lucre'' greed and must not take the ''oversight'' for filthy lucre's sake. Thus charged, he realizes that his personal financial ambitions must be sacrificed for the sake of his ministry regardless of the cost. Until he has settled that issue with a ''live or die, sink or swim'' commitment, dollar signs will impair his vision. Shades of green or silver will blur the spiritual picture for him. Even then he must grow accustomed to and build defenses against tempting offers and statements that tend to intimidate, remembering always that Christ has gone before having met every onslaught. He must learn that in every trying circumstance God makes the difference. Such is not blind faith, but is rather obedience to divine admonition. Soon upon entering the ministry the potentially successful young bishop must believe, commit to memory, and appropriate Philippians 4:19, ''But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'' To fail to do so is to fail.

**B. Family Security**

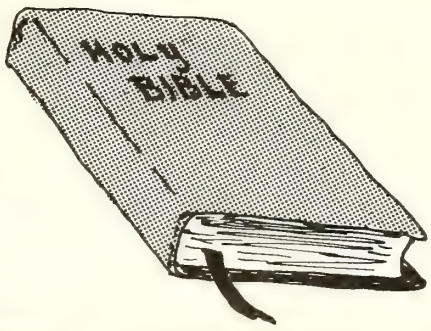
Believing that his ''helpmeet'' is of God and that a ''quiver of arrows'' is likewise of God, he feels keenly responsible for his home flock as well as the flock of God. Unplanned expensive moves and unexpected income cuts play havoc with an already unrealistic low budget. During such troubling incidents, ''the called'' is inclined to cry out of anguish the words of Moses, ''. . . If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence'' (Exodus 33:15). At such times it appears that an unsure and unsettled financial base may cause one to think of himself as ''Ichabod.'' Just here one needs to be reminded that the Lord appeared to be nearer Daniel when in the den and the Hebrew children while in the furnace. Poverty never did signal spiritual drought, neither have riches ever reflected personal sanctification. If anything, the opposite may be true, but not necessarily so.

Call to mind the story of Lazarus and the rich man of Luke 16. Lazarus, in material poverty, had secured for himself eternal spiritual wealth, but the rich man had obtained material riches at the expense of spiritual poverty. At death, Lazarus left nothing but gained everything. Upon his death the rich man left everything and gained hell. When priorities are established, one has no trouble claiming the promise of Matthew 6:33, ''But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'' ''All these things . . . added unto you'' is a promise standing against the backdrop of Christ's statement, ''Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, . . .'' (Matthew 6:19). Your writer is one of ten children born to a Free Will Baptist minister. At no time was the family forsaken nor did it beg bread. Also, there were five children born to this writer and now that they are grown (four with families of their own) each can testify to the fact God always made the difference. Meager salaries were in the offing quite often, due to the fact pioneer churches were pastored, but even so, God was still that difference. ''All things'' were added as needed. Time is no factor since He is the same ''yesterday, today, and forever.''

**C. Future Security**

Visions of old-folks' homes and welfare lines have stampeded some young men out of the ministry. Some may say that they are not out of the ministry, but rather are securing for themselves a bit of comfort for old age, and at the same time maintaining their preaching ministry. Back in the forties when God was calling many young Oklahoma men into the ministry, a phrase was coined by those who **totally** gave themselves to the task in regard to those who would not ''let go,'' ''they are bootlegging the gospel.'' Gospel bootleggers are more plentiful today than ever before. Possibly, a degree of this can be laid at the feet of the security sharks who are always waiting to slash out at the dedicated ministers with remarks of intimidation. How piously they can mouth, ''Everything is fine now, but what about tomorrow?'' Instead of singing, ''I care not today what tomorrow may bring, whether shadow or sunshine or rain. I know the Lord ruleth over everything, and all of my worry is vain,'' the inept succumbs to the browbeating which profusely pours upon him. ''You have your future to think about!'' ''Only a fool would close his eyes to the tragic possibilities,'' runs the conversation of the security expert. Meaner than all other ''sharks'' is the backslid, bootlegging, buck-grabbing, back-slapping brother preacher. To hear him tell it, his only concern is the young preachers. Be aware that his primary concern is that commission assured him if he can taint faith to the point that it must be bolstered by an ''additional'' which is by man's effort rather than God's. Fully trusting faithfully will not only take a man through his ministry, but will also assure him of sufficient in the eventide. Good stewardship practiced continually will provide for the warring soldier more in the end than worldly entanglement will bring to the one who would not endure hardness. Paul's declaration to the Christians at Rome should be personally claimed by every ministerial aspirant, ''. . . as much as in me is, I am ready to preach . . .'' (Romans 1:15). Preachers are declared to be worthy of hire even as the ox that treadeth the corn. Have Christ's assuring words to Peter (see Luke 18:28-30) been obliterated from minds that should have positive thought in the matter? Read them again. Ponder them. ''Then Peter said, Lo, we have **left all, and followed thee.** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is **no man** that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not **receive manifold more** in **this present time,** and in the world to come life everlasting.'' Trust Christ! Meet the requirements! Claim the promise! Peter's statement in Acts 6:2, ''. . . It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables,'' rings just as true now as it did then. Paul admonished to Timothy, ''Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For **God hath not given us the spirit of fear;** (this holds true in the matter of future financial security) but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (a mind not troubled about future material security)'' (2 Timothy 1:6, 7). Paul had already instructed Timothy, ''Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. **Neglect not the gift that is in thee,** which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Mediate upon these things; **give thyself wholly to them;** that thy **profiting** may appear to all'' (1 Timothy 4:13-15).

When the minister gives himself ''wholly,'' then his ''profiting'' will ''appear.'' This formula works—try it!




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** Please tell me what the Bible teaches about assurance.

**Answer:** Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary gives these definitions of assurance: ''1. An assuring; a pledge or guarantee. 2. Insurance. 3. State of being assured or sure; specif.. a. Security; safety. b. Certitude; certainty. . . . confidence.''

Jesus says, ''He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him'' (John 3:36); ''All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out'' (John 6:37); ''And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent'' (John 17:3). Paul writes, ''Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost'' (Titus 3:5). The Bible teaches that those who are Christ's become aware of it and practice this relationship: ''My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand'' (John 10:27-29).

The Bible also teaches that those who are Christ's walk in the light as He does: ''If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin'' (1 John 1:6, 7). The Scriptures tell us where to go for this wondrous and glorious light and how to have it available for all occasions: ''Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path'' (Psalm 119:11, 105); ''Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled'' (Titus 1:15).

The Holy Spirit symbolized by the water, fire, wind, etc., keeps up His cleansing work in the lives of believers, and He uses the Word that we have studied and memorized (hid in our hearts) ''That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish'' (Ephesians 5:26, 27); ''For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret'' (Ephesians 5:8-12).

We are members of Christ's body, the church, which the Holy Spirit will continue His work of keeping and cleansing as long as we act in harmony with Him. He wrote the Word as found in the Bible and uses that to do this cleansing with. It says, ''. . . grieve not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you'' (Ephesians 4:30-32).

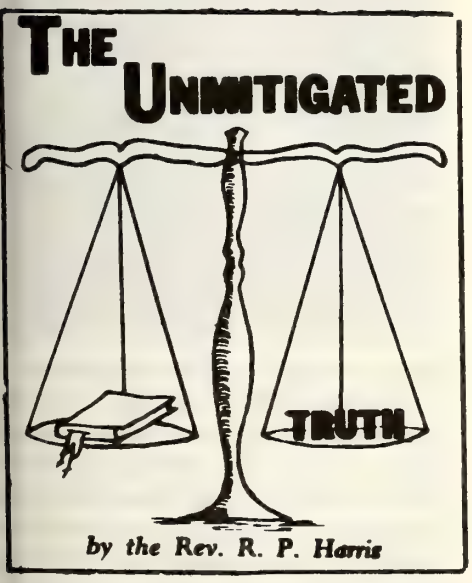
When we work in unison with the devil, the flesh, and the world we can't work in harmony with God, the Holy Spirit. ''No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you'' (Matthew 6:24, 33)

We are saved the instant we believe or exercise saving faith. (See Romans 1:16, 17; 4:5; 5:21; 6:16-23; 7:21-25; 8:26-39.) We gain confidence in God and in His Word and thus grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth as we obey the Word in a correct use of prayer and God's Word. It says, ''Pray without ceasing'' (1 Thessalonians 5:17); ''Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth'' (2 Timothy 2:15). (See 1 Timothy 2:1, 8; 4:15, 16.) ''All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works'' (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

George H. Sandison discusses assurance on Page 125 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, as follows:

''Various schools of theology differ about this doctrine of 'assurance.' Some saints and scholars are so impressed with the frailties and vagaries of the human mind that they cannot understand how a human being can be **sure** of certain things relating to the infinite and divine. Others, and this is, we think, the position held by most Protestant bodies, hold that faith will lead to assurance. 'Know,' 'knowing,' 'knowledge' are favorite New Testament words. The apostles were absolutely sure that Christ had redeemed them and was their friend. Many other souls have had and many still possess this same experience. They know God has forgiven them just as they would know that a debt had been paid that they owe. They say with the once-blind man: 'One thing I know, that whereas I was blind now I see.' They know they used to dislike and distrust God; now they know they love and trust him. They began by believing his promises because others had found them true; now they believe them because they have found them true. Study 2

Timothy 1:12; 1 John 2:3; 3:14, 19, 4:13, 5:13, 19; Romans 6:6, etc. Assurance is produced by faith, Ephesians 3:12; made full by hope, Hebrews 6:11, 19; and is confirmed by love, 1 John 3:14, 19. Saints are privileged to have assurance of various things. Such as their election, Psalm 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; their redemption, Job 19:25; their adoption, Romans 8:16; their salvation and eternal life, Isaiah 12:2; 1 John 5:13. They are also sure of the unalienable love of God, Romans 8:38, 39; of union with God and Christ, 1 Corinthians 6:15; Ephesians 5:30; of peace with God by Christ, Romans 5:1; of preservation, continuance in grace, comfort in affliction, support in death, and a glorious resurrection, Psalm 3:6; Philippians 1:6; Psalm 73:26; Luke 4:19; Psalm 23:4; Job 19:26; Philippians 3:21. They should therefore give diligence to attain assurance and strive to maintain it (2 Peter 1:10, 11; Hebrews 3:14, 18).''




Scriptural Basis: ''. . . God sent forth his Son, . . . To redeem them that were under the law, . . .'' (Galatians 4:4, 5).

**THE SINNER'S POSITION IN SALVATION**

God's Word declares in Romans 3:10, ''. . . There is none righteous, no, not one.'' That means, ''. . . all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God'' (Romans 3:23). No man can really know he is lost until he is confronted with the truth. This truth, which is of God, must come to the sinner through the divine inspiration and revelation of God's Holy Word. That is why the Holy Bible is so important to the sinner. There is no other book that can penetrate the mind of man and trigger the power of God into saving sinners.

The best sermons are those which cause a man to see his condition before God. Be it a sermon, lecture, or treatise there has to be the incarnation of the gospel and the Word of God. Jesus Christ is the incarnate Word of God and a man must see Christ before he can see his condition before God. Isaiah was in the temple when he saw the Lord (see Isaiah 6:1-5). When Isaiah realized the truth, he saw himself as a filthy, miserable being, totally detached from all that is good and righteous. We knew that he would have to leave all worldly practices and endeavors to take part in the spiritual life. All earthly concerns lose their meaning when one stands before his God. Isaiah is a good example of what happens to a man when he sees the Lord. Another thing to notice is that Isaiah was in the temple when this happened. Sinners need to go to church because there is the possibility that they might ''see the Lord high and lifted up.'' And who knows, it may be that God's saints will fill the church and sinners will see the Lord. One thing is sure, the church is a better place to be than any other place in the world. It just may mean the difference between life and death—heaven and hell.

The sinner's position in salvation will reveal the fact that he must have faith in God. ''. . . without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him'' (Hebrews 11:6). Faith in God is the key to salvation: ''. . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God'' (Romans 10:17). The sinner must hear the Word of God and God has provided the means whereby this can happen. God supplies the faith when we have no faith. Read God's Word, seek for the truth, and you will find it.

There are six things which happens to a sinner in the process of salvation. First, he must **acknowledge** that he is a sinner—a wretched, undone, and miserable sinner. Then he must **repent** of his sins. We must be completely surrendered in godly sorrow and remorse. After repentance comes a **confession** of sins. This is an admission of guilt before God, but you cannot stop there. Judas confessed his sins but he did not receive forgiveness. When one confesses his sins, he then must **forsake** them. This means that he is willing to lay them down at the foot of the Cross and leave them there. Step by step he moves closer and closer to complete victory. The fifth step in salvation is to **believe** in the Lord Jesus Christ and His right and power to forgive sins. The final step in salvation is to **receive** Christ as your substitute. Receiving Christ brings glory in your soul which is the most wonderful thing that can happen to you. This happens when the baptism of the Holy Ghost becomes real and the soul is so happy that no man can rightly describe it. Only God and the person being saved can know the extent of the happiness it brings! Glory to God!

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Dublin Grove Free Will Baptist Church located two miles southeast of Aurora is seeking a pastor. This vacancy is due to the illness and resignation of the church's regular pastor. At present the church is having Sunday morning services every Sunday except fifth Sunday. Any minister interested in this pastorate may contact Mildred G. Brothers, Route 1, Box 365, Aurora, North Carolina 27806, or telephone (919) 322-4133.

## COMING EVENTS . . .

October 30, 31—Cape Fear Conference, Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina

November 5, 6—Central Conference, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Free Union to Host Central Conference**

The 221st annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with the Free Union church, Route 2, Walstonburg, Wednesday and Thursday, November 5, 6, 1975. The moderator, the Rev. James Lupton, will preside, with the Rev. Harry A. Jones serving as song leader. The program is as follows:

**Wednesday Morning**

9:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Buddy Sasser
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, Host Pastor
10:20—Response, the Rev. N. B. Barrow
10:25—Moderator's Message, the Rev. James Lupton
—Recognition of Visitors
—Appointment of Committees
10:45—Report of State Convention, the Rev. Robert May, President
10:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, Manager
11:05—Report of Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
11:15—Report of Children's Home, Mr. Sam Weeks, Superintendent
—Offering for Children's Home
11:30—Morning Worship:
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. N. D. Beaman; Alternate, the Rev. Joseph Lehmann

**Wednesday Afternoon**

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Clinton Davis
1:25—Business Period:
Partial Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Executive Committee
Report of Central Conference Missions
Report of Church Extension, the Rev. Taylor Hill
Report of Trustees
Report of Central Conference Historian, Mrs. H. L. Spivey
Report of Cragmont Assembly
3:15—Adjournment

**Thursday Morning**

9:00—Final Registration
9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Rudy Owens
9:40—Business Period:
Reading of Minutes of Previous Day
Recognition of Visitors
Report of Obituary Committee
Report of Temperance Committee
Report of Resolutions Committee
10:30—Report of Ordaining Council
10:40—Report of State Missions Board, the Rev. Joe Ingram
10:50—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President
—Offering for Mount Olive College
11:05—Report of Church Finance Association, the Rev. Hubert Burress
11:15—Business Period:
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Treasurer
11:30—Morning Worship:
Sermon, the Rev. Gary Bailey
—Adjournment
(Lunch will be served each day by Wilburs of Goldsboro at $2.50 per plate.)

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**Aspen Grove Church Announces Revival**

The Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, announces its fall revival for the week of November 3-8, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Gary Bailey, pastor of Elm Grove church. The pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, will be assisting in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Harvest Festival at Deep Run Church**

The Deep Run, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church is having a harvest festival sponsored by the woman's auxiliary on Saturday, November 1, in the fellowship hall, from 1 p. m. until 8 p. m. The supper will consist of barbecued chicken with all the fixings, chicken pastry, and fish stew. Price per plate for one-half chicken, $2; one-fourth chicken, $1.50; child's plate, $1.

For sale will be baked goods; many craft items; double, single, and baby quilts; afghans; pillows; aprons; smocks; live plants; dried flower arrangements; good used clothing; old and useful items; and many more. The sale will begin at 1 p. m., supper at 5 p. m., and the auction at 6:30 p. m.

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**Homecoming and Revival At Wintergreen Church**

The Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Cove City, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, November 2. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed with the morning worship at eleven, the pastor, the Rev. Donald Venable, bringing the message. Lunch will be served after the morning worship. A warm welcome is extended to former pastor, members, and friends to attend.

On Monday night, November 3, revival services will begin at the Wintergreen church, continuing through Saturday night, November 8. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., pastor of Shady Grove church of Dunn, as the guest speaker. He will be assisted by the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

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**Friendly Chapel Revival November 2-8**

The Friendly Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located one block from Stansfield Grocery, on Sharpe Road, Greensboro, announces revival services for the week of November 2-8, beginning each evening at 7 o'clock. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Jacob A. Camp of Biscoe, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. J. L. Kivette. Special music will be rendered each night. The public is invited to attend.

**evival Services in Progress**
**t Holly Springs Church**

Revival services are in progress this veek at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly. Services vill continue through Friday night, October 31, with the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Pine Level bringing the nessages each evening. Services are eginning nightly at 7:30, with the astor, the Rev. Royster Martin, ssisting Mr. Cherry. The pastor and the hurch membership request your rayers for the success of the meeting nd extend an invitation to each of you to ttend the remainder of the services.

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**uccessful Homecoming and**
**evival, Faith Church**

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City observed its annual omecoming on Sunday, October 5. The norning message was delivered by the astor of six year, the Rev. Noah Brown.



The church was blessed with a wonderful day in the Lord at which time it experienced some special events. During he Sunday school the pastor received is thirty-first Sunday school pin, marking a perfect attendance in Sunday school for thirty-one years. The pastor gave thanks to God for being able to set such an example before his people.

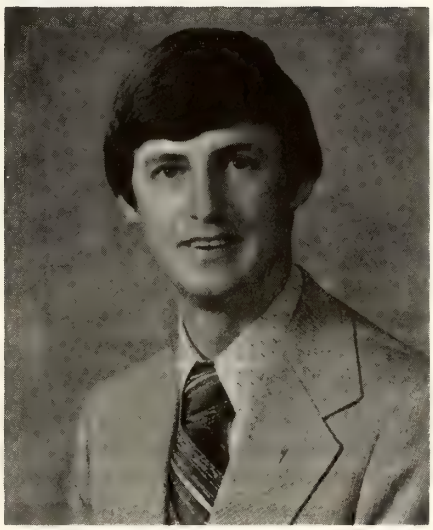


During the wonderful worship hour the note on the parsonage was burned. The pastor and the members gave thanks to each one who had a part in making this parsonage become a reality. Also a memorial service was held for the deceased members. Special music was rendered by the church choir and Mr. Earl Fulcher, who sang "I'm Nearer Home Than I Was Yesterday." Following lunch, served in the fellowship hall which was enjoyed by all, a sing was held until two o'clock.

Wednesday evening through Saturday evening a weekend revival was held at Faith church. The church was blessed with having for the evangelist a boy who was reared in the church, the Rev. Johnny Williams. Mr. Williams is now pastoring the Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson.

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**Bobby Taylor Evangelist for**
**Winterville Revival**



The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Corner Depot and Chapman Streets, Winterville, announces revival services for the week of November 3-8, beginning nightly at 7:30. The evangelist will be the Rev. Bobby R. Taylor, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo. Special music will be featured each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**Fremont Church to**
**Observe Homecoming**

The Fremont, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, November 2, with the Rev. James A. Evans of Seven Springs, a former pastor, bringing the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. Following the message lunch will be served picnic style by the ladies of the church.

In the afternoon a memorial service will be held, followed by a singspiration featuring "The Dixie Melody Boys." The pastor, the Rev. Charles Renfrow, and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to worship with them on this occasion and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

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**Fall Revival at**
**Rose Hill Church**

Revival services will be held at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, November 3-7, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen as the evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. N. Dan Beaman, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

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**Walter Reynolds to Conduct**
**Hull Road Revival**



The Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church (Arba) near Snow Hill, the week of November 3-7. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Leon Grubbs, assisting. There will be special music each evening and a nursery will be provided for those who wish to use it. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to the Moye Library at Mount Olive College for the month of September, 1975, were as follows:

#### IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Sandra Everington Aldridge by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Mount Olive.

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Mrs. Leatha Cherry by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Greenville.

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Mr. Clifton Ferrell by Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville; and Mrs. Hettie E. Sasser and family, Kenly.

Mrs. Ruby Fodrey by the Adult Sunday School Class, Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental.

Mrs. Mildred Gaskins by Mrs. Sybil Godley, Newport.

Mr. Arthur Greene by Junior High Class, Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie.

The Rev. Herman Grubbs by Mr. and Mrs. John Kornegay, Seven Springs.

Mr. Jimmy Lee Hardison Sr. by Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill.

Mr. James Cecil Hartley by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Rowe, Pikeville.

Mr. James C. Hartley by the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin K. Everington, Deep Run.

Mrs. Ellen S. Hicks by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Rowe, Pikeville.

Mr. Paul Hocutt by Sunday School of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex.

Mr. James Harvey Howell by Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Raper, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Rachel C. Johnson by Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Raper, Mount Olive.

Mr. Otis A. Jones by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison, Grantsboro; and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Greenville.

Mrs. Ida Keech by Woman's Auxiliary of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown.

Mr. Ralph Oates by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Warwick, Newton Grove.

Mr. F. Curtis Owens by Gary Fenton Barefoot, Mount Olive; Woman's Auxiliary of Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville; Miss Sara Willoughby and Mrs. O. E. Willoughby, Ahoskie; Miss Pamela Rose Wood, Four Oaks; Mr. and Mrs. Manley Jenkins, New Bern; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Mount Olive.

Mr. Nicholas Peacone by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jackson and Connie, Dunn.

Mr. C. Parker Poole Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warwick, Newton Grove.

The Rev. W. L. Poythress by grandchildren, Mrs. W. L. Poythress, children, and neighbors, Wilson.

Mrs. Ray Price by Dr. and Mrs. Ray Swords, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Mary J. Radcliff by Woman's Auxiliary of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown.

Mr. P. B. Raiford by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Warsaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Salter by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Mrs. Jessie Snipes by Mrs. Carrena B. Williams, Pine Level; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Braswell, Princeton; Mrs. Chester R. Radford and family, Kenly; Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville; and Chad and Blake Thompson, Smithfield.

Mr. Walter A. Stansbury by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warwick and the Holiday Inn Staff, Newton Grove.

Mr. B. D. Staton by Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Raper, Mount Olive.

Mr. Jesse B. Taylor by Circle Numbe One of First Free Will Baptist Church Kinston; Woman's Auxiliary of First Fre Will Baptist Church, Kinston; and Mr and Mrs. W. B. Warren, Kinston.

Mr. Marshall Monk Troublefield b Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Herring Jr. Mount Olive.

Mr. Elwood Willis by Eugene L Gaskill, Fayetteville.

Mrs. Thelma Willoughby by Miss Sar Willoughby, Mrs. O. E. Willoughby, Mr A. B. Willoughby, and Miss Ell Willoughby, Ahoskie.

#### IN HONOR OF

Jennifer Anne Paul by Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive

#### GIFTS

Mount Olive Extension Homemaker Club, Mount Olive.

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### RECORD AMOUNT RAISED A JONES COUNTY DINNER

The 1975 Jones County dinner fo Mount Olive College brought in $2,19 the largest amount ever raised at th annual dinner.

The 110 Jones County Free W Baptists who gathered at King Restaurant in Kinston on Thursda October 9, also set a new record attendance.

The College awarded three $1C scholarships at the dinner. Th scholarship for the church with th greatest number of high school studen present went to Whaley's Chapel Fr Will Baptist Church.

The scholarships for giving the large amount at the dinner and the most p capita (average per member) were bo won by Friendship Free Will Bapti Church.

The scholarships will be presented each of the seventeen dinners to be he by the College during October a November.

The Rev. Andrew Hill, chairman of t dinner, and pastor of Whaley's Chap church, expressed his appreciation the county steering committee and to those who had a part in making t dinner a great success.

In addition to Mr. Hill, the steeri committee includes Miss Margaret Ca Banks, Mrs. Earl Thomas, and M Irene J. Weston.

## 1975 COUNTY DINNERS PLANNED

All arrangements have been finalized or the annual county dinners for Mount Olive College.

All Free Will Baptists are urged to attend the dinner in their area along with their high school students.

The schedule of dinners remaining includes:

**Duplin County**—Saturday, November , 6:30 p. m., East Duplin High School, Archie Benson and Davis Evans, cochairmen; goal, $5,875.

**Johnston-Wake Counties**—Monday, November 3, 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez, chairman; goal, $10,050.

**Nash County**—Wednesday, November , 7 p. m., Middlesex Elementary Cafeteria, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman; goal, $1,975.

**Onslow-New Hanover Counties**—Friday, November 7, 7:15 p. m., Dixon High School, Leonard Hobbs, chairman; goal, $1,075.

**Lenoir County**—Saturday, November , 7:30 p. m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Stanley Jenkins, chairman; goal, $4,050.

**Edgecombe-Halifax Counties**—Monday, November 10, 7 p. m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman; goal, $2,150.

**Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties**—Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p. m., Roper Union School Cafeteria, David Cahoon, chairman; goal, $3,825.

**Beaufort County**—Saturday, November 15, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School, Oscar Webster, chairman; goal, $3,000.

**Pitt County**—Monday, November 17, p. m., D. H. Conley High School, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, chairman; goal, $11,175.

**Wilson County**—Tuesday, November 8, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James Hunt, chairman; goal, $7,790.

**Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties**—Thursday, November 20, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. Felton Godwin, chairman; goal, $6,175.

**Carteret County**—Saturday, November 22, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School, Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner, cochairmen; goal, $4,000.

## DR. PELT IS HONORED FOR 25 YEARS SERVICE

Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Religion Department at Mount Olive College, was honored Tuesday, September 30, at chapel services by the faculty, administration, and student body of the College for 25 years of service in the Free Will Baptist ministry.

He was presented a certificate of membership in the Free Will Baptist Heritage Foundation of Mount Olive.

Dr. Pelt was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister September 30, 1950.

A native of Marianna Florida, he earned his Associate of Arts degree from Chipola Junior College at Marianna in 1950. He received his A. B. degree from Troy State University at Troy, Alabama, in 1952.



Dr. Pelt (center) receives a certificate honoring him for his 25 years of service as a Free Will Baptist minister. Presenting him the certificate is Chaplain Frank Harrison (left) who described Dr. Pelt "as an individual whose hunger for truth and knowledge is never satisfied, and one who sets the pace and example for the rest of us who are members of the faculty." Mrs. Pelt is looking on.

Dr. Pelt completed further study at Appalachian State University, Boone; after which, he attended Duke Divinity School where he received his Masters of Divinity degree in 1956 and his Ph. D. degree at Duke University in 1966.

He pastored LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church from 1953 until 1955. He also pastored Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church at Snow Hill from 1955 until 1957.

In 1957 he joined the faculty at Mount Olive College as chairman of the Religion Department.

Dr. Pelt is a member of the North Carolina Teachers of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature.

He served as secretary and vice-president of North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and is presently vice-president of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society.

He has also served as a member of the Historical Commission.

Dr. Pelt spent the 1973-74 academic year in Cambridge, England, studying at Cambridge University. While there, he traveled throughout Europe and in the Middle East.

He is married to the former Betty Ethridge and they have four children: Cary, an alumnus of Mount Olive College; Teresa, a current student at Mount Olive College; and two prospective students, Sharon and Julie.

After the presentation, Dr. and Mrs. Pelt were honored at a luncheon with the faculty.

## NEW GROWTH

### HOW TO HANDLE SATAN

One of the worst mistakes a person can make is not recognizing the power of Satan. We sweep him under the rug and try to forget him, pretending that he is the mythical "bad boy" who watches your every move, chalking up a mark when you tell a "little white lie," whisper a bit of gossip, or think a not-quite-loving thought about someone.

According to the Bible, Satan is very much a person. The Bible is emphatic that Satan lives. He is the prince and power of the air. He goes to and fro on the earth seeking whom he may devour. He is the author of confusion.

Satan creeps into many forms: money, security, beauty. But his greatest power comes when he works in the form of men, women, and children.

There is no institution so strong that it can withstand the pressure caused by Satan, if we listen to him; whether it be a charity organization, a church, a home, or friends.

All he has to do to cause a rift between two people is to go about his business; the people involved will do the rest. They make the rift bigger and bigger, getting more and more people involved, causing more and more rifts.

To "handle" Satan, you must never sweep him under the rug because he only slides out the other side to slip behind your back and you find yourself saying something that would be better left unsaid. Bring him out into the light, and show him up for what he is, then let God take over.

That's the way to "handle" Satan!




## STRUGGLING WITH PRIDE AND JEALOUSY

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 37:5-11, 17-24
**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 13:4, 5

### I. INTRODUCTION

For the past two Sundays we have looked into various aspects of the life of Jacob, son of Isaac, who became known as Israel, prince of God, because he took on the nature of God through dedication to the divine will. Today we focus our attention on one of his sons, Joseph, who was born to Jacob in his old age. We see in this young teenage son his first ugly signs of pride. If we can see in the young Joseph the signs of pride we can also see in his brothers, all of them older than he, the signs of ugly jealousy. Pride and jealousy are twin evils. There is no way to use them for good; their touch is evil and tends to destroy the good.

In a sense there is a pride that may be commendable. One may be proud of his country, his family, his accomplishments. But the pride we are concerned with is a different kind. It causes selfishness and robs one of the sense of humility that should sweeten and beautify one's life. In another sense there is a form of jealousy that may be commendable. One may be jealous of the good and seek to preserve it. God said that He was a jealous God. But the jealousy we speak of in this lesson is born of envy and hate and breaks down and tramples the good.

As long as we live in these carnal bodies we will have to struggle with both of these twins. With God's help we can win. Without it we shall certainly lose. The victory over pride and jealousy will be found in our willingness to follow Christ's example of humility and self-effacement.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jealousy is a very insidious characteristic. It drives those who ought to be the closest together the furtherest apart. Who should be closer together than brothers? Yet, it was jealousy that caused Joseph's brothers to place him in a pit. It is doubtful that jealousy would exist between two people who did not know each other. It is the very nature of this characteristic to come in like a wedge and drive those who ought to be close together further apart.

B. Have you ever tried to figure out the cause of jealousy? Is it not the feeling that something is coming between you and something you love? Joseph's brothers loved their father, and they felt that Joseph was coming between them and their father. Yet, they were willing to hurt their father by getting rid of Joseph. It is the nature of jealousy to destroy everyone that it touches.

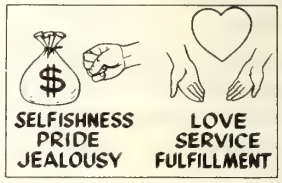
C. Reuben is to be commended for his efforts to save the life of Joseph, and to try to restore him to his father. The other brothers loved their father as much as Reuben, but theirs was a perverted love. Jealousy is the product of perverted love.

D. Do you feel that Jacob contributed to the jealousy that the older brothers had toward Joseph? Do parents today sometime contribute to jealousy in their children? Think about these two questions and be able to discuss them.

E. God had a purpose even in the bad things that happened to Joseph. He used them to prepare Joseph for the work that he was to do. God uses our difficulties to prepare us to be better servants.—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The desire to be important is one of the strongest impulses of man. Dreams of greatness are as natural as life. Ambition is unholy, however, when our dreams are dictated by selfish pride. Do we dream of a greatness attained by excelling others in amassing wealth? How pride dictates our actions when we attempt to "keep up with the Joneses"! Or is our dream that of power and control over others—the dream of the clenched fist? **(Point to it.)** This was the dream of Hitler. It is the dream of the tyrant, big or little, who would march at the head of the parade by knocking all others out of the way. This is the way of selfish, proud, and jealous dreams.




But the way of fulfillment is through Christ. This should be our dream. This is true greatness. There is no room for pride here, for we recognize that God is the one who makes this dream possible just as He made possible the fulfillment of Joseph's dreams, in spite of what men might do. This is the way, not of the clenched fist, but of the open heart of love and the hands of service. This is greatness that can look upon the greatness of others without jealousy, a greatness that all may share. This is not the self-assertion of pride. It is not the self-negation of a false humility. It is self-fulfillment in and through Jesus Christ.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. Shakespeare has seen fit to call jealousy "that green-eyed monster which mocks the meat it feeds upon," and so it is. Jealousy and envy are not only sinful within themselves, but they lead him who nourishes them to the committing of even more grievous sins.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

C. All envy has not been confined to Bible times. A missionary in Latin America related that when a new group of believers was offered a piece of land on which to build a chapel, the people in whose home the church was currently meeting objected. The underlying reason for the objection, according to mission officials, was that the hosts realized that they would no longer exercise control over the group if it moved from the home.

A mother of three was talking about a neighbor who had five children. "She is very unusual. Her house is always neat as a pin; she does her own sewing and is a great cook. She is active in the P. T. A., works in many church organizations and has loads of personality. She makes me sick!"

Envy has a way of disguising itself. It also has the remarkable ability of worming into the life of a church with little trouble. Beware, lest zeal becomes jealous.—Selected

# STORIES

## for our youth



### LET'S PLANT A GARDEN

THE bright happy days of summer and vacation time were ast. Cold winds were blowing the fallen eaves about the yard and garden. Lee nd Patty stood looking out the window. heir faces were just about as cloudy as he sky above them.

"What can we do?" sighed Patty. "It's too cold to play outside, and I'm red of dolls and games."

"Yes, so am I," agreed Lee. "We ad lots of fun with our gardens all ummer, but you can't have gardens in vintertime." He pressed his sad face gainst the windowpane.

Suddenly he turned to Patty, his face hining with excitement. "I know what ve can do! Let's plant a winter garden!"

"A winter garden?" cried Patty. "What do you mean?"

"We will plant seeds in boxes like Mother does to raise early plants for the garden."

"Oh yes!" squealed Patty. "Of course, we could! That is a wonderful dea. Let's start right now!"

"Let's go down to the basement," said Lee, "and we'll see if we can find some boxes."

The children raced down the stairs. After looking among some boxes stacked n a corner, they found two that Mother had used for spring plants. Quickly putting on their coats and caps, Lee and Patty ran out to fill the boxes with soil.

"Where will we get seeds to plant in hem?" asked Patty.

"Oh, I'm sure Mother will have some," Lee assured her. "She always has seeds left from spring planting."

They ran back to the house with their boxes full of fine soil from the garden.

"Mother," called Lee, "do you have any seeds we can use for our winter garden?"

"A winter garden? That's a good idea. Yes, I think I have some seeds," said Mother. "Here are some parsley seed. That is a winter plant. It would be nice for salads and for decorating dishes. And these pansies would make pretty bouquets for the table."

Patty and Lee had forgotten about the cold, dark day. They were very happy as they began putting seeds into the soil. When they were finished, they set the boxes by a sunny window in the basement.

Each day they watered the soil and watched for the first tiny leaves to come through. Never did a garden have better care than this one.

More than a week passed, but there were no leaves in sight. Then early one morning before going to school, Lee ran down to look again.

"Oh, Patty! Patty!" he called, "come quickly and see." Patty ran down the stairs, all excited at the thought of what she might find.

"There they come!" shouted Lee, dancing around in glee. Sure enough, in both boxes were tiny sprouts breaking through the soil. "Who says we can't have a garden in wintertime?"

Now the really interesting time had come. Everyday they watched the plants grow.

It was not long until fluffy leaves were making clusters on the parsley. Then one day Patty found some buds on the pansies. This was, indeed, an exciting time. After another week or two, there were flowers in full bloom.

One day as they were admiring the plants, Patty suddenly had an idea.

"Let's make a bouquet and take it down to Grandma Brown for a surprise gift."

Lee agreed that it would be a fine thing to do. So they found a wide-mouthed bottle, tied a ribbon around it, and arranged in it a bouquet of green, gold, and blue.

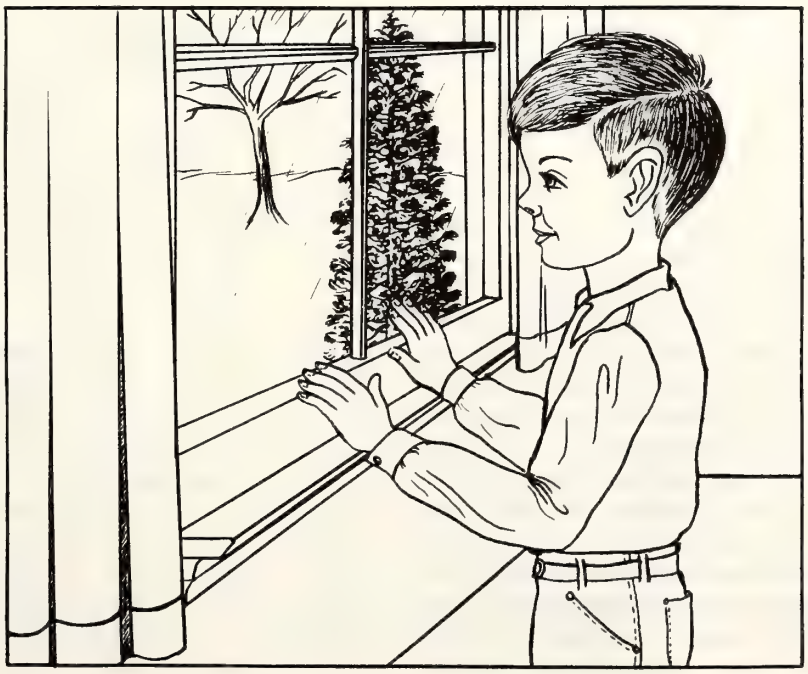
As they skipped gaily down the street to Grandma Brown's house, they sang one of their missionary songs,

"We are a missionary band,
Doing what we can."

Grandma Brown was glad to see Lee and Patty and was delighted with the surprise gift.

"You have brought me a little bit of springtime, children," she said. "Thank you for cheering my heart!"

The children's hearts were happy, too.—Selected



# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## SUNSHINE AND SHADOW YEARS

(Part Fourteen)
by Loy Everette Ballard

THE years of the 1930's were marked by both things of an encouraging and discouraging nature, both with respect to the denomination and my personal ministry. It was during these years that I wrote several of the poems for my little book, "Poems of Sunshine and Shadow"; and the title of this book will serve as a good caption for this article.

Let us look first on the sunshine side. The late years of the 1920's and the early years of the 1930's saw a steadily increasing improvement of the relations between the Eastern and Western Free Will Baptists. The isolation seemingly urged by the report of the delegation withdrawing the North Carolina Convention from the Co-Operative General Association in 1919, did not last very long. Ministers from the East, like Evangelist R. V. Self, were soon holding meetings in the West. Meanwhile, Evangelist M. L. Hollis and others from the West were preaching in the East. Many of the Western churches began using the title **Free Will Baptists** instead of **Freewill Baptists**; and a North Carolina man became president of Tecumseh College in Oklahoma. Things appeared to be shaping up for an attempt to unite all Free Will Baptists once again in a national organization. We will learn later that this improved relationship was a prelude to the establishment of the Association.

Many churches in all areas began to remodel their old buildings, add on wings for Sunday school rooms, or erect new and more modern structures. These years also saw new denominational workers coming into prominence. The Revs. E. C. Morris, Henry Melvin, T. B. Mellette, R. N. Hinnant, W. L. Moretz, James A. Evans, Winford Davis, N. B. Barrow, T. E. Beaman, J. R. Bennette, and C. L. Patrick—to name a few—were coming into their best years of ministries, which were to prove fruitful during the years ahead. These were great years for the young people of the Free Will Baptist denomination, especially in North Carolina. During a big part of this period, a young couple from Durham, Clarence Bowen and his wife, Rose, were active as joint field secretaries for youth work of the North Carolina State Convention, going from church to church to encourage Free Will Baptist leagues in existence and to organize new ones. Reports of their work, many of which I have preserved, make thrilling reading. This, in my opinion, was the time of greatest growth in the history of the Free Will Baptist leagues. Clarence Bowen was destined to go on to national prominence in the youth movement, eventually promoting the largest gatherings of Free Will Baptist young people in our history. There will be more about this in future notes.

Now let us take a look at the shadowed side. During this period the denomination lost several of the men who had played a great part in the rebuilding of the denomination following the 1911 deflection—the Lord seeing fit to call them home for their reward. Among them were R. V. "Bob" Self, John Henry and Willis Ballard, John Wolf, R. F. Pittman and Simon Styron. The contribution these men made to the denomination will long be remembered. They were all heroes of faith and courage, and their loyal devotion to principle was a big factor in our survival of the severe trials of the early years of this century.

During this time, we lost both of our denominational educational institutions. Under the leadership of such men as R. F. Pittman, J. C. Moye, and W. B. Everette, the North Carolina Free Will Baptists had erected a beautiful and, for the times, very modern building to house Eureka College, only to see it burned to the ground on November 5, 1931. Unfortunately there followed in the wake of the loss of the college misunderstandings and strained relations among some of the brethren, resulting in the withdrawal for several months of the Central Conference from the North Carolina State Convention. In time these wounds were healed, but all efforts to reestablish Eureka College failed. Very soon after the loss of the Eureka College Tecumseh College in Oklahoma was also destroyed by fire. This left Free Will Baptists without any institution for the training of its ministers. For several years, prospective ministers who wanted any kind of higher education had to seek it in colleges of other denominations which threatened, and in a few cases apparently actually resulted in, compromise of our faith. The loss of great men and the loss of promising institutions—these were severe blows to a struggling denomination; but, by the grace of God we survived.

In our next article there will be something about some disturbing events in my personal ministry during this same period.

(Next Week: Was This a Deflection?)

FOREIGN MISSIONS

# MISSIONS

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### LELAND MISSION MOVES AHEAD

Our Leland mission near Wilmington, eports progress. The mission was tarted in July, 1973, and since that time hey have purchased a building and have noved ahead in spiritual development.

They carry on a full-time work that ncludes worship services every Sunday norning and evening, a young people's raining class on Sunday evenings, Vednesday night prayer meetings, a voman's auxiliary, and six Sunday chool classes.



Youth teacher and students of the Leland Mission.

They have had many handicaps to vercome along the way. Their pastor, he Rev. O. B. Everett, is having to work n another job to provide an income for is family and also live at Sneads Ferry vhich is a good distance away from the nission. However, the mission just ecently purchased a mobile unit and laced on their property for the pastor so hat he can be near his congregation. We re confident that this will be a great sset to them.

We sincerely hope that there will be a rowing interest for home missions in ur denomination because our future epends upon it. I trust that we are hasing out of new churches having to e started through strife and division. here most certainly is a better way and ve believe that this is it; that is, through cooperative effort on the part of veryone's love and concern. We cannot fford to let so-called bad experiences cause us to become discouraged. I came from the old school that teaches, "when the going gets tough, the tough gets going." Let's all let it be recorded in heaven that we have done our fair share to assist those other Christians who are willing to go out and tackle the great responsibility of establishing new churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer
Home Missions Department

## News and Notes

(Continued from Page 9)

### Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for September, 1975

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, P. O. Box 298, Oriental, North Carolina 28571, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of September, 1975:

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| Balance on Hand September 1, 1975 | | $11,594.36 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $343.92 | |
| Sunday Schools | 75.00 | |
| Auxiliaries | 5.00 | |
| Union Meetings | 55.88 | |
| Sunday School Conventions | 150.00 | |
| AFCs | 35.00 | |
| Individuals | 25.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | 689.80 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 12,284.16 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Operational Expenses | $ 60.40 | |
| Transfer to "Main Building" Savings Fund | 175.00 | |
| Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser (AFC Contribution to Women's Fund) | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. Margaret Ard (Mattress Covers) | 5.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 250.40 |
| Balance on Hand October 1, 1975 | | $12,033.76 |
| **Earmarked Funds** | | |
| Kitchen-Dining Hall | | $ 2,336.67 |
| Renovation of "Main Building" | | 4,016.09 |
| Chapel (Savings) | | 3,231.54 |
| Swimming Pool (Savings) | | 300.00 |
| General Fund | | 9,697.09 |
| Total Earmarked Funds | | $19,581.39 |

## CHURCH AUXILIARIES

### A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

by Ruth L. Warrick

The Woman's Auxiliary was ably represented at the North Carolina State Convention held in Wilson by the state president, Mrs. D. W. Hancock.

The fellowship and harmony of the convention were such that it was a real joy to be in attendance. Lest it date me, I will not say how long I have been attending the State Convention. There have been joyous ones such as the 63rd session this year, and there have been rather stormy sessions. Let's hope that these will be forgotten and all of our efforts have as our ultimate goal the winning of souls.

The Rev. Robert May did a superb job as president of the convention.

The various reports of our institutions and enterprises were encouraging. They also challenged us to greater heights for our Lord.

The bicentennial year of our nation was emphasized in song and sermon, making us proud to be an American, a Free Will Baptist, and better yet, a Christian with a blessed hope.

The Mission Rally was smiled upon by God. We prayed as we sat in Fleming Stadium that He would withhold the rain until the service was concluded. The thunder rumbled all around, but our prayers were answered. It was thrilling to see families with children of all ages there—about 850 strong. We were also grateful for an offering of over $17,000.

The Rev. Harold Stevens gave us a message to remind us so forcefully that God can and will supply every need of those who are committed to the task He has called them to do, whether it be in Zululand, the Philippines, India, or at home.

Not as many attended the convention on the second day (the loss was theirs), for it was another day of blessings.

The Rev. R. P. Harris at the organ and the Rev. Clyde Cox as music director set the mood conducive to worship. The special music by those at the convention and the Ladies Trio from New Bern, who sang at the Mission Rally, were an inspiration.

Let us remember all the good things about the convention and pray that if our Saviour tarries, we will have many more conventions of this kind.

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# IN MEMORIAM
## THE REV. D. W. ALEXANDER



The Rev. D. W. Alexander was born on October 16, 1891, near Columbia, North Carolina, in Tyrrell County. He was the son of Elijah and Nancy Alexander. He had five brothers and two sisters. He attended Rider's Creek School near Columbia, which was a one-teacher school. He then attended the Ayden Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary from September, 1911, until June, 1916. He joined Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia when he was thirteen years old, but did not feel called to preach until 1911. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in the fall of 1913 at Malachi's Chapel by the Elders T. H. Barnhill, D. M. Ratcliff, and Whittford Waters.

Mr. Alexander first began serving as a pastor in 1913 at Bell Arthur in Pitt County. During his active ministerial duties he served as pastor of thirty-six churches. It was not until 1961 that he retired. However, he continued to attend Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church near his home; also held prayer meetings in the homes of the community as long as he was able.

On June 4, 1916, Mr. Alexander was married to Margaret Ethel Brown. To this union were born seven children: two daughters—Mrs. Minnie Brown Whitehurst of Morehead City and Mrs. Nancy Louise Hart of Raleigh; five sons—D. W. Jr. of Robersonville, Samuel Elijah of Bethel, Ernest Benjamin (deceased), the Rev. Carroll Garrenton Alexander of Columbia, South Carolina, and Charles Kenneth (deceased). At the time of his death there were seventeen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He held many important positions in the Free Will Baptist denomination. He served as clerk of the Central Conference for fifteen years and as moderator for many years. He served on the Ordaining Council of the conference for about twenty-five years. He was president of the State Convention for four years and served on the Free Will Baptist Press Board of Directors about ten years. Mr. Alexander also served as business manager of the Press on two different occasions.

During Mr. Alexander's tenure as a minister he conducted about 1,300 funerals and married approximately 750 couples. He was one of the founders of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage (Children's Home) in Middlesex, which was founded in 1915.

Mr. Alexander was confined to his home the latter part of his life, but he liked to converse with others about the love of his Lord. He held his love dear to Him until he joined hands with his Saviour and slipped quietly away from the cares and burdens of this world to that land where saints immortal reign, on Monday evening, January 20, 1975.

In great wisdom and kindness our heavenly Father honored and blessed His humble servant with the inspiration and strength of a most devoted wife and companion.

The testimony of Paul is an appropriate tribute of respect: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8).

Precious memories indeed are ours in the life of one who will be missed so much—memories which can never be dimmed for they lie deep in the hearts of those who loved him so dearly.

His funeral was held at the Wilker son's Funeral Chapel in Greenville Thursday afternoon, January 23, a 3:30, by the Rev. Andrew Hill, hi pastor; assisted by the Rev. Roger Tripp pastor of Union Chapel Free Will Baptis Church. His son, the Rev. Carro Alexander, sang "Each Step I Take," and the Rev. Bobby Jackson san "Surely Goodness and Mercy." Interment was in the Bethel Cemeter near his home.

Mr. Alexander departed this earth t enter a better place—a place prepare by God whom he loved and trusted. W shall miss him, but we resign ourselve to the perfect will of our heavenly Fathe who doeth all things well.

In love, admiration, and respect, w pay this small but sincere tribute to friend whose life on earth has ended, bu whose worth will still be measured i years to come.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, tha we extend to the family our deepes sympathy; second, that we express ou deepest appreciation for his devotion t the church and community; and third that a copy of this obituary be sent to th family, a copy to "The Free Will Baptist for publication, and a copy kept in th minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Eloise Futrell

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### MY PRAYER
by Linda Craft

"Lord, give me the strength to be living witness for thee.

"Help me to be patient with the cler who is sharp; let me smile to the neigh borhood gossip; let me tell the ga station attendant an extra, 'Thank you.'

"Help me to nod proudly when ac cused of being a Christian instead falling in the background.

"Let me give compliments to thos who need them and hold my tongu before I would give criticism.

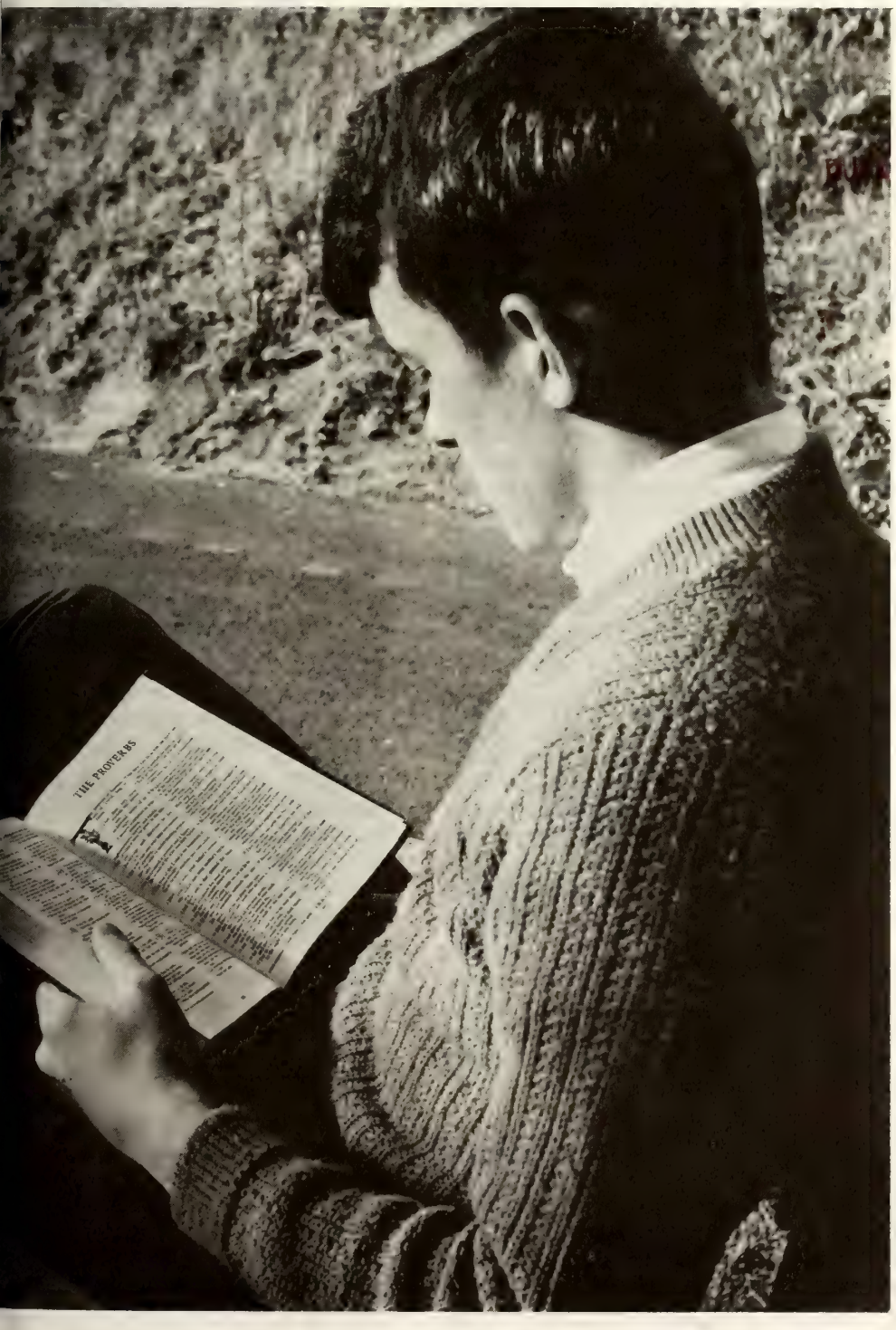
"Let people know by my fruits, not m tongue, that I am a Christian.

"Let me be a living witness for the Amen."

# the free will baptist

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1975

**A Minnesota teacher is dismissed because of religious discussions in his English classes. Why are atheistic and evolutionary discussions allowed without reprisals?**




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Inside: Mrs. Ford responds to "Sixty Minutes" editorial.

## A REAL SWITCH

In the October 8 issue, we editorialized concerning a sudden rise in religious course offerings in many colleges and public high schools—the rise resulting from demands of students who desired these study courses as electives. We cited instances in which the states of New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts had recently passed laws allowing voluntary and undenominational prayer in public schools and envisioned this as a possible return to the faith of our founding fathers.

In regard to this, we suggested that the famous Baltimore atheist, Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, and the American Civil Liberties Union would argue that this "religious offering" is a gross violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution which makes it clear that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and, further we opined that the Fourteenth Amendment would be pled, citing that "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. . . ." Freedom *from* religion is supposed to be one of the *immunities*. The Fourteenth Amendment has been applied to religion and has been construed to impose restrictions on state and local governments much as the First restricts the national government.

Now, the point of this discussion: A teacher in Mankato, Minnesota, has been fired because he refused to stop discussing his religious persuasions in the public classroom, just when we were becoming encouraged about a possible return to school devotions! Though this case is not directly related to the rise in religious course offerings in high schools and colleges as formerly discussed, it is of particular interest at this time when it seems that there is an ushering in of the last days.

Could this firing be the start of something bigger? Could it be the first step toward abusive measures that may be used in an effort to deter Christianity and subsequently destroy its adherents? Could it be possible that we, in this heretofore blessed and freedom-of-religion America, might soon see a teacher dragged from the classroom to face trial and execution because he dared speak the name of God? Far-fetched, you say? Maybe, and maybe not!

For want of a better term, the teacher in question (a tenth-grade English instructor) was dismissed for *insubordination*—not giving due respect to proper authority. The school board issued a unanimous vote to suspend the teacher; but this case will not end with the board's decision, because the teacher is reported to have stated that he will seek a hearing.

Freedom of speech will be the issue here, for the teacher contends that he has been denied his constitutional right of free speech and that he has harmed no one by his religious statements. His defense is that he has never *initiated religious discussions of any kind in his class, that the discussions were always begun and facilitated by the students themselves.* It seems that they expressed a keen interest in the teacher's obvious faith in God, and that he (the teacher) was neither able to hide nor desirous of concealing his Christianity. He is quoted as saying, "The kids in my classes ask me questions about my faith. I share with them what the Lord has done with my life."

It will be interesting to follow this case and see just what does happen. It is too much to hope that the teacher will be reinstated to his position, in view of the present trend in religion-related court battles. And, whether this case shall actually reach the court is not certain, though it is conceivable that it might. Though we do not relish the idea of "going to law" with religious matters, we would not be disappointed if the teacher put up a good fight.

It is disconcerting to us that atheism can be discussed right and left and before and behind, that the theory of evolution can be taught as a "possibility," and that students are tested on such and no smoke is raised. But! When something of a Christian nature arises because of natural instinct on the part of seeking souls, there's a foul odor in the air. There's just no fairness with the system. A teacher who strives to edify and enlighten his students is chastised, derogated, and dismissed—*and is considered a failure.* Now isn't that a real switch?

Wonder how he ranks in God's grade book?

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Fifteen)
by Loy Everette Ballard

## WAS THIS A DEFLECTION?

ERY soon after my return to Western North Carolina 1929, I was given a call to pastor the zel Green church in West Asheville d my home church, Union Valley: eaching two Sundays each month at ch church. Knowing that these urches would not be able to pay ough to support my family, I took a rt-time job handling advertising for Billows Rest,'' a home for elderly ople in Asheville. We had a very mfortable little apartment, but very tle more was provided in return for my rvices. However, very soon I obtained office job which paid me a fair salary. ter serving the two churches one year, resigned to become pastor of a church ganized about two years before at wannanoa. The people had built a very ce little church, but they had become eeply involved in debt, and creditors ere threatening to sell the property nder a lien. With the faithful aid of the ev. W. L. Moretz, who lived at wannanoa, and with practically all the fferings going into the debt retirement nd, we were able to save the property om being sold. Since I now had a fairly ood office job, I was willing to pastor e church for but a little more than ctual travel expenses between Asheville nd Swannanoa. I was pastor at wannanoa for a little more than two ears.

In 1931, the Rev. R. V. Self obtained e dismissal from the French Broad ssociation of a number of churches in uncombe County to form a new ssociation. Right away the Buncombe ounty Free Will Baptist Association was rmed, with Mr. Self as the moderator. I ecame one of seven ministers to join the ew association. Great interest was nown in the first two sessions, and we ere hoping to see the new association ecome a real asset to the denomination.

At the time of the 1932 session of the ew association, the Rev. R. V. Self was ritically ill in an Asheville hospital. I was ice-moderator, and, at the request of Mr. Self, I was made moderator. Less than a month after the meeting Brother Self passed away. This brought not only sorrow but discouragement to all of us; but we rallied, seemingly determined to carry out the projects approved for the association.

Things went along very well for several months after Brother Self left us. We had a very good annual meeting in 1933. But very soon thereafter, real trouble developed. Three of the six ministers of the association began preaching a second work of grace which they claimed brought about sinless perfection. The other three of us considered this contrary to Free Will Baptist doctrine. We had a number of meetings to try to get our differences straightened out, but to no avail. Finally, a special session of the association was called to deal with the problem. Somewhat to the consternation of Brothers Moretz, Ingle and myself, the association by a fair wide majority voted to sustain the right of these ministers to preach their theory of sanctification. I immediately resigned as moderator and Brother Moretz resigned as clerk, and the three of us withdrew from the association.

Brother Moretz decided to seek reinstatement with the French Broad Association, and the church he was pastoring agreed to go along with him. Brother Ingle went back to the Methodists, with whom he had been affiliated before joining the Free Will Baptist. The church with which I held membership at the time (the old Riverside church) did not see fit to leave the Buncombe Association. This left me in a rather peculiar position.

At this time my principle activity centered around an independent mission, called ''New Hope Mission,'' situated in an area of Asheville which was hard hit by the depression. The mission had a Sunday school of around sixty, mostly out of poor homes, with many of the parents having no church connection. The most faithful contributor to our work was Dr. J. R. Owen's French Broad Avenue Baptist Church. Dr. Owen invited me to join his church, assuring me that I would not have to sacrifice any of the essential principles of my faith to do so. He asked me to go with him to a meeting of the ministers of the Buncombe Baptist Association to learn what steps I would have to take to establish myself as a minister with his group. In the meeting I asked a lot of questions, and I learned that these churches were not at all strict on the communion question, many of them asking only that those who took communion examine themselves with respect to their relationship with Christ. On the so-called ''once in Christ, always in Christ'' doctrine, I learned that while they had no official ''Articles of Faith,'' most of them felt like some words I quoted from a very old Free Will Baptist ''discipline'' in my father's possession—''We believe that the truly regenerated will, by their own choice, persevere in the faith, and doing so will be preserved unto eternal life.'' I felt like I could accept the idea of ''preservation'' if it was tied in with ''perseverance.'' As to feet washing, I was told that no position had ever been taken against it, and that some of their churches actually practiced it. I was assured that the association would endorse my credentials without requiring reordination—only a simple commitment ceremony.

I had a great deal of confidence in Dr. J. R. Owens, who had been at the head of the religious department at Mars Hill College at the time mentioned in an earlier article when Mars Hill College had the endorsement of Free Will Baptists of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee as a school for the training of their ministers, and he was known as a good friend of Free Will Baptists.

I joined the French Broad Avenue Baptist Church in the spring of 1936, and at once became a member of the Baptist Ministers' Conference. In August, I was formally received into the association and was elected clerk—an office I held for two years. I became pastor of the Locus Grove Baptist Church at Mars Hill in 1936 and served the church for around two years, during which time a new church building was erected. In the spring of 1938, the Horney Heights church withdrew from the Buncombe Association and returned

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 29:23

GOD'S "I WILL."

I will bless thee—Genesis 12:2
I will not fail thee—Joshua 1:5
I will heal thee—2 Kings 20:5

I will instruct thee—Psalm 32:8
I will teach thee—Psalm 32:8
I will deliver thee—Jeremiah 39:17

I will help thee—Isaiah 41:10
I will strengthen thee—Isaiah 41:10
I will uphold thee—Isaiah 41:10

I will not forget thee—Isaiah 49:15
I will comfort thee—Isaiah 66:13
I will forgive—Jeremiah 31:34

I will be your God—Ezekiel 36:28
I will put my Spirit within you—Ezekiel 36:27
I will save you—Ezekiel 36:29

I will manifest myself—John 14:21
I will come again—John 14:3
I will sup with him—Revelation 3:20

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Above are but a few of the passages in the Bible that can be of help to us when confronted by particular situations. God wants to help, and He will!*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:10

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!"

That song is sung by rich and poor.
Where'er the Christ is known;
'Tis sung in words, and sung in deeds,
Which bind all hearts in one.
Angels are still the choristers,
But we the shepherds are,
To bear the message which they bring,
To those both near and far:
"Glory to God in the highest,"
The angels' song resounds,
"Glory to God in the highest!"

—C. Whitney Coombs

PRAYER THOUGHT

*May we always praise our God who loves and keeps us ever in His care.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:15

DEARTH OF BIBLE SCHOLARS

Earl D. Radmacher said in *Moody Monthly*, "It is interesting that the Greek word for 'scholar,' which comes from the word scholeo, has the idea of the word 'leisureliness.'

"Do we ask ourselves why we don't have Bible scholars today? Maybe it is because we don't let our pastor take time to be leisurely in the Word of God and to let God really speak."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*All of us need to afford God more of our time and thought.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 13:10

STOP FRICTION!

"Stop friction in your company!" So read a directive circulated by Texaco Canada, Limited.

The directive continued: "At this moment, there are possibly several hundred places within your company where friction is quietly and damagingly at work—gears, pistons, shafts, chains, wire ropes, wheels, bearings, cams and pulleys."

Friction among God's children works disastrously! It is creative of the Spirit-grieving sins of envy, strife, and division. Basic in these evils is the deadly sin of pride.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Proud arrogance on our part creates problems beyond belief. Humble humanity is the heartthrob of our homes and nations.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 4:7

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

In a concert in Chicago, Harry Lauder, Scottish singer and songwriter, sang to an overflowing audience. At the conclusion, the audience stood en masse, and applauded uproariously. After the applause subsided, the audience said in unison, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

Showing splendid humility, Laude replied, "Don't thank me! Thank th good God who put the songs in m heart!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Pride and envy are monstrous an insideous. They capture our mind and invade our souls.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:29

"HOW GREAT IS GOD ALMIGHTY"

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors.
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

—Cecil Frances Alexande

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Few of us truly appreciate God infinite power and glory. We take a of His glorious wonders for granted.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Scripture Reading—Psalm 107:31

FORTIFIED

Said William James, phychologis and philosopher, "Whoever say 'God's will be done,' is fortifie against every weakness. The whol historic array of martyrs an missionaries prove the tranqui mindedness, under naturall agitating or distressing ci cumstances, which self-surrende brings."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If our wills are contrary to God's w shall be confronted with conflicts an ever-increasing burdens and hear aches.*

(Devotions used by permissio *Knight's Up-To-The-Minute lustrations*, Moody Press.)




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Does God forgive a person hat does not forgive another who has ommitted a wrong deed against him ntil that person asks his forgiveness?

**Answer:** We would not be so resumptive as to speak authoritatively n this important subject apart from aying what we understand the Bible to ach. In what we sometimes refer to as he Lord's Prayer we are taught to pray: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive ur debtors'' (Matthew 6:12). In this we re asking God to forgive us as we rgive those in debt to us. Suppose me of those who are due to ask us to rgive them forget to do so, are we oing to violate the command in phesians 4:30-32 because such an rring Christian forgot?

On the other hand, suppose we forget o ask God or another Christian to forgive s for a particular grievance, do we not ant forgiveness? I am sure we desire rgiveness whether or not for any eason we have neglected to ask for it. esus said: ''. . . as ye would that men hould do to you, do ye also to them kewise. . . . But love ye your enemies, nd do good, and lend, hoping for othing again; and your reward shall be reat, and ye shall be the children of the ighest: for he is kind unto the unhankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore herciful, as your Father also is merciful'' Luke 6:31, 35, 36); ''Therefore all hings whatsoever ye would that men hould do to you, do ye even so to them: or this is the law and the prophets'' Matthew 7:12); ''. . . if ye forgive men heir trespasses, your heavenly Father ill also forgive you: But if ye forgive not hen their trespasses, neither will your ather forgive your trespasses'' Matthew 6:14, 15).

While Jesus's enemies were rucifying Him, He prayed for them, ''. . . ather, forgive them; for they know not hat they do. . . .'' (Luke 23:34). Jesus wants us to be and do like He did while He was here. To do that we must forgive all who have been our enemies regardless to the reason for their wrong doing. ''It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?'' (Matthew 10:25); ''Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me'' (Matthew 16:24); ''Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren'' (1 John 3:16); ''Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'' (John 15:13); ''We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification'' (Romans 15:1, 2); ''Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment'' (1 Corinthians 1:10); ''Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved'' (1 Corinthians 10:31-33).

George H. Sandison has the following to say in answering a similar question in **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

''It would be hard to make any such principle fit in with these words of Jesus: 'I say unto you, Love your enemies; bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and persecute you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you' (Matthew 5:44); or the words of Paul, quoted from Proverbs: 'If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink' (Romans 12:20; Proverbs 25:21). In the passage in Matthew about forgiving 'until seventy times seven' (Matthew 12:22), nothing at all is said about forgiveness being asked, though in Luke 17:3, 4 mention is made of the repentance of the trespasser. The point is that a Christian who has been wronged must have the forgiving spirit, whether forgiveness is asked or not. He cannot cherish bitterness and resentment in his heart. He must be like his divine Master, who prayed: 'Father, forgive them,' even while He was being crucified (Luke 23:34); and like Stephen, who prayed for his murderers as he died: 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge' (Acts 7:60). But in the nature of the case, forgiveness cannot actually be received by the offending party until he has a sense of guilt and a desire for pardon. An offer of forgiveness would be meaningless to one who has no feeling of having done wrong. God has pardoned us long ago, but we really do not get that pardon into our consciousness until we feel our need of it and ask for it. So while we must love those who wrong us and must forgive them instantly and fully in our hearts as soon as the wrong is done, they cannot possess and enjoy our forgiveness until they desire and welcome it. Yet S. H. Hadley used to say, in telling about his work for the drunkards and outcasts: 'If a man cheats me nineteen times I shame him out of his frauds by trusting him the twentieth.' Certainly one who has not this forgiving spirit cannot expect nor receive God's forgiveness. Forgiveness is a detail of the greater feeling of love. We must love every one; and in doing this we automatically and instantly forgive all who wrong us.''

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''Politicians are the same all over; they promise to build a bridge where there is no river.''—Khruschev

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A tall, lean fellow with very long hair came into a barber shop. The barber looked at him and grinned, ''I'll bet if I cut all that hair off, nobody would recognize you.''

''And if you do,'' drawled the long-haired one, ''I'll bet they won't recognize you either.''—**Table Talk**

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| Sweet Gum Grove | 15.00 |
| Total | $4,270.86 |

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| Conference | $ 163.81 |
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| Eastwood Mission | 200.00 |
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| Shady Grove | 710.33 |
| Smithfield, First | 5.67 |
| St. Paul | 100.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 165.00 |
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| Calvary | $ 130.00 |
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| Rosebud | 25.0 |
| Sherron Acres | 259.0 |
| Spring Hill | 200.0 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 26.0 |
| Stoney Creek | 75.0 |
| Stony Hill | 1.0 |
| St. Mary's (Wilson Co.) | 210.0 |
| Unity | 25.0 |
| Union Chapel | 25.0 |
| Wilson, First | 151.0 |
| Total | $2,832. |

### Albemarle Conference

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| Union Meeting | $ 9.0 |
| Free Union | 100.0 |
| Hickory Chapel | 136.0 |
| Shiloh | 72.0 |
| St. Paul | 30.0 |
| Trinity | 41.0 |
| Union Chapel | 80.0 |
| Total | $ 469. |

### Piedmont Conference

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| Heritage Mission | $ 109. |
| Conference | 100. |
| Westwood Mills Mission | 225. |
| West Hillsborough | 100. |
| Total | $ 534. |

### Pee Dee Association

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| Beaver Dam | $ 81. |
| Oak Grove | 324. |
| Total | $ 405. |

### Individuals

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| Anonymous | $ 25 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Barnes | 5 |
| Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barrow | 50 |
| Rev. Bobby Brown | 10 |
| Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Coats | 25 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Graham Faucette | 50 |
| Ray Harrison Jr. | 80 |
| Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson | 5 |
| Eula Jones | 15 |
| W. C. Martin Jr. | 20 |
| Pikeville Insurance Agency | 25 |
| Rev. Floyd Smith | 20 |
| Rev. Grayson Spencer | 100 |
| Rev. Cooper P. Thompson | 100 |
| Mrs. Margaret C. Wallace | 65 |
| Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Webb | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wright | |
| N. C. Woman's Auxiliary Conv. | 100 |
| Mission Rally (Cash) | 19 |
| Total | $ 84 |

## NOVEMBER—CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH

For many years the month of ovember has been recognized by our enomination as "Children's Home onth." During November most of our ee Will Baptist churches will schedule particular Sunday to observe hildren's Home Day through special rayers and offerings.

This year we are asking each church, possible, to observe Children's Home ay on Sunday, November 9 or 16. We ncerely believe that praying and orking in unison will bring forth many sults. We extend to you a challenge to o two things for us on this special unday: First, earnestly pray for us, for e depend upon the power and wisdom God and know that He is supreme. econd, receive a special offering for us nd accept, as a challenge, the amount $1 per member.

On Saturday, November 22, at 10:30 m., our Thanksgiving services will egin at the Children's Home. This will e an all-day celebration, and we hope at all of you will come. Our attendance as small last year, so please make ecial efforts to worship with us this ear and observe the Lord's blessings. t twelve o'clock we will eat dinner on ne grounds, and we ask you to bring a icnic basket with you. The Home will rovide the drinks, so you need not bring em. We will have extra food, so hether you bring food or not, please ome!

In the afternoon we will have a gospel ing in the church. Also, in the afternoon pen house will be observed so that you ight see the entire campus and farm.

Our guest speaker for the morning ervice will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick, astor of Free Union Free Will Baptist hurch at Walstonburg. We plan to have short Thanksgiving program in which ne children will participate; also some pecial singing is scheduled. During the morning service, there will be a place on the program for each church to present its love offering to the Home.

This year the love offering will consist of not only a cash offering, but also an offering of food items which you would like to contribute to the Home. Our storehouse will be open at 9 a. m. and we'll be ready to receive your food contributions.

Let us **all** unite together and make this the best Thanksgiving ever for **our** children. We need much help to finish paying for the new State Cottage, so please do your part and share with us this year. May God continue to bless each of you for your faithful support of His ministry here at the Children's Home. Remember us and pray for us daily.

## NOTICE FOR FARMERS

The Children's Home is in need of some food items and we thought perhaps some of our Free Will Baptist farmers could help us out. Some items needed are: sweet potatoes, peanuts, pecans, pumpkins, and meats. If you have extra food items and would like to share with us, won't you call 235-4079 or write to us at P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

## CALVARY JOINS LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY

On Sunday, October 26, the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, presented a $1,000 gift to Mr. Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex. The gift was made to the Lighthouse Ministry, an endowment program for the Children's Home. Mr. Weeks accepted the gift in behalf of the Home and extended humble appreciation to the Calvary church. He also presented to them a framed Lighthouse Membership Certificate.

This was homecoming day for Calvary church and Mr. Weeks delivered the homecoming message. After the morning service, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner on the grounds and an afternoon singing service.

## EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SPONSORED CHILD



Romona Hopkins is the new sponsored child for the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Romona is 10 years old and in the fourth grade. Her birth date is December 26. She lives in the Deans Cottage of which Mrs. Sally Renfrow is the housemother.

If you desire to have Romona visit in your home for a visiting weekend or holiday, please contact the assistant superintendent by mail: P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557, or call 235-4079.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to each of you in the Eastern District for the love and support that you gave to Randy Faircloth over the years and trust that God will richly bless you as you continue to share your love through your new sponsored child, Romona.

FEW SMILING MILLIONARIES

"Millionaires seldom smile," said Andrew Carnegie. And a few years ago John D. Rockefeller told Dr. Carter Helm Jones at the close of a sermon in Cleveland that great wealth is a burden destroying the real zest of life and banishing peace from the heart.

Truly, there is a better business before us than merely envying the rich.—Selected

**Free Will Baptist Children's Home**

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Revival in Progress**
**At Gethsemane Church**

Revival services are in progress at the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, New Bern (Tuscarora Community), and will continue through Friday night, November 7. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30, with the Rev. James E. Warren of Kinston as guest evangelist, being assisted in the services by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Eldon Brock. Special music is being a featured part of each service. The public is cordially invited to attend the remaining services.

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**Union Grove Announces**
**Revival, November 10-14**

Fall revival services are scheduled for Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Fremont, for the week of November 10-14. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. C. H. Overman of Ayden as the guest speaker. A prayer room will be provided at 7:15 each evening. Also at 7:15 there will be a special service conducted for the young children by the Wee-Workers of the church. The pastor and church members cordially invite the public to attend.

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**Cape Colony Revival**
**In Progress**

A series of revival services are now in progress at the Cape Colony Free Will Baptist Mission, Edenton. This is the first revival of the mission, with the Rev. John Owens of Elizabeth City serving as guest evangelist, being assisted each evening in the 7:30 services by the pastor, the Rev. John Sexton.

Having begun November 3, the revival will continue through November 8, culminating with a singspiration on Saturday night. The public is cordially invited to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of these meetings.

**Dixie Melody Boys in**
**Concert at Wilson Church**



The Dixie Melody Boys from Kinston will be featured in concert, Sunday night, November 9, at 7:30, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. These men have a tremendous testimony to share and the public is cordially invited to attend this service.

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**Children's Home to Sponsor**
**Gospel Sing, Nov. 21**

A gospel sing will be held Friday evening, November 21, beginning at 7:30, at the Fike High School, Wilson, sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex. Featured in this sing will be the Cathedral Quartet, Jerry and the Singing Goffs, the Singing Ormonds, The Redeemers, and the Steeplaires. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**Mount Zion Honored Senior**
**Citizens of the Church**

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church near Nashville honored the senior citizens of the church on Sunday, October 19.

Upon the arrival of the senior citizens for the morning worship service, a white corsage was pinned on each woman and a white boutonniere on each man. They were then ushered to a seat in a reserved space for them. Mr. Harold Matthews spoke warm and kind words of welcom The congregational hymns were chose from the old favorite songs, and the cho sang "How Great Thou Art," a favori of everyone. The pastor, the Rev. Ro Clifton, preached a message on "Being Christian Citizen."

All the senior citizens were invited come back in the afternoon for a tea their honor between the hour of three an four o'clock. Those who were able attend the tea enjoyed the time fellowship together and the refresh ments. The church thinks that its seni citizens really felt honored, and honore they were. If it were not for them ar their faithfulness and service through th years there would be no church today.

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**Revival Services in Progress**
**At the Hillsberry Church**

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark is th guest evangelist for revival services progress at the Hillsberry Free W Baptist Church, Corner of McArthur La and Deamon Street, Clinton. The se vices will continue through Frid evening, November 7, beginning ea evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Re Ronnie Parker, is assisting in the se vices which is featuring special mus each evening. The public is invited attend the remainder of the services.

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**Fall Revival at**
**Stancil's Chapel**

Fall revival services are scheduled f the Stancil's Chapel Free Will Bapti Church, Route 2, Kenly, beginnin Monday night, November 10, a continuing through Saturday nigh November 15. Services will begin ea evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Re J. B. Godwin, bringing the message Special music will be rendered ea evening. The public is cordially invited attend.

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**Pleasant Grove Revival**
**In Progress this Week**

Revival services are in progress th week at the Pleasant Grove Free W Baptist Church, Pikeville, with the Re Rudy Shepard of Wilmington as the gue minister. Services are beginning nigh at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Jam Lupton, assisting. Services will contin through Friday evening with a pra room provided at 7:15. Special music also being rendered at each service. cordial welcome is extended everyone attend the remainder of the services.

**Western Conference Met at Rains Cross Roads Church**



Pictured above are some of the ministers received into the Western Conference while in session October 16, at Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly.



Reading from left to right are the officers of the Western Conference: Mr. Johnny Howell, member at large; the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, assisting moderator; the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, moderator; and the Rev. James V. Joyner, clerk.

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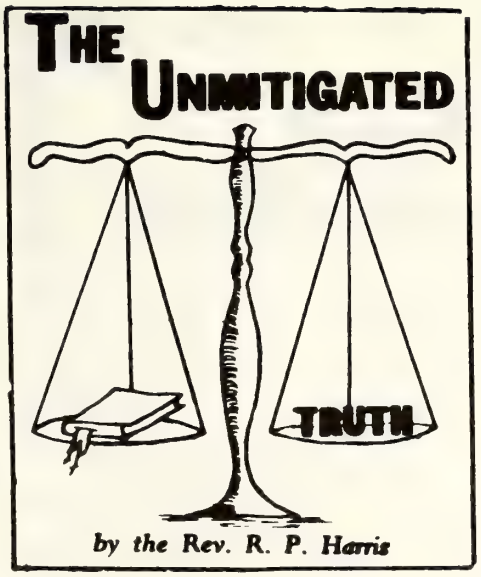
**ATTENTION, CRAGMONTERS!**

**Just thought you would like to know the current figures concerning the mattress covers:**

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| **Total Cost** | **$611.89** |
| **Amount Received** | **460.47** |
| **Balance Due** | **$151.42** |

**This will be the last notice in "The Free Will Baptist." If you would like to contribute it will be greatly appreciated.**

**Mrs. Norman Ard**
**Route 1**
**Pink Hill, N. C. 28572**




". . . according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

**REGENERATION**

This article and the next seven in **The Unmitigated Truth** series will deal with the subject of **Regeneration.** In this introductory article I want to set the groundwork for the remaining seven. I think it will help us to get more out of the subject if we have a review of the many incentives and impulses toward the overall picture.

First, I would like to deal with the negative side—what regeneration is not. Regeneration is not the making of resolutions or the turning over of a new leaf in a book of records. Neither is it the overcoming of bad habits or the accomplishment of some great achievement. Some people feel that these things, well noted in their lives, are evidences that they have been born again—made new from the very fact that their life's activities have been seriously altered. It is true that these and many other changes will take place in the new life, but this is not the true picture. The main reason for the new life is that the person whose life has been changed is a new person. He died to the old life and has been made a new creature (creation) by an act of God. The gracious, divine impartation of spiritual life has delivered him from the sinful nature and has given him a new birth. He is now a spiritual person.

The new birth is of divine origin: "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13). Sinful man is not capable of recognizing the difference. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit in a redeemed person's life that interprets the new birth for him. This is a further guarantee that the saved person is a new creation. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Moreover, regeneration is essential to spiritual vision. A person who has never been born again does not have spiritual vision and he cannot see the kingdom of God. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Without the new birth a person is spiritually blind and cannot determine the light of the gospel, nor can he have any vision of what it is like to be a Christian.

Regeneration comes by the Word of God through faith. The sinner does not have the faith, so God has to supply him with it. This faith can only come to those who become exposed to God's Holy Word. This can come in many different ways. It can be reached or achieved by reading God Word, the Holy Bible. It can be reached by listening to a gospel message, or it may come through the witness of another Christian. Be well aware of this—it is impossible to be saved without a genuine witness from God's Word. First Peter 1:23 states, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Note also, ". . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

It is the business of God to give us a new Spirit. It cannot be earned, merited, or coerced. Not only is it the business of God to give us a new Spirit, it is also His business to remove the stony heart and give us a heart of flesh. (Read Ezekiel 36:26.)

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**Change of Address**

Please note the new address for the Rev. Dwight D. Hawley, Route 1, Blakely, Georgia 31732. All future correspondence should be to this new address.




### CAPE FEAR AUXILIARY STUDY COURSE

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary will conduct a study course on "Evangelism" Monday evening, November 10, in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield. The course will begin promptly at 7:30 with Dr. W. Burkette Raper as the teacher. His subject will be, "Say It with Love."

All auxiliary members in this area are cordially invited to attend and visitors are welcome.

### EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church September 25, 1975. The convention theme was "His Light Still Leads the Way," with Scripture taken from John 8:12.

Mrs. John W. Taylor, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Norman Ard brought the devotional with special music rendered by the Ard family.

A very warm welcome was extended to everyone by Mrs. Betty Lupton. The response was given by Mrs. Frankie Edwards.

The president recognized the ministers, officers, and delegates present. Approximately 150 were in attendance, including the visitors. She then gave her remarks to the convention.

Reports and information from the Children's Home, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, foreign and home missions, and Mount Olive College were given.

A hymn was sung as an offering was received to be equally divided between the Children's Home and Mount Olive College. The amount received was $104.06. The offertory prayer was by Mrs. Rivers Winstead.

The Rev. Norman Ard delivered the message at the worship hour. His subject was in keeping with the theme for the day.

Announcements concerning lunch were made with grace and the benediction by the Rev. Bobby Jones.

The afternoon session was called to order and the congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight," followed with prayer by Mrs. Matthew Prescott.

Mrs. Nina Grace Register conducted a very impressive memorial service for the twelve deceased members since the last convention.

The minutes of the executive committee meetings were read by the secretary. By motion and vote these were accepted as read.

The following recommendations were made and accepted by the convention: (1) Since Randy Faircloth, our adopted child from the Children's Home, has graduated from high school, that we continue to adopt a child at the Home. (2) That the convention support the State Convention project of $3,000 for new appliances to replace the old ones at the Children's Home. Each auxiliary is requested to give $20 on this project. (3) To support another request of the State Convention by each local auxiliary sending $10 to be applied on the retirement homes at Middlesex. We are to continue our support of other state projects such as paying for the carpet for the chapel at Mount Olive College and supporting our three women missionaries. (4) That Mrs. Velma Wells and Mrs. Edith McCoy remain on the finance committee for another two years (1976-77). (5) To present Life Membership Certificates and Pin Awards to Mrs. John W. Taylor and Mrs. Ralph Wells.

Other denominational reports were given: superannuation, Camp Vandemere, Cragmont, youth, benevolence, and field secretary.

Mrs. Rom Mallard gave the treasurer's report which was accepted.

By motion and vote there will be a district study course at the Bridgeton church on January 29, 1976. The book, "Say It with Love," will be taught by Mrs. Nina Grace Register.

The resolutions and courtesy committee gave its report. The convention extended a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

By motion and vote the spring convention, 1976, will convene at Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson Sr
Recording Secretary

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by
Ruth Langley Newsome

" . . . every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Psalm 50:10).

One night about twilight we were riding down a winding country road. As we came around a curve, we saw a lush green pasture dotted here and there with large oaks and pines. Grazing in the pasture were a hundred cows or more. To me, cows grazing, especially at twilight, is one of the most peaceful and contented scenes there is. The thought came to me—"the cows upon a thousand hills," and all these beautiful ones before my eyes are all my heavenly Father's.

Why cannot man learn to be contented and at peace? He has so many possessions to make him happy. Maybe that's it: his possessions possess him. When man gets one thing, he wants another; always in a rush with never time to enjoy what he has.

The psalmist tells us, "Be still, and know that I am God: . . . " (Psalm 46:10). Jesus told His disciples, " . . . Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: . . . " (Mark 6:31). And again the psalmist tells us, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters" (Psalm 23:2).

We need to be alone for a while, to get away from the hustle and bustle of our daily toil and meditate. Take time to give thanks for the things we do have. Just as the cows upon a thousand hills belong to our heavenly Father, so do all our possessions. Everything we have or hope to have are His. He is just permitting us to use them. Let's use them wisely and for His glory.

"Dear Father, all that I have is thine. Lead me to use it for thy glory, and I will give thee all the praise. In Jesus's name I ask this. Amen."

## PRESIDENT'S WIFE REPLIES

Below is a letter received from Mrs. Betty Ford in regard to the editorial, "She Shouldn't Have Said That!" (THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, September 10, 1975). The letter is self-explanatory. We do appreciate Mrs. Ford's response.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1975

Dear Mr. Manning:

Thank you for writing about my appearance on the "Sixty Minutes" interview. The concern which inspired you to share your views is appreciated.

I wish it were possible for us to sit down together and talk, one to another. I consider myself a responsible parent. I know I am a loving one. We have raised our four children in a home that believes in and practices the enduring values of morality and personal integrity. As every mother and father knows, these are not easy times to be a parent. Our convictions are continually being questioned and tested by the fads and fancies of the moment.

I believe our values to be eternal and I hope I have instilled them in our children. We have come to this sharing of outlook through communication, not coercion. I want my children to know that their concerns, their doubts, their difficulties -- whatever they may be, can be discussed with the two people in this world who care the most -- their mother and father. On "Sixty Minutes," the emotion of my words spoke to the need for this communication -- rather than the specific issues we discussed.

My husband and I have lived twenty-six years of faithfulness in marriage. I do not believe in pre-marital relations, but I realize many in today's generation do not share my views. However, this must never cause us to withdraw the love, the counseling, and the understanding that they may need now, more than ever before. This is the essence of responsible parenthood.

It is difficult to adequately express one's personal convictions in a 15-minute interview. I hope our lives will say more than words about our dedication to honor, to integrity, to humanity and to God.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford

Mr. Tommy Manning
Editor
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
Post Office Box 158
Ayden, North Carolina 28513

## A HINT TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT

How is the training program of your church? I know that many leagues in our Free Will Baptist churches have been allowed to die due to lack of leadership on the part of our adult Christians and pastors.

The league was never organized to train great numbers or masses. It is an organization designed to lead, train, and teach potential leaders of the Free Will Baptist Church. I can remember, and I know many of you can too, the time when leagues flourished in our denomination and so did trained young people.

Have you asked yourself the question, "What kind of leaders will we have in our church and denomination when those who were trained in our Free Will Baptist leagues have passed on, or are too old to carry on and resume responsibility?" Do you suppose that we might borrow them from some other denomination or cult? Did you know that persons are born with the capacity to lead but must be led or trained to assume leadership? What about it, pastors and adult Christians? Is that certain T. V. program just too relaxing or too interesting to leave? Are young people just too aggravating to train? Well let me ask you this question, "What kind of young people do you think will lead your church tomorrow?" I'll answer it for you, "The kind you train!"

So if you are interested in training your young people, we invite you to attend the Third District League Union Saturday November 8, 1975, at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill from 10-12 a. m. Lunch will be served by the host church. Devotions will be given by the Sarecta league and the special music by the Christian Chapel league. Winners of the Intermediate and Junior Sword Drills will be awarded $10 each.

Each league is requested to send not less than $10 as a contribution. All churches who have leagues in the Third District League Union or those who wish to organize one are invited to attend.

Mrs. Norman Ard
President

## COMING EVENTS . . .

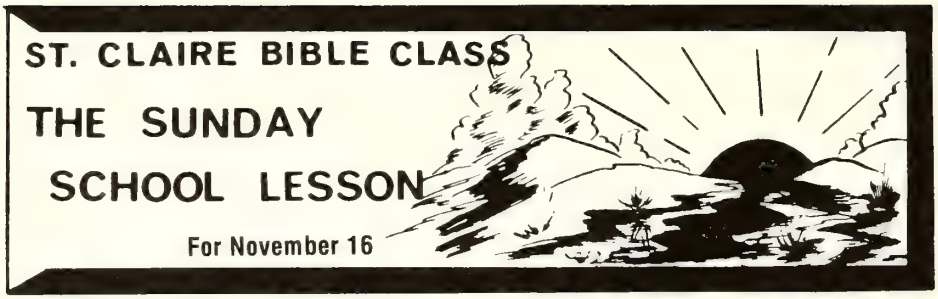
November 5, 6—Central Conference, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

HOW TO BRING REVIVAL

Gipsy Smith was once asked how to start a revival.

He answered: "Go home, lock yourself in your room, kneel down in the middle of your floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside that chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer, the revival will be on."—**Missionary Worker**




## FINDING STRENGTH IN SERVING GOD

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 39:6-12, 16-21
**Memory Verse:** 1 Corinthians 10:13

### I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson today gives us a very vivid picture of how one who puts his trust in God can find strength to hold fast to his religious and moral convictions in the face of the greatest of temptations.

Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers, but by his faithfulness and willingness to apply himself he had gained the trust and confidence of Potiphar, in whose house he served. Potiphar was a man of great importance in Egypt. He was captain of the guard that protected the palace of the Pharaoh, and, no doubt, had great influence with that sovereign.

Women, especially beautiful women, who are without principle and will do anything to satisfy their lustful passion, are frequently used by the forces of evil to get men to desert their principles and reduce themselves to the same evil practices of those who seek to seduce them. This was the case with Joseph.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is easy for us to get the idea that God is not with us when we are in trouble. But this is not the case. God does not forsake His people in the hour of difficulty.

B. Sometimes we get the idea that God's people will not have trouble, but this is not the teaching of the Bible. God has not promised to keep us from trouble, but He has promised to protect us in trouble.

C. This lesson clearly teaches that temptation and sin are not the same thing. It is not a sin to be tempted. In fact, the closer to the Lord we live the greater the temptation becomes sometime. The sin comes when we yield.

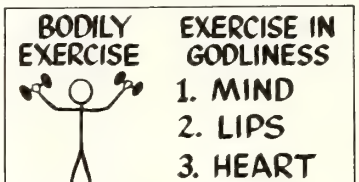
D. Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph. This is the most difficult kind of temptation to endure. It may cause some of our friends to believe the false story and forsake us. It takes God's grace to enable a man to stand true when he is falsely accused.

E. As long as we are true to God, He is with us in an unusual way. Others may not believe our story. They may feel that we have done wrong, but God knows whether we have done wrong, and He will be with us. We should always remember this.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Our lesson is a contrast between weakness and strength, with Joseph an example of one who was strong in the Lord. Let's consider the matter of weakness and strength for a moment.




We are often reminded of our need to exercise if we would maintain bodily strength and good health. In 1 Timothy 4:8 we read, "Bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things" (**American Standard Version**). But what of exercise in godliness? How can one expect to grow in spiritual strength and maturity without exercise and nourishment? Sometimes we starve our souls week in and week out and then wonder what is the matter with our lives. We are not "in condition" spiritually. If we expect to be able to meet the great trials that may come, we must begin now to deal with the little troubles of life. We have far more of these anyway, and by learning to cope with them, we are strengthened for the big encounters.

How may we get exercise in godliness? We need first of all to exercise our **minds** unto godliness—regularly. Prayer and Bible reading are essential. This may be done individually or with others. Many find it helpful to meet in small groups at work, meeting fifteen minutes beforehand for this purpose. Whatever is true, honest, just, or pure—"think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Our homes and minds are flooded daily with that which is sordid, sinful, and debased, so it is very necessary that we exercise our minds in the direction of God.

We also need to exercise our **lips** unto godliness. The Hebrew was to lay God's Word in his heart and soul, but also he was to teach these words, "speaking of them" when he sat in his house or walked on the way, when he would lie down or when he would rise up (Deuteronomy 11:19). There is so much speaking all around us, but how much of it is for God?

The **heart** also needs exercise, else it develops a hardness far more disastrous than hardening of the arteries. Most of us admit the need for love, but love unexpressed is no love at all, only a delusion. True love responds with benevolent interest and concern—for the family, for others as persons precious in God's sight, and for God, with thanksgiving.

The **feet**, too, may be exercised unto godliness. "This is my Father's world." so why not walk confidently with my God into each new day? Why not walk in fellowship with the brethren? And can we not walk the second mile with those in need?

Thousands of souls, tried and tested, have found strength in serving God, even as Joseph did. Through God's mercy, this can also be the experience of every one of us.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. The words, "the Lord was with Joseph," are so reassuring, so comforting, because we know that He is with us when we are unjustly treated as was Joseph. God is going to be with us no matter what happens to us. When we are burdened with packages and pass through the electric eye of the department store's doors, they automatically open for us. When we are burdened with this world's problems and trials and temptations, we must not surrender to the temptation to quit or despair. God is with us and will open doors for us which we thought would never open.—C. F. Bowen

# STORIES

## for our youth



### AN UMPIRE, A COACH, AND A VISITOR

HENRY shook his head in disgust. He knew better than that. He knew better than to throw rocks at moving cars. And that's just what Buddy was doing.

"I'm going home if that's what you're going to do," Henry said as he picked up his bat and started for the bike rack.

Buddy laughed, threw one last rock, and headed for home, too. Swinging in the door, he called out, "Home yet, Dad?" There was no answer. He turned on the TV and flopped down to watch it.

During a commercial, Buddy happened to hear a gentle voice calling, "Buddy! Buddy!" It was almost a whisper. Angrily Buddy stood up, walked to the back room, pushed the door open, and asked roughly, "Well, what is it?"

There, sitting in the old rocking chair, was a white-haired lady. Her wrinkled face shone out in a wide smile.

"Buddy, it's nice to have you home." Then, after a pause, she said, "Could you bring me some water? I'm thirsty."

Without a word, Buddy got the water, placed it on the table, and closed the door behind him.

Several hours later, his father came home. He had been drinking again, and Buddy had to help to get the evening meal. Buddy's mother had died over a year before, and now the three of them lived together—each with a separate life—and only Grandma Perkins seemed to be happy at all.

The next day, Saturday, Buddy again joined Henry and the others on the baseball field. It was a regular game, and Buddy was pitching. In the sixth inning, the umpire came over to Buddy. "Son, I've watched you through this game and lots of others. You're throwing the ball right at the heads of the batters. I won't have any more of it."

Buddy's face turned white, but he said nothing. After the game, Buddy's teammates had little to say to him. The coach warned him, "Son, if I ever see you throwing at batters again, you're off the team. The umpire told me what you were doing and asked whether I had instructed you to do it. One more time, Buddy, and you're through!"

Buddy walked home, alone and sad. Life was just plain rotten. Even when he entered the house and heard the soft squeaking of the rocking chair, he didn't turn on the TV. For some reason, he walked toward his grandmother's room. Peeking in at the door, he saw that she was mending his clothes. He recalled his mother had done that when she was still alive.

Buddy burst out crying and ran to his own bed. It was across the room from his father's bed in their small house. As he sobbed and sobbed, he suddenly became aware of a knock on the door. Without making a sound, Buddy peeked out the bedroom window and saw that it was Mr. Judson. Mr. Judson was an insurance man, but he was also a star visitor for the church down the street.

The second knock made Buddy wipe his eyes and open the door.

Without a word, Mr. Judson drew Buddy to him and hugged him. "Do you want to tell me about it, Buddy?" Almost before he knew it, Buddy started pouring out his troubles.

"Buddy, what you need is Christ in your heart. You can live in any situation if you're a Christian." Buddy nodded, and together they asked God to save Buddy. Buddy prayed, accepted the Saviour, and asked God to help him to please Him. In a matter of minutes, Buddy's face was shining through the tears.

As they sat quietly on the couch, Mr. Judson's arm still around Buddy, the boy asked quietly, "One thing worries me. To whom can I turn for help? I know God can help, but I need to talk to somebody else sometimes, too. My dad just doesn't care, and you live so far away. To whom can I turn?"

Mr. Judson smiled. "There's someone right here who can be a big help to you. She loves God, and in her lifetime she has led many boys and girls to Christ." Buddy looked puzzled.

Then Mr. Judson nodded toward the back room. "You mean Grandma? But she's so old!" Buddy looked disappointed.

"Son, she led me to Christ. Other than Christ, she's the best friend you'll ever have. You ought to get to know Grandma Perkins. She's a big, strong saint!"

Mr. Judson left quietly as Buddy headed toward the back room. As he came in the door, the quiet voice of the grand old lady broke the silence. "Come in, son, and tell me all about it. Isn't our Saviour a wonderful Lord? Try on these shirts while we talk."—Selected



# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## EVANGELISM COURSE HELD AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



*Pictured above are the students enrolled in the "Evangelism" course. They represented the following Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina: Cabin, Beulaville; Gum Swamp, Greenville; First church, Kinston; Living Waters, Pikeville; Pleasant Grove, Pikeville; and Spring Hill, Goldsboro. Also the Love Memorial Church of Goldsboro was represented.*

A course on "Evangelism" was taught at Mount Olive College this fall by the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey and the Rev. Joseph Ingram. Attendance at the meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings was most gratifying with a total of 27 that enrolled and attended each session.

The course closely followed the program of Dr. James Kennedy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The participants first discussed the importance of winning souls for Jesus Christ. Each person committed himself to participation and involvement in the classes and for the commission of Christ. Four nights were devoted to classwork. During these sessions, the students were given time to practice what they learned with each other. The fifth session was devoted to visitation. Each team was asked to use the time to visit in their home community and return on the sixth night to share the things that happened during visitation. It was an exciting time in the sharing session when the teams gathered and the blessings of God were shared by each team. Eight professions of faith were made by those visited. For these, we praise God.

During the final session, the importance of follow up was discussed along with some suggested materials that could be used. Plans were made by those attending to continue the visitation and in the spring of 1976 to return for another session of classes.

During this program in the spring of 1976, each of these will try to bring another into the program to train as a soul winner. Does God want you to be a part of this type program?

### SIGNIFICANT FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(November-December, 1975)

All friends of Mount Olive College are cordially invited to attend each of the following events:

**Founders Day**

Tuesday, November 25, 11 a. m., Rodgers Chapel. This program will commemorate the Twenty-Fourth Anniversary of the chartering of Mount Olive College.

**Organ Program**

Sunday, November 30, 3 p. m., Rodgers Chapel, an organ program of hymns. This event will be in honor of Mrs. S. A. Smith of Beulaville and in appreciation to the Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliaries for helping to sponsor the organ. Burke Raper Jr., a sophomore music major at the College, will be the organist. Music will also be rendered on the seventy-five bell Americanna carillon.

**Messiah** (Handel)

Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 p. m., Rodgers Chapel, presented by the Mount Olive Chorus and community friends under the direction of Mrs. Irene Patten, chairman of the Department of Music.

We hope you will come and enjoy some of the many benefits your gifts and prayers are making possible at Mount Olive College.

W. Burkette Raper
President

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### THE ANTIPRAYER LADY

Madalyn Murray O'Hair is quoted as saying in her latest campaign: "Public reference to religion is unconstitutional." If she really backs this she'll throw away all the money in her purse and never touch it again. On each piece of money are these words: "In God We Trust."—**Table Talk**

# IF YOU TRULY WANT AN EDUCATION REMEMBER

## THE REVEREND DANIEL F. PELT SR.

by
W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina

### Daniel F. Pelt: the Student

TO know Daniel Pelt was an experience, for here was a man who lived up to his calling as a Christian minister, educator, husband, and father.

The son of Carey Joseph and Georgia Anna Pelt, Daniel Frederick Pelt was born and reared on a small farm near Marianna, Florida, where he learned from childhood to believe in the dignity and sacredness of honest work. Confronted with the demands of farm life, he left the local rural school at the end of the tenth grade.

Three of the great events in his life, however, came at the age of twenty: (1) he answered God's call to the ministry, (2) married Ruby Carroll to whom he affectionally referred as "Miss Ruby," and (3) returned to high school.

For two years he studied at Zion Bible School near Blakely, Georgia, under the instruction of the Rev. T. B. Mellette, and at the same time he served rural churches in the area. Following the birth of their first child, the Pelts moved to a small farm in Southeast Alabama which "Miss Ruby" had inherited, and Daniel continued his ministry by serving churches in that area. Following the birth of two more children, Daniel and "Miss Ruby" sold their farm, moved back to a house on his father's farm and Daniel resumed his education. At the age of thirty he graduated from high school in Marianna.

The Pelts then moved to Troy, Alabama, when Daniel and "Miss Ruby" entered Troy State Teachers College; and at the same time they enrolled their children in the campus demonstration school. Two years later Daniel and "Miss Ruby" had earned their teacher's certificates and began teaching during the week while Daniel also ministered to rural churches on weekends.

By 1945, through sacrifice and hard work, they bought a farm near Marianna, Florida—but Daniel did not stop his education—he returned to summer schools and earned his B. S. degree at the age of forty. "Farmer, teacher, and preacher," he was honored in 1950 by the **Progressive Farmer** as "Florida's Rural Minister of the Year."



*"I . . . beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called" (Ephesians 4:1).*

### Daniel F. Pelt: Pastor and Educator

After twenty-three years of public school work, Daniel and "Miss Ruby" retired from teaching but not from the ministry. They bought a camper and made long week-end trips to their two rural churches, Zion and Bethlehem, in Georgia—a round trip of up to 180 miles. In their forty-five years of pastoral service, they ministered to more than twenty-five rural churches in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Old buildings were repaired and new ones were built, and progressive programs were established.

But the measure of Daniel Pelt's ministry is not foremost in buildings and programs but in the people whose lives were touched and enriched by his spirit.

On Pastor Appreciation Day at Zion church in April, 1975, Mark Still, a twelve year-old boy, wrote: "Brother Pelt is the only preacher I have ever really known. Brother Pelt and I have been good friends. When I was little I used to go and visit him. We have had some good long talks. He has helped me when I went wrong. He has been a friend and a preacher. I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour under the direction of Brother Pelt. He is one of the nicest and best preachers in the world."

Susan Still, a teenager added: "We really do not 'tune out' Brother Pelt as much as he may think—for we have been 'tuned in' to his kindness, dedication, and sincerity for over ten years. Brother Pelt has given us the inspiration to realize the want and need we have for God. His influence and example could be no better. No human other than the parents could care as much about the young people of this church as Brother Pelt does. As we grow older we will mold our Christian lives by many of the patterns Brother Pelt has set for us."

Writing about both "Miss Ruby and Brother Pelt," Mrs. Raymond Rice of Bethlehem church declared: "You have worked diligently, efficiently and with loving affection for us. You have given tirelessly of yourselves to the salvation of the people of Bethlehem church and community. You have given your time, talent, and means. You are outstanding Christians and you stand tall in the minds and hearts of all of us. We believe in you; we love you; we honor you!"

### A Light upon the Paths of Men

It was men like Daniel F. Pelt that Longfellow had in mind when he wrote:

> "So when a great man dies,
> For years beyond our ken,
> The light he leaves behind him
> Lies upon the paths of men."

In his own lifetime, Daniel was too humble to accept the honor he was due, but through an insurance program he provided a generous bequest to Mount Olive College. In appreciation of both his bequest and his long-time loyalty to the College, the Board of Trustees has named a classroom in his memory—a room that is used for the education of ministers. The plaque reads:

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# BIBLE PUZZLE

by

Mrs. Royce Matthew

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J O Y F U L G L A D N E S S C L

In the group of letters above you will find some of the principle words as recorded in Psalm 100. These words may be spelled horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwardly, or backwardly. After you have found and circled the words listed below, the remaining letter will give you something to sing about. Good luck!

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## In Memoriam

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**In Memory and Appreciation of**

**THE REVEREND DANIEL F. PELT SR.**
**March 29, 1909—June 22, 1975**

**Free Will Baptist Minister and Educator**

**"I . . . beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called" (Ephesians 4:1).**

It is our prayer that the lamp of learning and Christian service which Daniel Pelt left behind will illuminate the path of others that they too may be inspired to walk worthy of their vocations. Daniel now rests from his labors, but his works will follow him (see Revelation 14:13).

## FEATURE

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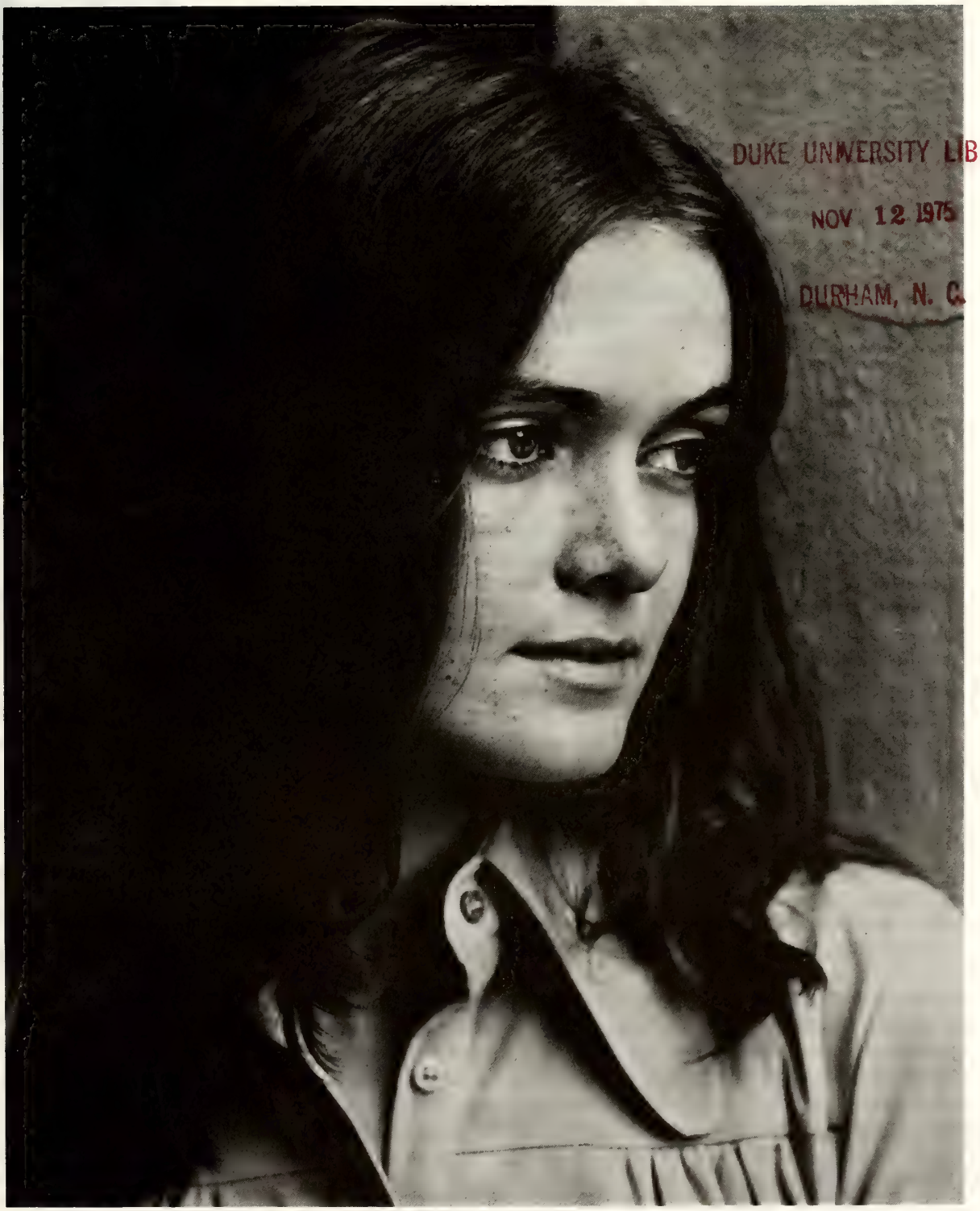
to the French Broad Association. The members who had "departed from the faith" were either excluded or left the church. Right after this the Buncombe Association broke up in disorder. One or two of the churches disbanded; one at least became some sort of independent church, and two returned to the French Broad Association. I was invited to return to the Free Will Baptists and become pastor of the reorganized Horney Heights church. Never having ceased being at heart a Free Will Baptist, I did not find it hard to return. However, for around five months I pastored both the Locus Grove Baptist Church and the Horney Heights Free Will Baptist Church by an agreement with leaders of both denominations. I was happy to be back into the fold—or, was I just halfway back? In August of 1938, I was received back into the French Broad Association.

Those who care to think about it, may draw their own conclusions as to whether or not this experience of mine was a deflection from faith and practices. As to the status of the Buncombe Association, the State Convention decided in 1934 that this association had become "unorthodox," and refused to recognize it.

(Next Week: The National Association)

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**HOW WONDERFUL TO BE ALONE WITH GOD, BUT NOT LONELY. . . .**

# EDITORIAL...

## ALONE...WITH GOD, BUT NOT LONELY

A desire: to have the purpose of our lives fulfilled.

A need: to drink the most potent portion of the water of life.

A hope: to find solitude and comforting peace in His presence at all times.

Every individual possesses at some time in his life the desire, the need, and the hope as expressed above. Every soul seeks to have his life fulfilled but usually proposes to fulfill it in the wrong way and for the wrong reasons, neglecting to consider the consequences of an injudicious approach to that fulfillment.

Everybody wants to get the most out of life and therefore drink deeply of that cup but take little note of the quality of the "water" in the cup. Unless the cup contains the water of life, and that of the strongest potion and largest portion, one's thirst is quenced only for awhile.

Each person hopes to find his particular place of contentment, his unique and special haven—away from the boisterous crowds and thronging masses where there is a consecrated peace, but few there be that separate themselves—for fear of loneliness.

But! To acquire the noble virtues of life (and they are many) and to attain heights of a spiritual nature that will afford those "mountaintop experiences" we have heard so much about, we must go apart from our brothers and be **alone with God!** And, to be alone with God is no impossibility. It requires only that we be still and concentrate on Him, and sit, stand, or walk in meditative silence and listen to that still, small voice which sometimes **shouts** to us in moments of spiritual conversation.

The greatest of all companionships, the grandest of all communions, the strongest of all strengths occur when one seeks that aloneness with his Maker and finds it. There is that secret place—the gift of God's love, known and appreciated to a greater degree when one finds his own quiet place.

Storms threaten; and if they depart, still the clouds remain for many of us, challenging the sun which tries to break through to brighten our world. Darkness blankets the world as twilight gives way to night, and our souls smother, as it were, in the blackness of the pit—because we **are** alone **but not with God.** There is a difference—a distinct difference in merely being alone and **being alone with God.**

When one is alone with God, he is never **really** alone. The loving Father is an ever-ready and constantly abiding companion, unseen and unheard, but not unfelt. The non-Christian cannot find the peace and comfort of His presence in the fear of the night and the foreboding peril of the day; but, the Christian (however insignificant in his appearance, and however little a splash he makes so far as the world is concerned) knows and holds onto something that cannot be bought with riches. He claims for himself a unique possession that cannot be stolen, though some there be who give it up because of foolishness.

Alone with God, we are more "**together**" than ever. Alone with God, we are happily content and exceedingly glad. Alone with God, there can be no loneliness. There is a difference, you know, in being alone and being lonely.

How wonderful to be alone with God, but not lonely. . . .

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# HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN LET HIM CAST THE FIRST STONE

(John 8:7)
by Mrs. Royce Matthews

THE Sunshine Garden Club was going strong. Everyone was enthusiastic about coming projects, interest was keen, and a bond of friendship could be felt throughout the club.

Meg had ambitions of making a name for herself while she was program chairman so she decided the club needed more zest.

"You're not doing your best," she reprimanded the club. "Why, if I went about my occupation as some of you do these meetings, I'd be dismissed tomorrow."

A shocked Mary said to Susie after the meeting, "Of all the gall! Meg didn't come regularly until she became program chairman."

Susie, a good friend of Meg, argued, "But she has good program ideas."

"Maybe she wants a big audience to hear her sing the club song. She has the scratchiest voice I ever heard," Mary said.

Susie realized Meg's voice wasn't melodious, but to pass it off lightly she said, "Oh, I've heard much worse."

"Not in public!" exclaimed an astonished Mary.

Thoughtful for a moment, then Susie answered truthfully, "Frenchie, my poodle, sounds worse when she sings."

"Personally, I'd rather hear Frenchie," replied Mary.

"Why, Mary!"

Later in the day Susie saw Julie. "Would you believe that Mary said Meg's voice sounds worse than a dog?"

"She didn't, did she?"

"Yes, and who is she to judge? I certainly wouldn't say anything about someone's voice if my clothes fit me like Mary's. I'm just hoping I'm there the day she pops out!"

That afternoon Julie told Harriet that Susie said she wanted to see Mary pop out of her tight clothes. "But what I want to see," she said, "is for Susie to comb her hair. It looks like a brush heap."

Later in the week Harriet told Mada that Julie thinks Susie's hair looks like a brush heap. "Susie's hair looks better than that purple and yellow polka dotted suit Julie had on at the meeting. She wears the most hideous clothes!"

By the time of the next monthly meeting, each had discovered what everyone had said about the other. The insults had gone through and included every member of the club.

Twenty-three ladies arrived, the largest attendance on record. But somehow the club had changed. Each expression was belligerent; no one was speaking to the other.

The president exclaimed, "We are happy to have this number present. First, we'll turn the meeting over to Meg for the program."

"I will not!" Meg declared. "Since Mary thinks my voice is so terrible, let her bring in Susie's dog to lead the singing."

"No, I might burst out of my tight clothes. Let Susie do it!" explained Mary.

"No, really. I don't want to call attention to my brush heap! Julie can," answered Susie.

Julie had worn the purple and yellow polka dotted suit again just for spite. She said, "No, my hideous clothes are too obnoxious to stand in front of the group!"

The sarcasm went on and on until the club room was an uproar.

The gavel of the president slammed on the desk three times before the disturbance began to subside. Julie unwound her hands from Susie's brush heap and straightened the jacket of her purple and yellow polka dotted suit before she plopped indignantly into her chair.

The president shook her head sadly. "I don't see any way out of this dilemma. May I hear a move the Sunshine Garden Club be disbanded?"

"So moved!" shouted ten ladies at once.

"I second!" shouted thirteen more.

They contemptuously stalked out one by one—lifetime friendships squashed—never again to be repaired to normal.

All because one person chose to criticize.

Of course, the Sunshine Garden Club and the fate of the members are wholly imaginary, but criticism is catching. It automatically puts human nature on the defensive, and human nature on the defensive can be quite powerful.

If only we could learn not to throw stones—if for no other reason than the "throw-er" usually gets hurt worse than the "throw-ee." Verbal stones have a tendency to boomerang, bursting all our own window glasses.

". . . He that is without sin . . . let him first cast a stone . . ." (John 8:7).

# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Sixteen)
by Loy Everette Ballard

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

WHEN the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met in Bryan, Texas, in 1932, there was present a delegation from the Co-Operative Association of Freewill Baptists bearing two petitions. First, they invited the General Conference to meet with them in 1933; and, second, they asked for the appointment of a committee to meet with a similar committee from their body to consider prospects for a closer union between the two general organizations. The General Conference did not see fit to accept the invitation for the 1933 session, but did agree to appoint the requested committee. The Rev. J. L. Welch was appointed chairman of the committee, with the Revs. J. W. Alford, K. V. Shutes, Henry Melvin, and M. L. Morse, along with layman A. D. Ivey, and other members.

Information I have indicates that one or more meetings of this joint committee was held during the following months. The committee rendered a report in 1933 to both bodies, outlining some of the things they found that both bodies agreed upon, and recommended the merger into one body.

In November of 1935, a meeting was held in Cofers Chapel church, Nashville, Tennessee, with representatives present from twenty-two conventions, associations, and conferences within the bounds of the two general organizations. On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, the National Association was formally organized with the Rev. J. L. Welch as the moderator and the Rev. I. J. Blackwelder as secretary-treasurer. Committees were appointed to draw up a constitution, and to revise the Treatise of Faith and Practices. On Thursday, these committees reported. The minutes state that the Treatise Revision Committee's report was passed "without a public reading," but a note is inserted that it was later read. The constitution submitted and approved provided that the two existing organizations continue as respectively the "Eastern Division" and the "Western Division," meeting annually; while both divisions meet together as the National Association every third year. In this first session the association also agreed to take over the foreign mission programs of the consolidating groups, and to continue efforts already underway by the General Conference for the establishing of a Bible school to be located in Nashville, Tennessee.

The plan for the National Association to meet every three years did not last very long. It appeared that it was necessary that "adjourned sessions" be held each year, for the minutes for 1939 list that meeting as the "Third Annual Session," and in that session the constitution was amended to provide for an annual meeting, and makes no mention of the two divisions. It is this writer's understanding that the last meetings of the two divisional conventions were held in 1938.

In order that readers may have some figures with which to compare statistics which may appear in later articles in this series, I wish to give here some information gleaned from a report made to the 1939 session of the National Association by the Rev. Clarence Bowen, who was the official statistician for that year, and from official reports made to the association. Brother Bowen states that some of his figures may not be accurate, due to the difficulty of getting full reports from the various conferences and associations. But I consider them accurate enough for general comparisons. The number of churches reported was 1,185 with 101,041 members. The value of church property was given as $1,306,175. The following denominational property was reported: Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, $81,500; Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, $39,335; Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, $30,000; Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri, $4,500; Dothan School, Dothan, Alabama, $5,500; Zion Bible Schoo Blakely, Georgia, $1,000. This made th total value of all denominational propert (local churches and institutions $1,468,010. Reported on hand at th close of the 1939 session for the variou denominational causes sponsored by th association were: Foreign Missions $619.24; Home Missions, $223.90 Christian Education (toward establish ment of a Bible college), $1,019.99 and, Superannuation, $190.24 According to the minutes, this session c the National Association adjourned wit "nothing in the treasury," and th National Woman's Auxiliary Conventio (which had met in connection with th National Association) had a balance c $58.93 in its treasury.

From a national view point, this is fairly accurate picture of the Free Wi Baptists of my day at approximately th halfway point in the time to be covered b these notes.

(Next Week: Here and There in the Earl Forties)

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## OBITUARY

### MR. OTIS A. JONES

Funeral services for Otis A. Jones who died August 29, 1975, were hel Sunday, August 31, at 3 p. m., in th New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Churc near New Bern. The pastor, the Rev. A Graham Lane, officiated, with burial i the Grantsboro Cemetery with Mason rites.

Mr. Jones and his wife moved the membership to the New Bethlehe church several years ago, and have bee devoted servants to the Lord an Christian service ever since.

He leaves behind to mourn their loss his wife, one son, and one daughte They, with neighbors and friends, mis him very much.

By a friend,
Mrs. W. B. Harrisc




SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Scripture Reading—Habakkuk 2:15

A PROFESSIONAL DRIVER'S WARNING

"I am a pro driver, and we pros average 50,000 miles on the road each year," said Don Garlits, who was recently named to the first All-American Driving Team by the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association.

"Out there on the highway, to guide a car safely through today's traffic requires skill, mental alertness and reflexes honed to a razor's edge. How does alcohol affect this? Well, in 1970, about 35,000 Americans were killed in crashes where drinking was involved! And the senseless slaughter continues because people persist in driving after they've had a few drinks. It's a daily gamble!

"I've been doing a lot of thinking about it lately. I've come to the conclusion that you shouldn't drive even if you have had only one drink. That's a pretty strong statement, but I think it's the only answer."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Is an evening of drunken stupor worth a lifetime of regret? Is it even worth the tormenting headache, and the stomach upset?*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:1

GOD HAS LEFT HIS FOOTPRINTS

"How do we know there is a God?" asked a high school student of his father.

The father replied, "When you were a child, you read about Robinson Crusoe who believed that he was the only human being on the island. He discovered, however, in the sand on the beach a human foot track. He knew that the one who made that track was not far off, for the incoming tide had not yet reached the footprint. He knew that there was another human being on the island, although he had not seen him.

"The evidence of the existence of God, the omniscient, omnipotent Architect of the universe, is so overwhelming and conclusive that one denying it is either willfully blind or intellectually dishonest," said the father.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*In our refusal to accept God we are denying ourselves much more pleasure than we shall ever attain in our worldly achievements.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Scripture Reading—James 5:14, 15

BENEFICIAL TO HEALTH

A Johns Hopkins University medical researcher has just discovered what the Presbyterian Ministers' Life Insurance Fund has known for more than two centuries: attending church is good for your health.

The risk of fatal heart disease is almost twice as high for the non-churchgoer than for men who attend once a week or more, according to a study made by Dr. George W. Comstock of the university's Department of Epidemiology. The doctor also observed that the "clean life" associated with regular church-going appears to be statistically related to a lower incidence of other major diseases, adding that "going to church is a very favorable input."

We shortchange ourselves when we habitually absent ourselves from God's house without cause. We become cold, calloused, and critical.—Adapted from *Christianity Today*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How often have we heard people say, "This just doesn't seem like Sunday, I missed going to church"? We miss our visits to God's house as we would miss a visit to a favorite relative.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Scripture Reading—John 15:12

RENEWING POWER OF LOVE

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land" (Song of Solomon 2:11, 12).

Spring still makes spring in the mind
When sixty years are told,
Love makes anew this throbbing heart
And we are never old!

Over the winter glaciers
I see the summer glow,
And through the wind-piled snowdrift,
The warm rosebuds below.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Love is a very powerful emotion; in truth, it can keep us youthful in hearts and minds.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:18

JUST A LITTLE TALK

Just a little talk with Jesus,
How it smooths the rugged road,
How it cheers and helps me onward,
When I faint beneath my load!
When my heart is crushed with sorrow,
And my eyes with tears are dim,
There's naught can yield me comfort,
Like a little talk with Him!

—Author Unknown

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let us take our worries and fears to Jesus. He will lighten our loads of care and help us to continue on.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Scripture Reading—Revelations 3:1

BREATHING CORPSES

How lifelike are the wax figures of well-known persons displayed in the wax museums! Some are figures of notorious desperadoes. How accurately their facial features are portrayed! To enhance the lifelikeness, a mechanical device is sometimes concealed on the chest of a figure to simulate breathing and give the illusion of life.

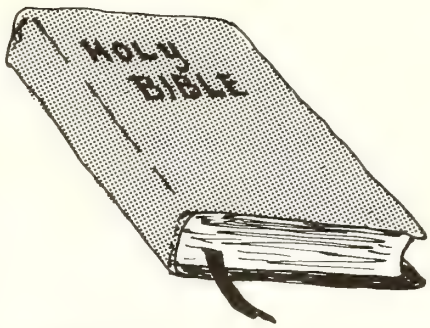
How like those wax figures are the spiritually dead, merely professing Christians!

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Don't be a puppet merely mouthing God's truths; honestly believe and earnestly share.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:13

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
*Route 1, Box 475,*
*LaGrange, North Carolina 28551*

**Question:** Is it possible that Jesus's executioners were forgiven of that sin?

**Answer:** Yes, I think so and I think that we may find them, at least some of them, present with our blessed Lord when we are escorted into His holy presence after we are through with our life on this earth. We might do well to remember that it was Jesus Christ our Lord who said: ''Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come'' (Matthew 12:31, 32).

What each of the evil men taking part in Jesus's arrest, trial, and crucifixion thought and did, as all the facts concerning Him and each one in his role came to light, we may not know for sure. But we have clear-cut evidence as to the reaction and outcome of some of them. It is said of Judas who betrayed Him: ''. . . when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself'' (Matthew 27:3-5). (Read Verses 6-10 and read and compare with Zechariah 11:10-13.)

We may recall at this point that the Holy Spirit, speaking through Isaiah, predicted some 700 years before the crucifixion: ''. . . he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. . . . He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities'' (Isaiah 53:5, 7-11).

When considering all the Bible has to say on this tremendous subject it occurs to me that Jesus was just as interested in laying down His life for the salvation of those wicked men whose blood-thirsty desires caused them to seek His destruction with unbounded passion, as for me who in attitude was a sinner and therefore in the same class as they before I was saved. Though rich, worthy, sinless, and divine from every point of view from all eternity; He became poor for the sake of those who crucified Him, including us who now are His even though we were before our redemption His enemies.

Every sinner that has not experienced the new birth is still an enemy of Christ and of God the Father. They are of the same quality of those that unfavorably encountered Him when He was here in the flesh. Those who die before they are saved in this age will, it seems, have no more favorable lot than the sinners of Jesus's day that shouted: ''. . . away with him, crucify him. . . . We have no king but Caesar'' (John 19:15).

Every unsaved soul of this our day is set in military array against Him; whereas, each Christian is a soldier of the Cross set in full military array against Christ's enemies. Now when one of our day comes to Christ, having repented of his sins, he is accepted, changed, and has a new robe (a robe of the righteousness of Christ) given to him and a ring of distinction placed on his hand. No less was given to each one that was against Christ in the day when He was crucified, after they committed their lives to Him in such a changed being. The fact of that wonderful verse in Isaiah applies equally to them as to us: ''Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool'' (Isaiah 1:18); as also does ''. . . whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all'' (James 2:20).

Some of us in this the **age of grace** might forget the Bible teaches: ''. . . that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes, But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more'' (Luke 12:47, 48).

We of this age of grace have the completed Bible and in 2 Timothy 2:15 are required to use it in such a way as to be personally enlightened as to God's will for us in every activity of life. Those who acted judiciously and physically in Christ's crucifixion did not have the New Testament; so I take it to mean that one has had access to the truth of the New Testament and fails to obey will bring upon himself more severe punishment than any who had only the Old Testament and did not conform to its teachings.

George H. Sandison has the following to say in answering a similar question on Page 228 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

''Jesus's words, 'Father, forgive them; they know not what they do,' were spoken as his executioners were completing their dread task. But the

prayer was not limited to them alone, but included all who had a hand in it, for the apostle could afterward say, with truth, 'had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.' In a still wider sense the prayer was a fulfillment of the Messianic prediction in Isaiah 53:12. The world in every age owes much to these few words. We have no right to question the validity of Jesus's prayer, that what these fanatical and misguided men did in their ignorance and anger should not be laid to their charge in the final account.''

## In Memoriam

**Daisy Williams White**

The trumpet of death sounded around noon in July for Daisy Williams White, and God called another of His jewels home to be with Him.

Daisy left to mourn their loss one son, William Henry White; three granddaughters; and one brother, Marshall Williams of Greenville. She also left a host of friends and other relatives.

Daisy was a member of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville for a number of years. Her first love was God and her church. She was a very kind and compassionate friend who felt she never did enough for her church and others. She was always very faithful to all branches of service that her church upheld. Her love, concern, involvement, and thoughtfulness were always obvious and her absence has been difficult to accept and adjust to, but we believe God is too wise to make a mistake.

To know Daisy was to love her. I am sure she heard the Master say to her, ''. . . Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord'' (Matthew 25:21).

While thinking of Daisy another verse of Scripture comes to my mind; ''. . . they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever'' (Daniel 12:3).

We here at Pleasant Hill church can rejoice with her son in hope of having a meeting with this loved one again when there will be no more parting.

We would like to say, ''Thank you, God.''

God gives us love
And food and friends;
Also blessings that will never end.

So we will give God
Some goodness too,
By being kind in all we say and do.

And God will know
That in this way,
We're saying, ''Thanks,'' to Him everyday.

Thank you, God,
For Daisy's life;
Loving memories of her will keep us right.

Respectfully submitted,
Novella Stokes

# *The Unmitigated TRUTH*

*by the Rev. R. P. Harris*

''. . . according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost'' (Titus 3:5).

**THE MEANING OF REGENERATION**

The word **regeneration**, apart from the Holy Bible, simply means to make something new out of something which already exists but has degenerated until it is useless in its intended or created form. It means to reproduce or to bring into new growth as vegetation does in the spring of the year.

This idea may be applied to the human race. God made man perfect, and there was nothing wrong with his physical body in its original state. But man sinned and degenerated to the point that he was useless to God in His purpose for creating him. God did not destroy Adam and Eve and create a new pair of human beings, but He did begin a program of regeneration for them. This means that God will take the sinful nature out of man and in its place create a new person to occupy the fleshly body which He has made. The new nature is immortal but dwells in a mortal body.

When a person dies his immortal soul goes to heaven and the fleshly body goes back to the earth from which it was made. But one day—resurrection day—God will give the immortal soul an immortal body made of flesh and bones, but no blood, because flesh and blood cannot go to heaven, but flesh and bone can.

Regeneration means that you become a new creation—not something old made over—but you are a new creature. ''Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: . . .'' (2 Corinthians 5:17). That is the reason it is important to imitate the new life. No one can know for sure what the Christian religion is like until he is born again. One can guess and can even imitate, but he cannot know the meaning or understand its consequences unless or until he has received a new nature.

The old creature dies to all sinful participation. The drunkard becomes sober. The fornicator becomes pure and undefiled. The thief is no thief anymore but he works with his own hands so that he can have something to share with his fellowman.

Then again regeneration means to receive a divine nature. When a man receives a nature like God's nature, he is a child of God and an heir to the kingdom of God. This is the only way to heaven, and heaven will be his eternal home. In heaven he will be an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. Christ shares everything with the Christian. We are brothers in Christ and sons of God. What more can we ask? This is the most glorious achievement for the soul of man and makes him shout, ''Glory to God!'' (Read 2 Peter 1:4.)

Regeneration also means that the Christian has a spiritual quickening. This simply means that everlasting life is imparted. No man can go to the cemetery and revive (quicken) the dead, but God can and He will. Neither is it possible for any man to quicken a spiritually dead person. No amount of training, teaching, or beautifying can change man's sinful nature, but God can. ''. . . you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins'' (Ephesians 2:1). A spiritually dead person is not alive; he is dead even while he lives. God wants to quicken you, dear sinner, and make you a child of His.

Christian friends, why don't you let go and let God have His wonderful way in your life? God wants you to be an extension of Himself here in this world. Why not be ''little Jesuses going about doing good''?




# NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT, END OF SECOND QUARTER, OCTOBER 31, 1975

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| Balance in Bank July 31, 1975 | | $ 3,943.16 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| General Fund: | | |
| Contributions | $ 65.91 | |
| Life Memberships | 35.00 | |
| Promotional (CSF) | 84.08 | |
| Denominational Enterprises | 9,358.16 | |
| Total Receipts | | 9,543.15 |
| Total for Which to Account | | $13,486.31 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Conventions Expenses and Allocations | $ 363.24 | |
| Denominational Enterprises | 9,358.16 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 9,721.40 |
| Balance in Bank October 31, 1975 | | $ 3,764.91 |

**Summary of Bank Account Balances**

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| General Fund | $ 3,284.94 |
| Interest | 479.97 |
| Total | $ 3,764.91 |
| Branch Banking and Trust Co. (Checking) | $ 2,784.94 |
| Atlantic Savings and Loan | 979.97 |
| Total | $ 3,764.91 |

**Denominational Enterprises Report**

| | Itemize | Received | Disbursed |
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| Missions: | | | |
| Church Extension (Home Missions) | $ | $ 971.27 | $ 971.27 |
| Foreign Missions: | | | |
| General | 60.75 | | |
| Mexico (Native Missionary Salary) | 163.64 | | |
| Wayne and Deborah King | 20.00 | | |
| State Project (Equally Divided Among Mrs. Link, Mrs. Timmons, and Mrs. King) | 2,052.59 | 2,296.98 | 2,296.98 |
| Central Conference Missions | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Mount Olive College: | | | |
| General Fund | 130.72 | | |
| Alice Lupton Scholarship | 87.00 | | |
| Rodgers Chapel | 8.65 | | |
| Chapel Carpet (State Project) | 761.75 | | |
| Books | 10.00 | | |
| Fred Baker Fund | 66.61 | 1,064.73 | 1,064.73 |
| Children's Home: | | | |
| General Fund | 84.00 | | |
| Clothing | | | |
| Allowance | | | |
| Appliances (State Project) | | | |
| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | | | |
| Widows and Ministers | | | |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc.: | | | |
| General Fund | | | |
| Mattress Covers | | | |
| Building Fund | | | |
| Dining Hall | | | |
| Life Membership Fees (Cragmont) | | | |
| Anna Phillips Loan Fund | | | |
| Retirement Homes, Inc. | | | |
| Camp Vandemere | | | |
| General Conference | | | |
| Church Finance Association | | | |
| *Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Missions ($83.57; $83.58) | | | |
| Mount Olive College | | | |
| Children's Home | | | |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc. | | | |
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| Retirement Homes, Inc. | | | |
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**AUX**

On Wednesday, October 8, the Fear Woman's Auxiliary Conventio with Robert's Grove Free Will B Church, Route 1, Dunn. One highlights of the program that da the presentation of the "Life bership Award" which was giv Mrs. Annie Lou Tew, a member local church. The presentation was by Mrs. Jarvis Tew, a very member of the local auxiliary. Here message she used:

"Peace I leave with you, my p give unto you: not as the world g give I unto you. Let not your he troubled, neither let it be afraid" 14:27).

Perhaps there has never been when the world was so madly sea for peace, both nations and indivi Yet there is so little peace found. A lot of people are looking wrong directions for peace. The lad has been chosen for the Life Memb Award found the secret of this forty-one years ago.

You would probably think she h

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| 845.17 | 845.17 |
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| 137.44 | 137.44 |
| 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 2.00 | 2.00 |
| 756.68 | 756.68 |
| $9,358.16 | $9,358.16 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

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y life, but this is far from being
he takes her role as wife, com-
and mother very seriously. Most
find cooking three meals a day,
g, ironing, and keeping house a
e job. But this woman is so
that she still finds time to work in
d picking squash, cucumbers,
es, and chopping when
ary.
is loyal to her church and its
s. This lady has taught Sunday
in every department. She has
n excellent job working with the
people in their different
ations, and is a person one can
at any time to fulfill a duty in the
Not only has she served well in
al church but has served on
committees in the Cape Fear

special nominee has mothered
ster children, and has mothered
red for two children of her own.
s given each child the same love,
nd attention that a good mother
e her own children. She has lost

many night's sleep when they were sick and needed her care. She is even someone special they can go to today in sharing their problems. Just think how many problems forty-two children can be confronted with that a good mother can share! Yet, I am sure she would say that the joys and privileges of being a foster mother over the years far outweigh the difficulties, heartaches, and responsibilities which the work created.

When she was first married her mother and aunt came to live with her. She shared her home with them. When they became ill she was their nurse, giving them the love and concern they needed as long as they lived. In spite of this full schedule, when her aged father-in-law needed a home, out of a loving heart she took him in and shared her home and Christian love throughout his days of declining health.

For all of her diligence and faithfulness this beloved woman has enjoyed few of the world's riches, but her greater riches are yet to come. One day when she stands before the Lord of life she will hear Him say, ''. . . Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord'' (Matthew 25:21).

On behalf of the Cape Fear District, I count it a privilege to present this Life Membership Award. Also as a token of our love, the Robert's Grove Woman's Auxiliary presents this auxiliary pin. Mrs. Velmon Tew (better known as Miss Annie Lou) will you come forward and receive this award.

(**Note:** The next few minutes were breath-taking and tense moments as the delegates and visitors at the convention shared this overwhelming joy.)

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. James H. Spell
Publicity Chairman

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**CHALLENGE**

At Cragmont Woman's Conference, 1974, each woman attending was given a penny and was asked to use her talent and see how much she could add to the penny to bring back to Cragmont in August, 1975.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of those present about this stewardship effort and each one felt a real challenge.

A member of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern who attended Woman's Conference returned home and talked with her auxiliary president about the project. As a result, each member of the local auxiliary was given a penny and asked to work her talent for Cragmont's renovation program for the next year.



The above picture shows the treasurer of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Corrine Lee, presenting a check for $750 to the auxiliary president, Mrs. Grace Jones. This amount was raised by five circles and was sent to Cragmont Woman's Conference for their stewardship offering. The stewardship offering at Cragmont in August, 1975, amounted to a little over $3,400. These funds are to be used for the renovation of the ''old building.''

Circle No. 7 of St. Mary's Woman's Auxiliary—a young married women's circle—raised $500 of the $750, and Mrs. Lee is a member of that circle. We need to enlist young married women in our auxiliary work. They really put themselves in the work and are such an inspiration to those with whom they work.

This should be a challenge to every Free Will Baptist auxiliary member in the state. Use your talent for the glory of God. If you cannot attend Cragmont in 1976, send your stewardship offering. I believe we can reach a goal of $5,000!

Will you join me in this challenge and work your talent and let's meet this goal at our August, 1976, Woman's Conference? We can do it!

Respectfully submitted,
Ruby Hancock, State President

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### DWIGHT AND AILEEN CALLED TO GEORGIA



"Georgia is a long way from home but the Lord has been preparing us for this work," said Brother Dwight Hawley discussing his impending move to Blakely, Georgia, where he will pastor Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

The late Rev. Daniel Pelt, brother of Dr. Michael Pelt, preached at Zion church on alternate Sundays until he was recently called home to be with his Lord. During a June visit to Blakely, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, learned that Zion wanted to begin a full-time program with particular emphasis on youth work. Dr. Raper thought about Dwight and his wife, Aileen, 1974-75 graduates of Mount Olive.

"Aileen and I were working at Eagles Nest between semesters at College when Dr. Raper stood by and told us about Zion. We were interested in the possibility and the challenge. The matter was given much prayerful consideration and in late August we visited Blakely. We were impressed by the warmth and love with which we were received. The people there love the Lord and they made us feel right at home. The decision to leave Pleasant Hill church and North Carolina was difficult but we are seeking to do God's will."

Dwight had been serving as pastor of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville while continuing his education. Dwight and Aileen hope to continue his and hopefully her education at Troy State University in Alabama, just across the Georgia line.

Dwight is working toward a degree in Parks and Recreation. "This draws a lot of interesting comments," he said, "but my dream is to see our Free Will Baptist camps like Eagles Nest, Vandemere, and Cragmont do all that they can for our young people." Dwight's ministry is centered around the young, especially in the line of Christian camping.

"When Christians are saved at a young age, you will find the majority are saved at summer camp. Therefore," Dwight said, "it is only reasonable to provide as many young people as possible the opportunity of Christian camping." "And after salvation," he added, "it allows them time to study and sink their roots deeply into the Word before the tough adolescent years come."

Dwight is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Hawley, of Wilson. His dad is pastor of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly. Aileen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson Moore, of Creswell, and she grew up in Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church.

The Hawleys will be missed by their friends and family in North Carolina, but they journey to Georgia with love and best wishes as they labor to do God's work. Their new address is Route 1, Blakely, Georgia 31723.

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### REMAINING 1975 COLLEGE BENEFIT DINNERS

Listed below are the remaining 1975 county benefit dinners for Mount Olive College. All Free Will Baptists are urged to attend the dinner in their area along with their high school students.

**Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties**—Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p. m., Roper Union School Cafeteria, David Cahoon, chairman; goal, $3,825.

**Beaufort County**—Saturday, November 15, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School, Oscar Webster, chairman; goal, $3,000.

**Pitt County**—Monday, November 17, 7 p. m., D. H. Conley High School, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, chairman; goal, $11,175.

**Wilson County**—Tuesday, November 18, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James Hunt, chairman; goal, $7,790.

**Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties**—Thursday, November 20, p. m., Midway School, the Rev. Felton Godwin, chairman; goal, $6,175.

**Carteret County**—Saturday, November 22, 6:30 p. m., East Carteret High School, Reginald Styron and Nathan Garner, cochairmen; goal, $4,000.

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## COMING EVENTS . . .

November 22—Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Oak Grove Church Calls First Full-Time Pastor**

During the worship services Sunday morning, October 19, at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Bladenboro, the Rev. James B. Hardee was welcomed into the church as its first full-time minister. Mr. and Mrs. Hardee were given a well-deserved standing ovation by the church congregation as they walked down the aisle together and were met by Deacons Elwood Bryan, Miles Edwards, Fred Pait, and Paxton Price.

This ceremony was the beginning of Mr. Hardee's eighteenth year as pastor of Oak Grove. He has also pastored Mt. Calvary and Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Churches on part-time bases before accepting the call of full-time pastor of Oak Grove.

It is asked that everyone remember Mr. and Mrs. Hardee and their church in your prayers that God will continue to bless each member and those that will accept God as their Saviour in future times.

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**Grimsley Revival in Progress this Week**

Revival services are in progress this week at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church located approximately three miles west of Maury, on Highway 102. The services will continue through Saturday evening, November 15, with the Rev. Leon Grubbs, pastor of Hull Road church near Snow Hill, as the guest speaker. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Tom Miller, assisting Mr. Grubbs. Special music is being rendered each evening. The public is invited to attend the remainder of the meeting.

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**Ministers' Fellowship of Eastern Conference at Camp Vandemere**

The Ministers' Fellowship of the Eastern Conference will meet on Saturday evening, November 15, beginning at six o'clock, at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina. The Rev. Eddie Edwards states, "Please come and let's have a good time together."

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**Piney Grove Youth Sponsored Fun Night**

The youth of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Greenville, sponsored Fun Night on Saturday, October 25, in the fellowship hall of the church. Prizes were awarded for the most original costumes. Several games were enjoyed by young and old alike. The evening was concluded with a devotion by Miss Charlotte Tripp, youth director. The youth presented the church the entire profits from the event, a total of $51.65. The members of Piney Grove are very proud of these young people.

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**Core Creek Revival In Progress**

The fall revival at Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, is in progress this week with the Rev. Harry A. Jones as the evangelist. Services are beginning nightly at 7:30 and will continue through Saturday, November 15. The pastor, the Rev. Melvin Everington, is assisting in the services and a nursery is provided for the small children. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the remainder of the meeting.

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**Eastern Conference Met At Camp Vandemere**



The Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met in its eightieth annual session at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursday, October 22, 23. Pictured above are the presiding officers for the session (left to right): The Rev. Carol B. Hansley, clerk; the Rev. Lloyd Vernon, acting moderator; and the Rev. Ronnie Parker, acting assistant moderator. The moderator, the Rev. Elbert E. Edwards, and the assisting moderator, the Rev. L. Linwood Parker, were ill and not able to preside at this session of the conference.



Pictured above is the newly constructed building at Camp Vandemere in which the conference was held. The picture shows the entrance of the building with a few of those attending entering or leaving the building.

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**The Boy and the Sled**

Erna Michaelis Engel

"Hurrah!" cried Johnnie in delight,
"It must have snowed all through the night!
No longer shall I stay in bed,
Today I'll try my brand new sled.

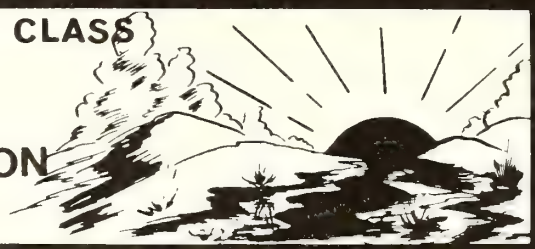
"Of course, we've had a little snow,
But not enough so we could go
A-sliding down that dandy hill
That's just in back of Grayson's mill.

"The boys that live next door to me
Found skates beneath their Christmas tree,
And say, those fellows sure are nice,
They've let me use them once or twice.

"I'll ask them now to come with me,
My sled is big enough for three;
I'll share them my pleasure now,
That's what we're here for anyhow."

—**God's Revivalist**

# ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS
# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



For November 23

## PLACING OTHERS BEFORE SELF

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 44:18-23, 30-34
**Memory Verse:** Philippians 2:3

### I. INTRODUCTION

One of the great changes in human life begins when we voluntarily put self behind and others out front. As long as we are living for self alone we remain selfish, mean, greedy, indifferent to the sufferings and needs of others, and dishonor our God who deplores such selfishness and self-centeredness.

When once we put self behind us and give more concern to others around us, we begin to witness unbelievable transformations in our lives. We share what we have without a thought of our personal desires and needs. We think less of our own comforts and become engrossed in the needs of our friends. We find more and more grace in our lives and come into the knowledge that we have more of God's approval than we have ever known.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The speech of Judah to Joseph which we study today is a lesson in humility and concern for others. At first glance one may say that he was trying to save himself, but a careful study of the lesson will show that he was more concerned about his father and his youngest brother than he was himself.

B. Have you ever noticed a very young baby? His whole world seems to center in himself. Soon he learns his mother, and that food is provided by her. Then, as he grows older, he gradually learns other members of the family. You see his concern for others become a measure of his maturity. Adults should have a healthy concern for all the people of the world. How mature are you?

C. The story is told that a college student once had a placard on the wall of his room with these letters J. O. Y. Someone asked him what these letters meant. His reply: Jesus first, others second, and yourself last. What a wonderful motto! Wouldn't the world be a much better place to live if more of us used this motto?

D. Judah proved his sincerity by being willing to become surety if Joseph would let Benjamin go. It is easy to profess faith in the Jesus Christ as Saviour. It is more difficult to prove our sincerity by our willingness to sacrifice for our convictions.

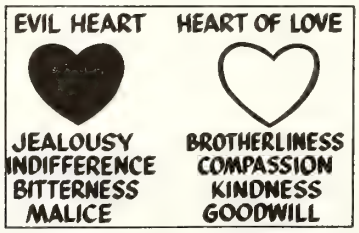
E. If Joseph had ever entertained the idea of vengeance toward his brothers, it was gone now. He had grown older and had many difficulties. Is it not true that age and difficulties gives one a different perspective on life?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We have commented on the great change in the heart of Judah. This is the clue to his changed conduct. There is no denying that his life **was** different, that it **had** changed from baseness to nobility.

In Proverbs 4:23 we read, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." We understand what is meant and agree that one needs to guard carefully the thoughts of his heart. But if one's heart is evil, he should not want to keep it; he needs to be rid of it. He needs to make Psalm 51:10 his prayer: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."




Is not the heart in the left of our picture representative of that of Judah at the first? Certainly it was a heart of **jealousy** that led to the ill-treatment of his brother. It was also a heart of cold **indifference.** When the brothers had sold Joseph, he pleaded with them, but by their own admission they did not respond to his anguish of soul (Genesis 42:21). **Bitterness** was also in this heart. Judah was conscious of his father's favoritism toward Joseph, and this made him bitter. More than this, there was **malice** in Judah's heart, and this led to the evil against Joseph, for malice can only lead to evil.

But look at the second picture. Does not this reveal the heart of Judah when he appeared before Joseph to make his plea for Benjamin? Gone is the **jealousy,** and it is replaced by **brotherliness.** Instead of cold **indifference** there is **compassion. Bitterness** has given way to **kindness.** And instead of **malice** there is now **goodwill.** Now Judah's heart could be called a heart of love.

It is good for us to be concerned about our hearts, for spiritual heart trouble is the most deadly kind. Thank God through Jesus the new life of love is possible if we desire it.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. In a small village in Denmark a fire broke out in one of the poorer residential areas. One man living in that area had found it quite difficult to make payments on his house and assist his family in their financial needs.

When he saw the flames a block or two from his neighborhood, he ran quickly the two blocks to assist in every possible way. Other volunteer workers were there, too. But in spite of all their tireless efforts the fire seemed to spread more quickly than they were able to control it.

As the man was beating the flames, a messenger came and told him that his own house was now on fire, suggesting that it would be better for him to leave this area and go to his own home.

The man asked, "Is my neighbor's house burning, too?"

"Yes," answered the messenger.

"Then I'd better go there," said the man. "My neighbor is poor and sick and unable to help himself. He will lose everything if I do not go to help him."

This man did not think of himself, his family, or his own belongings, but rather of the welfare of a poor, helpless neighbor.—**The Intermediate Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

C. Judah's concern for his father is one of the most touching aspects of Joseph's reunion with his brothers. Judah's earnest pleading stands in marked contrast to the selfishness and

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# STORIES for our youth



## INJURED SWAN

by Gladys L. Taylor

CAROL and Bill ran down to the pond to test the ice for skating party. The temperature had dropped to ten degrees above zero during the night. Clumps of marsh grass stuck up stiff and icy along the north bank. Bill saw something white in one of the clumps, and skated across the pond to investigate.

He called excitedly to his sister, "Carol, come see this. I believe it is a swan." As Carol came running, he added sadly, "But I think it is dead."

There was something red on the glossy, white feathers. Carol put her hand on the big bird's breast. She could feel a slight heartbeat.

"It is not dead, Bill," she said. "But this is blood. Maybe someone shot it, and it fell on the pond and got caught in the freeze. Will you get the hatchet so we can chop the ice around its feet?"

Carol and Bill carried the beautiful swan gently to the house. They set it in a pan of cool water to melt the ice and take the frost out of the black, webbed feet.

"Where did you get that swan?" their father asked. "I have not seen one of those around here for several years. That big fellow must have been flying south when someone took a shot at him."

He ran his hand over the snowy breast, feeling for shot. He examined the graceful neck. Carol and Bill watched with grave faces. They looked relieved when he said, "The wing is all that is hurt. Keep it warm, and when the wing heals it will be strong as ever."

The children put a chicken coop on the back porch, and brought hay to make a soft bed for the swan. They fed it kaffir and milo until their mother said it would surely burst if it ate another bite.

Mr. Swensen, a neighbor, came to visit. He looked at the big swan and said, "Are you fattening that giant for the main course of a feast?"

Carol looked at him with a horrified expression, "We would never eat our swan," she said.

"Well, let me have him," Mr. Swensen said. "I will."

"Mother," Carol asked later, "do you think Mr. Swensen would take our swan?"

"No, he was only teasing you," her mother assured her. "But what will you do with it? A big bird will not be happy sitting in a coop for long. It is used to flying long distances."

"You will not sell it to Mr. Swensen, will you, Mother?" Carol asked.

"Of course not, Carol," her mother answered. "It is not ours to sell."

"Do you know who owns our swan, Mother?"

"Yes, Carol, I do," her mother replied. "The swan is a wild creature. It belongs to God."

"Do you think we should let the swan go?" Carol asked.

"It could not fly now," Bill said. "It is too weak. It would probably die from cold and hunger."

The swan did not look happy crouched in the small coop. Carol asked her father if they could move it to the large pen so it could exercise in the chicken run with the wire over the top to keep the hawks out.

"Your swan will be safe there," he said. "It will have room to exercise, but I am not sure it will be happy. It may not like the idea of being penned."

"We want to help it get well and strong," Carol answered.

One day Bill was looking through a magazine. He saw a picture of an airplane. Beneath it in large letters was: "Fly south for the winter." He showed it to Carol. "That is what our swan was trying to do when someone shot it," he said. "But maybe it can fly north for the summer."

"Sure, that is right," Carol said. "Mother, could we set our swan free in the spring with its flock when they fly back north?"

"You could try," their mother answered. "I am not sure what it would do. Its pattern of life has been upset. You and Bill would have to spend a lot of time watching for the flock. Are you willing to do that?"

"Sure," they answered in unison.

"We want it to get back with its flock," Carol said. "It is like the lost sheep that Jesus told about. Ninety-nine were safe He said, but one was lost. Jesus said the shepherd should find that one and return it to the flock. Our swan is lost. We want to return it to its flock."

"You are right, Carol," their mother said. "Jesus told that story to show us that each person is important to God. He loves each one of us. He watches over us, and will help us if we will trust Him the way the sheep trust the shepherd."

As soon as the weather began to get warm, Carol and Bill watched for the flock to return. After many weeks of scanning the sky, one evening they heard the whirring of strong wings overhead.

They hurried to get their swan and set it on the pond. They hid in the marsh grass to watch. Soon it was mingling with the flock. They could not tell it from the others.

"Our swan will soon be gone," Carol said sadly. "I will miss it."

"I will, too," Bill said. "Maybe the flock will fly over our farm next spring. I hope it will remember us."

While the children watched, the flock rose from the pond and flew to the north in a long V-shaped formation.

"Our swan is one of God's wild creatures," Carol said. "It is meant to be free."—Selected

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## VICTORY MISSION HOMECOMING

On Sunday, October 19, the Victory Free Will Baptist Mission at Hope Mills observed its homecoming. On this occasion the mission's new pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald, and his family were present and Mr. Gerald assumed his first official duty as pastor and director of the mission.



Pictured above is the Victory mission's new pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald; his wife, Sylvia; their children, Judy, age 9, and Eugene, age 4. Jennifer, their baby, is not in the picture.

Mr. Ronnie Hall, a licensed minister from Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, was present with the church's youth choir. Mr. Hall has been supplying for the mission while it has been without a pastor. He did a very good job and is now available for supply work in other churches. His address is 422 Barbour Street, Clayton, North Carolina 27520.



Above is Mrs. Edna Fowler and her Sunday school class of the mission presenting to Director Taylor Hill the class offering of $1.25 to be applied on home missions, along with two small articles for his office. Looking on are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hall.

The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, the Catalpa mission, and other community people took part in the occasion. It was considered a great day by everyone. The Victory mission is already paying on a building site and expects to be in a building program by next spring.

The Rev. Joe Gerald's address is 6143 Lexington Drive, Hope Mills, North Carolina 28348.

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## REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS FISCAL YEAR
(1974—1975)

The Home Mission Board of Directors met five times during the fiscal year (1974—1975) and conducted the following business:

A soul-winning and church government seminar was held at the Eastwood church Fayetteville, and was considered to be very beneficial. The Rev. Harry A. Jones was accepted to do voluntary work for the board by presenting the home missions program to churches upon invitation. The Rev. Jack Mayo was elected to examine the books of the home missions department which were found to be in order and balanced. Also the process of being incorporated has been completed.

New missionaries that have been taken into the program are as follows: The Revs. Lewis Sprouse, Bladenboro; Dale Albertson, Black Creek; Johnnie Sexton, Plymouth; and, Joe Gerald, Weldon. Also the Rev. Howard Scott and Deborah Pittman have been accepted to do youth evangelism work.

New missions points taken into the program have been the one near Wilson, the one at Lumberton, the one near Edenton, the one near New Bern, and the Roanoke Rapids Free Will Baptist Church.

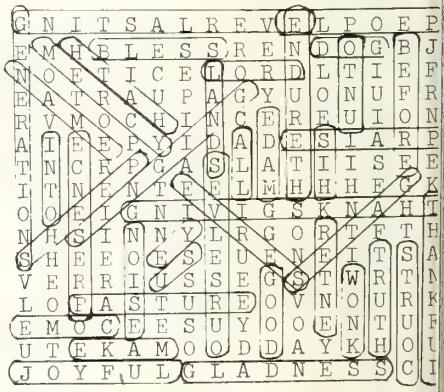
Currently we are committed to a total of eleven mission points with approximately 300 members and approximately 100 new converts. The missions are located in the following areas: Hope Mill, under the direction of Joe Gerald; Henderson, under the direction of Stanley Slaughter; West Hillsborough, under the direction of Grayson Spencer; Charlotte, under the direction of Wayne Watson; Fayetteville, under the direction of Alton Howard; Leland, under the direction of O. B. Everett; Lumberton, under the direction of Lewis Sprouse; Wilson, under the direction of Dale Albertson; Edenton, under the direction of Johnnie Sexton; New Bern, incomplete at this time; and, Roanoke Rapids, under the direction of Winford Brickhouse.

We are indeed thankful for all the prayers, voluntary help, and financial support we have received; however, we continue to be hard pressed for funds. We beg your prayers and generous support as we seek to grow and evangelize. Our budget for this fiscal year is set at $80,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Noah Brown, Board Chairman
Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer
Ray Wells
Grayson Spencer
Jack Mayo

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## BIBLE PUZZLE
**Psalm 100**
by
Mrs. Royce Matthews



In the Bible Puzzle above (Psalm 100) the list of words given in last week's issue of the "Baptist" has been circled for you. Were you able to locate all of them? If you were, the letters not circled will spell out a message to sing about: "Rejoice, lift up your voice in praise; the King of the universe loves you today."

# CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

**Black Mountain, North Carolina**

### FINAL GLORIOUS WEEKS

The time has come for a final news report on the season of 1975 at Cragmont Assembly.

During the final weeks we had some wonderful weekend groups from churches, along with several families and individual guests. For all of us the fellowship was great. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were formed.

It was not an easy time for those of us who were doing the work. Mrs. Tripp, our fine dietician-cook, was taken ill around three weeks before the end of the season, and had to return to her home in Winterville. This left only three of us. But we found wonderful volunteer helpers among those who came with the church groups, and everything went along better than we had feared. The church groups numbered between thirty and seventy-five people of varying ages, who came on Friday and stayed until after Sunday school and worship services on Sunday. The final three weekend groups were from Friendship church near Farmville, Spring Branch church near Walstonburg, and Little Rock church at Lucama. In each case the groups were accompanied by their pastors, with whom we enjoyed sweet fellowship and had some interesting discussions of denominational affairs. When preachers get together —that's another story!

Our son Beverly is due the principle credit for one of the final projects of the year. Assisted by one of our nephews and a friend from Marion, Beverly fenced in the property at all points where intruding cars could enter in front and to the rear of all the buildings, and cleared out much of the underbrush to give our caretaker a better view of the roads and buildings from his home across the road from the "main building." The fence in front is a rustic combination of poles and wire, and some have said that it not only protects but adds to the beauty of the campus. The rear fence is of heavy barbed wire.

Financially the year would show up very well if we had not spent so much for improvements and equipment out of funds received from operations. But these things seemed necessary for the well-being and protection of the property. Despite all the extra spending, our financial report will show that we managed to stay out of the red.

We want to thank all those who have helped to make our year at Cragmont a good one.

L. E. and Gertrude Ballard
Comanagers

### CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1975

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, P. O. Box 298, Oriental, North Carolina 28571, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of October, 1975:

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| Brought Forward October 1, 1975 | | $12,033.76 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $ 1,013.50 | |
| Sunday Schools | 157.59 | |
| Auxiliaries | 100.00 | |
| YFAs | 150.00 | |
| Union Meetings | 32.97 | |
| Sunday School Conventions | 102.68 | |
| Interest Accrued on Savings Accounts | 59.14 | |
| Total Receipts | | 1,615.88 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 13,649.64 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Operational Expenses | $ 60.00 | |
| Burress Insurance Agency | 178.50 | |
| Transfer to Renovation of "Main Building" Savings | 100.00 | |
| Interest Credited to Savings Accounts | 59.14 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 397.64 |
| Balance on Hand November 1, 1975 | | $13,252.00 |
| **Earmarked Funds** | | |
| Kitchen-Dining Hall | | $ 2,536.67 |
| Renovation of "Main Building" (Savings) | | 4,147.22 |
| Chapel (Savings) | | 3,257.32 |
| Swimming Pool (Savings) | | 302.23 |
| General Fund | | 10,715.33 |
| Total Earmarked Funds | | $20,958.77 |

## Churches and Ministers

When the church moves, sinners move. When the preacher moves, the church moves.

Evangelist Arnold Woodlief needs to be on the field engaged in evangelist work. His desire is to fill a schedule with revivals. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida; or telephoning (904) 482-4659.

## Sunday School Lesson

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unconcern so evident in present-day society.

H. G. Wells told about a friend who reportedly said, "I don't care. The world may be going to pieces. The stone age may be returning. I'm sorry, but I have other engagements and cannot become involved. I am going to play croquet at half-past twelve."

Life makes many demands on the Christian, but he must not be so busy that he is unmoved by human needs. Concern for other people must be the special mark of Christ's follower.

How typical this is of so many of us! There may be needs, opportunities to help, and chances to witness for Christ in a meaningful way, but we have more important things to do. Sometimes these things are "religious activities."—Selected

## Family Fireside

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A WAY TO ESCAPE

A little boy straddled a fence beneath an apple tree, looking up longingly.

A farmer, seeing him, came running and said, "Trying to steal my apples, are you?"

Trembling with fright, the boy said, "No sir! I'm trying not to."—Alice M. Knight

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Life is filled with temptations. Many of us are on the fence wondering which way to go. We know right from wrong, but wrong is so tempting!*

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YOUR PASTOR: LET HIM KNOW THAT YOU APPRECIATE HIM

## YOUR PASTOR: LET HIM KNOW THAT YOU APPRECIATE HIM

Sometimes he's hung on a tree; sometimes he's fried for dinner; sometimes he's stewed for supper; sometimes he's hashed up for between meal treats; and sometimes he's totally ignored. But, on rare occasions, a figurative crown is placed on his head and he is given the accolades due him. We are speaking of your pastor.

All too often he is lambasted and bombarded with criticisms because his parishioners expect him to be something other than human; and lest we step out of line, let us hasten here to admit that because of his higher calling he should be a "rung" above the rest of us; but he *isn't* God, and is certainly not infallible. Therefore, allow him mistakes and afford him forgiveness; and rather than chew him up and spit him out, voice his praise when such is due—and don't wait for the flower-bedecked casket to be rolled in before you do it!

The Christian ministry is the highest and noblest of human endeavors. It requires a diligence like no other profession—if it is followed in the proper manner. (We use the term "profession" for want of a better word.) We really do not approve of *professional* preachers; we prefer God-called, God-directed, God-led, God-fearing, and God-blessed ones. And, believe it or not, we know quite a few who have dedicated themselves so much to their calling that they take little time for self or family—and this is done willingly without a feeling of self-deprivation.

Is it not fortunate in this world of glory-seeking evangelists and TV comers-on-strong that there exist in little remote towns, communities, and cities, geniune proclaimers of the gospel who promote the good news, not for self-praise, but for the edification of the masses and the worship of the Holy Father? Mind you, we are not condemning the TV "pastors" who, admittedly, touch many souls with messages which otherwise, might not be heard; but we cannot help but believe that many of them are on never-ending ego trips, until they "come on strong" a la Hollywood style rather than with the meekness and humility of the ones chosen of God to deliver a needed message to a sick and dying world!

Why is it that the small town, sincere, gathering-the-flock type minister is so frequently overlooked? Could it be that only those who seek glory receive recognition? If so, it is sad indeed. While it is true that the most wonderful, most appreciated, and grandest applause comes from above, parishioners need from time to time to let their pastor know that they are grateful for his often sacrificed living, his consecration, and his "doing unto the least."

It was rewarding to learn that one of our churches (though not of the "crossroads" type) did, just recently, manifest deep appreciation in honoring their pastor and his wife for their tireless and unbelievably numerous denominational and local activities. Attesting to personal proficiency, but more importantly, dedication to the heavenly Father, the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Glenn were shown to be examples of a genuine pastor and wife team in contrast to the Hollywood star and starlet of some TV programs. Mind you: Again, we are *not* condemning TV ministries; we just feel that sometimes they are overdone and overreacted to. Usually each movement of the singers and the minister himself is choreographed for effect; and however heartful somehow too much of it (at least) seems out of place .... Enough of that.

Our point is this (however meagerly we have made it): Dear people, if your pastor is a bona fide shepherd of his flock and is diligent in the vineyard of the Lord, let him know while he can still taste the sweetness of the grapes. If he proclaims the Word and is instant in season and out of season, give him those proverbial bouquets while he can smell the flowers. In short, let him and his wife know that you love and appreciate them for what they are doing for the Lord and for you.

And for goodness sake, remember that humanness does not cease when one is ordained "Reverend." If anything, the heart feels more deeply than ever when that title is affixed to one's name. God bless you, dear minister friends!

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Seventeen)
by Loy Everette Ballard

## HERE AND THERE IN THE EARLY FORTIES

I returned to Greenville in Eastern North Carolina the week before Christmas in December, 1939, and the following Sunday I became pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville for the second time. I missed a good many of those with whom I had been associated during my first pastorate in the 1920s. Some of the older members had passed away, and some others had moved away. Also some disturbances had caused a few to withdraw. However, some new ones had come in, but the membership was not quite as large as it had been during my former pastorate. I was well received with some of the members seemingly feeling that I might heal some of the wounds and get the church more together. I fear that in this they were in a measure disappointed, because some of the differences persisted and contributed to a split in the church a few years later. The unsettled feelings over the relationship with a former pastor were destined to affect my ministry to the church, and in fact, shorten it. I was never personally involved in the controversy, and maintained a friendly relationship with all parties. I was treated well, and have never considered my brief second pastorate at Greenville a failure.

Early in the year, 1940, I presented myself to the ministerial council of the Central Conference for reinstatement as a minister of the conference. There were some questions raised regarding my standing in the Western part of the state, because of the deflection described in a former article. But a letter from the Rev. B. E. Guthrie, then moderator of the French Broad Association, assured the brethren that I had been fully restored as a member of that association, and, in fact, had served as clerk of the association for the 1939 session. I was then readily endorsed as a minister, and that fall I joined the Central Conference. I finished out the conference year, 1939-40, as pastor of the Greenville church, and was elected for a full-year term to begin in July, 1940. Things seemed to be going along real well for a few months. Then a movement was started by special friends of the pastor I had succeeded for him to be recalled for the following year, some frankly stating that they were desiring a recall because they felt he had been mistreated, and that it did not mean that they were against me. However, the campaign brought most everything to a standstill, and I began to consider seriously some contacts which had been made toward pastoring other churches. As the time for the election of a pastor came, I asked that my name not be considered. However, some insisted in nominating me, and so the vote was taken between myself and the former pastor, despite my objections. It resulted in the former pastor being given a recall by a majority of two votes. He was notified of the recall, but immediately rejected it. Then the leaders of his group came to see me, offering to join the others in a recall for me, but I had already committed myself to take the Wilson church; and, after praying earnestly about it, I declined to be considered further. Thus, a pulpit committee was appointed to secure another pastor for the Greenville church.

From July of 1941 until July of 1943, I was pastor of Wilson, Winterville, and Wintergreen churches, preaching on first and third Sundays at Wilson, second Sundays at Winterville, and fourth Sundays at Wintergreen. I was the first two-Sunday-a-month pastor of the Wilson church. When I proposed to take the church for two Sundays, I was told by several that it was all the church could do to raise $30 per month to pay for one Sunday. I proposed to take the offerings on the additional Sundays. The late D. B. Sasser and a few other daring souls took sides with me and expressed the faith that it could be done. Within two months, the offerings on the additional Sunday reached the amount set for the salary for one month, and the people readily agreed to set the regular salary at $60 per month.

During these years, I got out a little mimeographed monthly paper for the three churches, many copies of which have been preserved; therefore, I have more information about these pastorates than I can use in these brief sketches. I will never forget the Sunday when news of Pearl Harbor reached Wilson. We heard the news while eating lunch at the home of one of the members. Now the Wilson church had a good number of patriotic people among its members, and that evening I preached to a mad congregation! I don't think much attention was paid to the sermon. The younger men were talking about joining the army, and many of the older men were wishing they could take off a few years and go along with them. That was the day America awoke from slumber and patriotism had a new birth.

During my pastorate at Wilson, a new roof was put on the church building and the interior was replastered. At both Winterville and Wintergreen churches we had two good revivals resulting in quite a number of new members. The Sunday schools in all three of the churches were improved, and the young people received increasing encouragement from the adults. We had very good Free Will Baptist leagues in all the churches.

Various minutes and clippings in our collection show that considerable progress was made during these years throughout the denomination. In July of 1940, a National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was organized and a "Standard of Efficiency" was adopted, which served for several years as a guide for Sunday school workers throughout the denomination. This year also saw the organization of the first State Sunday School Convention in the denomination—the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention—which has pursued an ever-enlarging program of Sunday school

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# "APPRECIATION DAY" HELD FOR THE REV. AND MRS. EARL GLENN

by Mrs. Gertha Benton

THE membership of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, observed "Appreciation Day," Sunday, November 9, for the pastor, the Rev. Earl Glenn, and his wife, Marie. It was a momentous occasion which will be long remembered by the Glenns and those in attendance.

Before the eleven o'clock morning worship service, Mr. Glenn had obviously noticed that many visitors were present—friends and acquaintances who were normally in their own churches on Sunday morning. Not quite certain as to what was in the making, he nonetheless knew that it was unusual to have this number of visitors present at the Goldsboro church, especially since the majority of them were personal friends from previous pastorates. Still, he did not know what to expect.

When Wilbur Shirley, chairman of the deacon board, declined to take his place in the choir but asked instead to be given time to make an announcement, Mr. Glenn felt a little baffled. Still not knowing what was going on, Mr. Glenn led in the traditional opening ceremonies of the service, led the opening hymn and responsive reading, and then stepped aside to permit Mr. Shirley to make his announcement.



*The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Glenn are pictured during the fellowship hour honoring them.*

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn were asked to stand together in front of the congregation, whereupon Mr. Shirley proclaimed this "Appreciation Day for the Rev. Earl and Mrs. Marie Glenn." Flowers were presented to the surprised couple, and they were told that they were excused from all their usual duties for the day.

This event coming as such a surprise, Mr. Glenn wondered aloud who was going to "preach." His uncertainty was short-lived, but his bewilderment was intensified as the Rev. Walter Reynolds, a former pastor of the Goldsboro church and close friend of the Glenns, entered



*Gifts of appreciation for the happy pastor and his wife.*

the pulpit to deliver the morning message.

The following proclamation, written by Gertha Benton, was read by Mr. Shirley as a tribute to the Glenns and in appreciation for their service to the Lord through the ministry of the Goldsboro church:

"We are having a steady increase in church membership. Our attendance at all services is at an all-time high. The receipts of tithes and offerings are more than enough to take care of our financial obligations. There exists a spirit of love and harmony among our church. Family. A dedicated and consecrated pastor with the very able support of his wife has to a great degree caused this to be. For this reason, we are designating today as the 'Rev. Earl and Marie Glenn Appreciation Day.'

"Mr. Glenn is the son of Mrs. Co Glenn of Durham and the late Edwar Glenn. He met Miriam Marie Gilbert o Cordova, Alabama, while they were bot students at the Free Will Baptist Bibl



*Enjoying refreshments with friends.*

College in Nashville, Tennessee. On Ma 28, 1948, they were married at Eas Nashville Free Will Baptist Church. M Glenn continued his education at Duk University, and while they were Durham, Marie worked as a secretary i the treasurer's office at Duke.

"After graduating from Duke, M Glenn served as pastor to two churches Tippett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Churc in Clayton and the First Free Will Baptis Church of Smithfield. Later they move to Smithfield where he served the churc there as the first full-time pastor. 1954, the Glenns accepted the call t pastor the First Free Will Baptist Churc in Wilson. They worked there until 196 when they moved to New Bern to serve i the pastorate of Saint Mary's church fo eight years.

"In June of 1970, Mr. Glenn and hi family accepted the invitation from ou church to come and be our parsonag family. The entire family has been a jo and blessing to our church and com munity.

"Earl and Marie Glenn are a coupl

with many and varied talents. They are consecrated and dedicated to the service of the Lord. Mr. Glenn is a pastor to be appreciated, because he is constant in preaching God's Word. His sermons are always an inspiration, challenging us to a deeper spiritual life. By teaching and example he urges us to accept the spiritual blessings that are justly ours. Mr. Glenn has contributed much to the Free Will Baptist denomination. He and his wife are both writers of literature for the Free Will Baptist Press. He has served on the State Mission Board, and is presently serving as vice-president of the State Convention.

"Both Earl and Marie are an asset to the music ministry of the church. Mr. Glenn only has to pause in singing with the congregation for you to realize how much his voice lends to the music. Mrs. Glenn directs the chancel choir, the men's choir, and the youth choir. She is active in the woman's auxiliary, a youth sponsor, has taught a Sunday school class, and is church secretary. In addition to all these activities, she holds the position of registrar at Mount Olive College. There is a degree of excellence in the performance of all things attempted by her. According to the choir members, she likes to bring out the best in those with whom she works.

"Earl and Marie have three daughters. Linda, the oldest, was born in Durham on March 8, 1950. She presently lives in the Philippines with her husband, Jim Murray. Holly was born in Wilson on April 12, 1955. She presently attends East Carolina University, where she is a junior majoring in psychology. Jan was born in Wilson on December 11, 1956. She presently attends Mount Olive College. Her major will be in special education for the deaf and dumb.

"For all the things that you, Marie and Earl Glenn, are doing in the service to the Lord and in our church, we express our appreciation by setting aside this day to tell you that we do love and appreciate you."

At the noon hour, guests and local members enjoyed a time of fellowship in the educational building, as they were served a bountiful meal. Remarks of thanks were made by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn.

Those who visited in the home of the pastor were served an evening meal by women of the church. An unusually large number was in attendance for the evening service, which was conducted by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, in accord with the "promise" that Mr. Glenn's duties of the day had been dismissed. Gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn during a social hour following the evening service. This event honoring them was much appreciated by the Glenns, as was evidenced by their smiles and oral expressions of gratitude.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### The Rev. Willard L. Poythress

The Rev. Willard L. Poythress, affectionately called by many "Preacher Poythress," went home to be with his Maker July 10, 1975. His passing, after a long period of illness, left us all with a keen sense of personal loss.

"Preacher Poythress" was a quiet, easy-going man who greeted people with a smile and a kind word. His desire to serve the Lord was manifested by his presence in every service possible as long as he was physically able to attend.

A heart condition left him with little strength; however, on visitation night he was willing to serve in whatever capacity he could in order that his witness could remain effective for the glory of God.

Our church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, was rich for having had him as one of us. Though he is gone, the memory of his ministry with us will continue to remind us that a good man of God walked among us.

May God bless his wife and family.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wray Tomlinson, Secretary
First Church, Wilson

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## IN MEMORY OF AL WHEELER

### (Our Boss)

There was a place in life he filled
That is vacant, empty, and still.
He is greatly missed at Wheeler's Grill,
Where his memory lingers still.

Al was so full of energy and joy;
He lived a life so full and free.
Then came the fatal accident
Which took him away from you and me.

He was known to all as an easy-going man,
And the very nicest boss;
But his tragic death was such a shock,
We cannot believe our awful loss.

May God bless his family, they miss him too.
It was such a tragic thing for them to go through.
But thanks to God someday they may see
Him face to face in eternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ora Barnhill
Wilson, N. C.


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# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## NOTICE FOR THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE CHURCHES

During the one hundred nineteenth session of the Cape Fear Conference, which was held in November of 1973, the conference passed a resolution to raise $20,000 towards the renovation of the Albemarle Cottage. It was understood by those present that this goal would be reached in the years 1974 and 1975.

Listed below are the names of the churches and the amounts that they contributed during 1974 and up to September 30, 1975.

| Churches | 1974 | 1975 | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel | $ 450.85 | $ 525.15 | $ 976.00 |
| Eastwood | 200.00 | 20.00 | 220.00 |
| Faith | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Goldsboro, First | 350.00 | | 350.00 |
| Hopewell | 1,587.95 | | 1,587.95 |
| Johnston Union | 220.00 | | 220.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 3,055.00 | 750.00 | 3,805.00 |
| Oak Grove | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Palmer Memorial | 251.29 | | 251.29 |
| Pleasant Grove | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Powhatan | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Riverside | 200.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 |
| Robert's Grove | 749.95 | 450.00 | 1,199.95 |
| St. Paul | 200.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 |
| Shady Grove | | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Smyrna | 480.00 | 200.00 | 680.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 200.00 | 838.72 | 1,038.72 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 132.25 | 75.00 | 207.25 |
| Yelverton's Grove | 200.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Cape Fear Union | 192.92 | | 192.92 |
| Cape Fear Youth Fellowship | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| | $10,170.21 | $5,358.87 | $15,529.08 |

The renovation of the Albemarle I Cottage and the construction of the State Cottage has been completed since the fall of 1974. Even though the work is completed, it has not been paid for. We presently owe a $20,000 note for these 1974 work projects. We need each church's full support in order that we might pay off this debt. Please do your share and help your Children's Home. Is it possible for you to reach your $20,000 goal before the end of 1975? I think so, don't you?

(**Note:** Any church in the Cape Fear Conference not listed above has not contributed to this building fund during 1974 and 1975.)

## GOSPEL SING

On Friday, November 21, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home will sponsor a "Gospel Sing" in the Fike High School Auditorium at Wilson, from 7:30 p. m. to 11 p. m. All proceeds will go to the Children's Home.

Following is a list of the singing groups participating in this program: Cathedral Quartet, Jerry and the Singing Goffs, The Singing Ormonds, The Redeemers, The Steeplaires, and Memorial Chapel Quartet.

## NOTICE!

As many of you are aware, construction is being done on the road that leads to the Children's Home from Highway 264. However, there is a good possibility that this road will be opened for traffic on Saturday, November 22, which is the date of our Thanksgiving services here at the Children's Home. Go down Highway 264 until you reach the Children's Home sign; turn onto the road and if you do **not** see a detour sign, stay on that road and it will bring you straight to the Home. If the detour sign is there, you will have to follow the detour markers to get to the Children's Home. The opening or closing of this road is contingent upon the weather.

## NEW CHILDREN



We have two new children with us now. They are Todd and Travis Crawford. Todd is 10 years old and in the fifth grade at school. Travis is 8 years old and in the third grade. Both are now living in Smith Cottage with the Rev. and Mrs. Thick who are houseparents for that cottage. The boys seem to be happy to be here and we are very happy to have them.

## NEEDED ITEMS

Presently, we are running short on linens. We are in need of both fitted and flat sheets for single beds, bath towels, dish towels, and dish cloths. We have an adequate supply of pillow cases and wash cloths. We also need blankets for single beds and suitcases for the children's weekend visits. We usually get the cloth, weekend-size suitcases. Additionally, we need two vacuum cleaners and electric steam irons.

These are just some of the needs here at the Home and if you would like to help we would certainly appreciate it.

**Question:** When praying should we address our prayers to Jesus only?

**Answer:** There is a religious group who thus address their prayers that do not seem to think of God as the Triune God we regard Him as being. They say that Jesus is the only God the Christian knows, only one person is to be worshiped, and those who worship the Trinity are idolatrous. These often call themselves "the Jesus only" church.

We have not so learned our God whom to us is one being and one God, but consists in three distinct persons and has manifested Himself in this way in the Scriptures.

God the Father was revealed to the Old Testament saints in a way that taught the Jewish saints to honor, respect, and worship one God in contrast to the practice of heathens who worshiped a multiplicity of deities. They were commanded: " . . . I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, . . ." (Exodus 20:5). The scribe told Jesus, ". . . there is one God; and there is none other but he" (Mark 12:32).

The zealous Jews were so well sold on that fact that they failed like the "Jesus only" religionists and did not see fit to worship the Triune God the Scriptures reveal to us. Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). Not only were and are the Father and Son, but Jesus is introducing the third person of the blessed Trinity: " . . . I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16, 17); " . . . when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

The general way for a Christian to pray is by addressing the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, remembering that the blessed Holy Spirit is in him to help him, guiding him as he prays: ". . . they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. . . . The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. . . . Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:5, 16, 17, 26, 27).

Jesus said, " . . . whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13, 14). James, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:5-7).

George H. Sandison in answering a similar question says in **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"One of the very greatest arguments for the deity of Jesus is that he allowed people to kneel and worship him. The apostles were horrified when dwellers in pagan cities attempted to worship them, and even the angel who talked with John refused to be worshiped. 'See thou do it not,' he said. But Jesus accepted worship as his due. He forgave the sins of the man sick with palsy (Matthew 9:2), and of the woman who came to anoint his feet (Luke 7:48). Others objected to his exercise of this power, but he would not retract. One of the earliest historical characterizations of Christians was that 'they offered prayers to Christ as God.' This has been done all through the history of Christianity. And the results prove that it is a right thing to do. People ask Jesus for forgiveness and help and receive what they ask for. That was the simple prayer which changed the life of S. H. Hadley; 'Lord Jesus, can you help me?' 'I and my Father are one,' Jesus said. The form of address makes no difference. The ordinary form is to address the Father in Jesus' name; but it is helpful rather than otherwise to vary this form occasionally with a direct address in Christ."




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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### MY PRAYER

Touch my heart, oh Lord. Make it tender to the needs of others. Break it when I see my unsaved brothers. Let it sing when one is saved.

Let it feel warmth for my enemy and greater love for a friend.

Let my heart grow with your love and shine with the hope of heaven.

Touch my heart and let me know I am close to thee. Give me peace and happiness.

Touch my heart and make it glow with Christian love. Amen.

—Linda Craft

# The Unmitigated




by the Rev. R. P. Harris

Scriptural Basis: " . . . according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

### THE NECESSITY OF REGENERATION

Regeneration or the new birth is an absolute requirement. There is no way a person can go to heaven without it. I know there are people who feel that because God is good and in Him there is no evil, He will overlook the many imprudent practices and indiscreet actions committed by them and take them to heaven nevertheless. I might add, the only way God will not see our shortcomings and sinful acts is when they are put under the blood of Christ and we are born again; when there is nothing left in our lives, in the sight of God, that is wrong in anyway. When God sees us through the blood of Christ, He sees nothing but good—we are absolutely perfect in Christ.

The necessity of regeneration is revealed by Paul in Romans 7:18, ". . . I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." It is impossible for those in the flesh to please God. This, of course, means that without the spiritual man indwelling the physical, there is no way for man to receive directions from God. The **new man** is needed for God to draw us to Himself; and if the **old man** is still in control, there is nothing that can be done to draw him to God. What a revelation! Praise God!

The new birth means that we are newborn babes in Christ, and after a normal time elapses, we will grow up to be men of God, full of faith and spiritual power. Our Lord tells us in John 3:7, in no uncertain terms, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Our Lord demands it and we have no right to question Him further. This authority of Christ is to be respected and honored. We are not to doubt His authority because He is all we have. Jesus Christ offered Himself once and for all, and that one act of His is all we need. He will never make another sacrifice for us. **This is it!**

It will be prudent for us to cease trying to find another way to heaven. There is no other religion, doctrine, or belief worthy of our time to explore, test, or prove. We need to settle down in service to Christ by serving mankind in all the acts of service noted in God's Holy Word.

Regeneration is necessary for us to enter heaven. This is the idea involving all of our religious doings. If our religious doings are not taking us to heaven, there is something wrong. After all, if we are not candidates for heaven, there is no point in our being religious at all. You might as well be a candidate for hell because that is where you are going. The devil is your god and he will accompany you right on into eternal torment.

The Holy Bible declares, ". . . there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh adomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). Then why will men die? Why will they continue to take chances and gamble with their chances of eternal life? They need the good news and this gospel is being declared, but men will not listen. They are stubborn and faithless. God help us to witness, pray, and live right and perhaps some will see the light in us and come to glorify God because that light in us became a witness!

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# PSALM ? ? ?

by

**Mrs. C. D. Clark**
**Greenville, N. C.**

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By beginning at a certain place in the block of letters above and continuing from letter to letter until you come to the word "end," near the center of the block, you will have read an entire psalm and will know what psalm it is. These letters which spell the word "end" are the only letters in the puzzle that are not contained in the psalm. Good luck!



# Our Church Auxiliaries

## ST. MARY'S W. A. OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, installed its new officers for the year in a recent evening worship service. The church secretary, Mrs. Alice Holton, served as installation officer and gave to each officer her challenge. Each officer was presented a small living plant of ivy entwined around a blue carnation to symbolize that she is to live and grow for Christ.



The following were installed: Mrs. Grace Jones, president; Mrs. Janice Mann, vice-president; Mrs. Juanita Rowe, secretary; Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Corine Lee, treasurer; Mrs. Jean Burroughs and Mrs. Ruby Hancock, program-prayer chairmen, Mrs. Versie Baldree, mission chairman; Mrs. Hardy Hancock, study course chairman; Mrs. Bonnie Broome, Children's Home chairman; Mrs. Grace Griffin and Mrs. Janice Gaskins, benevolence chairmen; Mrs. Carol Leech, youth chairman; Mrs. Helen Wilson and Mrs. Louise Ipock, AFC leaders; Mrs. Brenda Lewis, YFA leader; and, Mrs. Mabel Burroughs, Cherubs leader.

At the close of the service, the officers put the bouquet together to remind them of the beauty of a life lived for Christ. Mrs. Janeth Hopewell sang "Speak to Me Lord" as the dedication hymn. The Rev. Rod Jones, pastor, prayed the benediction.

## DURHAM PRE-THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham will observe the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer Monday through Wednesday nights, November 24-26, at 7:30 nightly.

The program has been well planned around Thanksgiving for the past, present, and future. Special speakers for the three nights will be as follows: on Monday night, the pastor, the Rev. M. E. Cox; Tuesday night, the Rev. James R. Byrd; Wednesday night, Mr. Sam Weeks of the Children's Home in Middlesex. Since November is Children's Home month, all offerings received during the three nights will be given to the Children's Home.

On Wednesday night, Children's Home night, the woman's auxiliaries of the Piedmont District will be joining the First church for the program and services. Immediately following the Wednesday night service, there will be a fellowship hour in order that more people become acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Weeks and some of the children from the Home that will be present. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Special music will include the Children's Church Choir on Monday night, AFC and YFA Choir on Tuesday night, and the Griffin Family on Wednesday night. Other special singers will be on the program each night.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Maxine Cox, **President**
Mrs. Charlotte Griffin,
**Program-Prayer Chairman**

## NOTICE TO ALL CHURCHES OF THE PIEDMONT DISTRICT

At the Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary Convention on October 25, the ladies decided to join with First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham for the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer services. Mr. Sam Weeks of the Children's Home will be present on Wednesday night. All churches, whether part of the auxiliary work or not, are asked to send at least one or more on this Wednesday night for the program, along with a contribution for the supplying of the kitchens of the cottages with the small items that the budget cannot afford at this time. **All churches are asked to send a donation**. No amount was set as some churches can do more than others. **Please send this to your district treasurer by November 24** (or bring it with you on Wednesday night, November 26). Mail all checks to Mrs. Maxine Cox, Treasurer, Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary, 421 Idlewood Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

Mrs. Weeks will also be with Mr. Weeks on Wednesday night. She is the State Children's Home Chairman of the State Woman's Auxiliary. Some of the children will be with them for this service.

If you cannot attend, pray that God's blessings will fall upon the services and that much can be accomplished for our Children's Home with His help.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) Charlotte Griffin
President, Piedmont District
Woman's Auxiliary

## Churches and Ministers Available

The Rev. Robert L. Langley announces that he has resigned the pastorate of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Four Oaks, in the Cape Fear Conference. He is now available for part-time or full-time pastoral services. He is a member of the Western Conference in good standing. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; or telephoning 284-4178.

When the church moves, sinners move. When the preacher moves, the church moves.

Evangelist Arnold Woodlief needs to be on the field engaged in evangelist work. His desire is to fill a schedule with revivals. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida; or telephoning (904) 482-4659.

# News and Notes

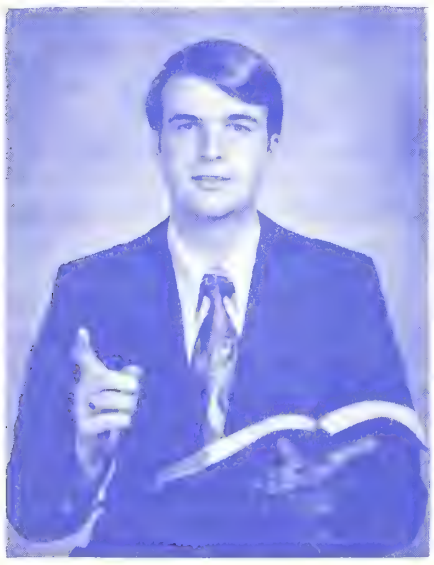
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### Central Youth Fellowship At Bethany Church

The Central District Youth Fellowship will meet Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p. m., with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church located five miles west of Winterville on rural road 1115.

The young people of the district are invited to attend and share in the fellowship and spiritual enrichment as the youth strive to serve the Lord in service and love. Visitors are also welcome to come and share the blessings.

### Weekend Revival at Jackson Heights Church



The Rev. Phil Hoskins, a dynamic young man of God from Kingsport, Tennessee, will be guest speaker at a weekend youth revival which will be held at Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, 2916 Camellia Street, Kinston, November 21 through 23.

Services will begin Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30, and on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. There will be special music each service and a special "Lift Off for Jesus" program is planned for Sunday afternoon.

The pastor, the Rev. Everette V. Harper; the youth directors; and, the youth of Jackson Heights extend to you a personal invitation to attend.

### Historical Society to Meet At Mount Olive College

The Free Will Baptist Historical Society will have its annual meeting on November 25, at Mount Olive College. The meeting will begin by joining in the College Founders' Day Convocation in Rodgers Chapel at 11 a. m. Following this, will be the dedication of the Free Will Baptist Historical room in the Moye Library in honor of the late Mr. Bonner Sawyer and other alumni of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College.

At 12:30 p. m. the society will have a luncheon in the Olive Room with Mrs. Bonner Sawyer as guest of honor. Also, there will be an address by the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry on "Doing Research on Free Will Baptist History," and a brief slide presentation the "Free Will Baptist Church," by Dr. Michael R. Pelt.

All members and interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

### Old-Fashioned Day at First Church, Durham

Old-fashioned day will be observed on Sunday, November 23, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham. Following the morning worship service by the pastor, the Rev. M. E. Cox, the annual Thanksgiving lunch will be served. During the morning service special music will be rendered.

Sunday evening, at 7:30, the Coatsman's Quartet will present a program of gospel music, followed with a fellowship hour in the fellowship hall of the church. This will also be the beginning of the church's Pre-Thanksgiving services. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and spend the day in Christian fellowship and worship.

### Hopper Brothers and Connie At Daniels Chapel Church



The Hopper Brothers and Connie from Madison, North Carolina, will be in concert at the Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located on the old Black Creek Road near Wilson, Wednesday evening, at 7:30. The group will be singing such songs as "One Day at a Time," "Lord Help Me Bury the Hatchet," "Let's Just Praise the Lord," "When I Cross to the Other Side of Jordan," "Speak to Me," "The Cross Was His Own," and many more. A cordial welcome is extended to everyone to attend the service.

### Gospel Sing at Otter's Creek Church

A gospel sing will be held at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1 Macclesfield, on Saturday, Novembe 22, at 7:30 p. m. The singing group wil be the "Gospel Seekers" of Pinetown The pastor, the Rev. Ralph Aycock, and the entire church invite all who enjo good singing to come and be with then on this occasion.

### Revival Services in Progress At Union Chapel

Revival services are in progress thi week at the Union Chapel Free Wi Baptist Church, Route 1, Plymouth, an will continue through Saturday evening November 22. The Rev. Clyde Cox o Kenly is the guest speaker for th services which begin each evening a 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Joh Melancon, is assisting in the service which is featuring special music eac evening. A cordial welcome is extende everyone to attend the remainder of th services.

### Young World Singers in Concert at Hugo Church



"The Young World Singers" of Vanceboro will bring the gospel in song and testimony Sunday night, November 23, at seven o'clock, at the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton. These young people, under the management of Mr. Wesley Morris, have a tremendous message of the Lord for people of all ages.

The Hugo church membership and their pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones, invite all who can to come and share a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship.

If you would like for these young people to come to your church for a concert, please contact The Young World Singers, Route 2, Box 347, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586.

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### Watery Branch to Host Central Fourth Union

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Stantonsburg, Sunday, November 30. The program for the day is as follows:

**Morning Session**

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy"
—Welcome, Mr. R. B. Lancaster
—Response, Mr. Donald Webb
11:10—President's Remarks and Recognition Time
—Missions Report
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—News from Mount Olive College
—Hymn, "He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me"
11:30—Special Music, Terry Carraway and Mrs. Paul Wooten
—Sermon, the Rev. Swade Benson
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Paul Wooten
—Special Music, Dariene and Gloria Norville
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

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### Cape Fear Union at Faith Church

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Saturday, November 29, with the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Four Oaks. The moderator, the Rev. C. M. Coats, will preside. Special music will be rendered by the host church with the church pianist playing for the union. There will not be an afternoon service. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. David Hill
—Welcome, the Rev. Cooper Thompson
—Response, the Rev. Edward C. Taylor
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Report of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Special Music, Host Church
—Offering and Offertory Prayer
—Message, the Rev. Floyd Smith
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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## FEATURE

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promotional activity throughout the years, which it has been my privilege to have been associated with in some official manner throughout most of this time. The year 1941 witnessed the beginning of missionary work in Cuba, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey. At the 1943 session of the National Association, the Board of Christian Education was able to report the opening of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and the setting up of a Board of Trustees to control the new institution. At the 1944 session of the National Association, the Foreign Mission Board reported commendable progress in the work in Cuba. However, on the discouraging side, the board had to report that the work in India had been abandoned, at least temporarily, because of government restrictions.

The first five years of the 1940s saw a continuing progress in the building of educational annexes to the churches for the Sunday school work, especially in North Carolina, where the newly organized State Sunday School Convention was very actively encouraging better organized and graded Sunday schools. Despite the natural handicaps of our nation being in war, these were good years for Free Will Baptists.

(Next Week: A Shifting to Institutional Work)

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## AREA HOME MISSIONS RALLY

The Ephesus Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Blounts Creek, will host an area Home Missions Rally Saturday evening, November 29, beginning at 7:30. The host pastor is the Rev. Charles Branch of Winterville. The program will consist of gospel singing, a brief message by the Rev. Jack Mayo of Winterville, and filmstrips of the North Carolina Home Missions program.

All area churches are urged to be represented and bring a love offering for the Home Missions program.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to notify the public of the change of the Rev. Harry A. Jones from Ayden to Grifton in order for him to better serve as pastor of the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton. Mr. Jones's old address was P. O. Box 523, Ayden, North Carolina 28513; his new address is P. O. Box 1105, 102 Woodlawn Drive, Forrest Acres, Grifton, North Carolina 28530. All future correspondence should be to the new address.

# ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS
# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For November 30

## BECOMING RECONCILED

**Lesson Text:** Genesis 45:4-8, 15; 50:15-21

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 5:23, 24

### I. INTRODUCTION

One lesson for today has to do with the reuniting and the reconciling one to another of the family of Jacob.

Jacob, as the father of the Children of Israel, set the pattern for their continued existence; for we can see in the jealousies, the disputes, and the reconciliations that took place in this family group a foresight of the struggles for national unity that would continue to mark the history of the Jewish people. The one redeeming feature to emerge from the activities of the family group is the fact that in the end they did become reconciled and were reunited into a perfect family group again. Let us hope that in the fullness of time this will become true of God's people, Israel, that they will once again with one accord catch the vision of God's purpose in the life and ministry of the nation and will dedicate themselves anew to the fulfillment of that purpose.

Our lesson for today also serves to point out to us the great value of attaining reconciliation whereby peace and harmony and unity of purpose can prevail in the lives and ministries of all who seek to follow the Lord Jesus.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is evident that Joseph's brothers had changed; they had been converted, and it was this change that caused them to be reconciled to Joseph. May we infer from this that for men to be reconciled to one another, they must first be reconciled to God? This has been illustrated by comparing life to a wheel and our Lord is the hub of the wheel. Men are but spokes in the wheel of life. The closer the spokes get to the hub the closer they are to one another.

B. The Bible has a great deal to say about men being reconciled to God, but never anything to say about God being reconciled to men. God is the same that He has always been. It is man that has changed because of sin, and it is man that will have to change again in order to be reconciled to God. God provides the means of change through His grace.

C. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." For men to become peacemakers, they must first have peace in their own heart. There is so much enmity in the world. Men are at odds with themselves. There is hatred among men, and men are estranged from God. What a need there is for peacemakers! The only thing that can bring real reconciliation and peace in the world is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Are you a faithful witness to Him?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

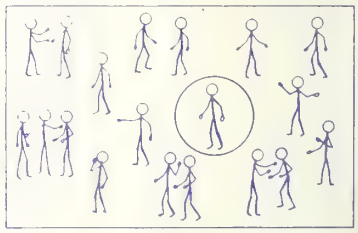
### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. One of the interesting dictionary definitions of reconciliation is, "to cause to be friendly again; to bring back to harmony." When two persons have a disagreement it sometimes leads to a break in friendship and harmonious fellowship. When they resolve their differences they become "friendly again" and are brought back into a harmonious relationship. In some cases it requires a third person, serving as a mediator, to bring the two together again. That is reconciliation.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

B. Man was created for fellowship—for fellowship with God his Maker and fellowship with other human beings. When this fellowship is lacking in our lives, we are miserable.

Solitary confinement is recognized as a most severe punishment. We are told that prisoners in ancient dungeons were so starved for companionship that they would develop a strong attachment for some stray rat or cockroach that would share their cell. And yet the loneliest person in the world today may not be that man in solitary confinement. He may live in the heart of a big city. He may work everyday, side by side with dozens of others. He may dwell in a home where others dwell and still be lonely.

This latter kind of loneliness is frustrating because a person usually does not know what to do about it. The walls that close him in are not brick and mortar. If they were, he might eventually tear them down and enter the ranks of human fellowship again. The barriers that isolate him are invisible. Yet they are nonetheless real. They are spiritual and psychological in nature. Jealousy, animosity, suspicion, self-pity, or even self-hatred may be involved. The result is that one feels estranged from every other human being on earth, a lonely stranger in a forbidding world.



Did you ever feel like the man in the circle in the picture above? Then you can appreciate what our lesson is about today, for it has to do with "becoming reconciled." We may describe the state of this man as that of disharmony—disharmony with life, with self, with others, and with God. That such a forlorn and hopeless existence can be transformed and brought into glorious harmony once again is the theme of our lesson.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

C. There is no doubt that Joseph was in a position to treat his brothers and their families in any way that he pleased. It is said to his credit that he "spake kindly unto them." Sometimes people who are in authority are discourteous and even brutal to those in positions where they cannot retaliate. A genuine mark of greatness is that a man is kind and courteous to everyone. An unknown author has written:

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more;
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

—Selected

# STORIES for our youth



## HE LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER

IT was Saturday afternoon and outside the snow was falling ilently. Penny Miller and her friend oyce were busy working on a jigsaw uzzle in Penny's room. Penny and oyce had been best friends for a long me.

It was anything but quiet inside the iller home. Penny's two younger rothers, Bob and Mike, were quarreling ver a toy dump truck.

"Penny," came her mother's call om the kitchen.

"Yes, Mom," Penny answered, ithout looking up from the puzzle.

"It would be a big help to me, if you ould entertain your brothers for a hile," Mom called, "at least, until I nish my ironing."

"I've got company," Penny com-lained. She would much rather work on e puzzle than take care of her brothers.

"Come on, Penny. Let's play with Bob nd Mike," Joyce suggested kindly. We can have fun with them. Besides, ve got a cramp from sitting and working n the puzzle for so long."

Privately Penny thought that Joyce as just trying to be polite. She couldn't nderstand why anyone would rather lay with two active little boys. It was uch more interesting to work a puzzle, r just to sit and talk in her room.

Penny and Joyce put the jigsaw pieces to the box. Then they both went into e living room, where Bob and Mike ere still quarreling over the coveted ump truck.

"Come on, boys, wouldn't you rather ear some stories than play with a dump uck?" Joyce asked.

Three-year-old Mike nodded his head agerly.

"We sure would," Bob, Penny's five-year-old brother, assured Joyce. He handed her a stack of picture books which had been lying on a chair.

Both boys crossed their legs under them and sat Indian style on the floor beside Joyce.

Penny watched as Joyce read one story after another to the boys. Penny was surprised. Joyce actually seemed to like what she was doing. Her friend laughed right along with Mike and Bob over the funny animal pictures.

"How about some hot chocolate and raisin cookies?" Penny's mother came into the living room with a tray.

Penny, Joyce, and the boys were all very much interested in a snack.

"As soon as you finish, boys, it's your nap time," Mom warned the already sleepy Bob and Mike. Mrs. Miller went back to her kitchen.

After her brothers had gone to bed for their naps, Penny asked her friend a question. "Do you really like playing with Bob and Mike?"

"Sure I do." Joyce smiled. "Giving to them is fun for me," she added.

This answer startled Penny. What did giving have to do with entertaining her little brothers? Joyce hadn't given Bob and Mike anything as far as Penny could see.

"Do you remember that verse at the bottom of the page in our Sunday school lesson last Sunday?" Joyce asked.

Penny did remember. "God loveth a cheerful giver," she quoted the verse aloud, still very much puzzled.

"See, Penny," Joyce began to explain, "I don't have any brothers or sisters of my own. But I can give time and pleasure to yours."

Penny looked at her best friend. It was no wonder she and everyone else liked Joyce so much. There was something special about her. She was cheerful, and she gave to others—not the kind of gifts that you could hold in your hand. No, they were the best kind of gifts—a gift of herself!

Well, it's time for me to go home." Joyce set her cocoa cup back on the tray and went to get her coat and scarf.

"I'll see you at Sunday school tomorrow morning," Penny said. "And Joyce, thanks for telling me about giving," Penny smiled as her friend went out into the winter world of snowflakes.

Penny closed the door. She looked around the living room. There was the tray with the empty snack things on it. The picture books were still lying on the floor. Her brothers' dump truck was lying on its side near the piano. Her own coat and woolen cap, which she had worn earlier in the day, were thrown carelessly over a chair.

Here's where I begin to give of myself, Penny said to herself determinedly. And I'm going to do it cheerfully. Penny smiled as she put away the things that were out of place.

Mrs. Miller smiled too, as she watched Penny happily helping her while she finished her ironing.

—Selected



### THE BIBLE FOR BOYS

**The Bible is the Book for boys,**
**As anyone can prove:**
**It's full of just such stories**
**As boys are sure to love.**

**There's Daniel and his Hebrew friends,**
**Who to their God were true**
**Through fiery furnace, lions' den,**
**And all men's hate could do.**

**Then prophets brave, who warned of sin**
**In no uncertain tone;**
**Who faced kings' wrath, but stood their ground,**
**Trusting in God alone.**

**The story of our Lord Himself,**
**Of Peter, John and Paul—**
**Oh, the Bible is the Book for boys!**
**The best, best Book of all.**

*—Selected.*




SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Scripture Reading—Psalm 127:2

LEAVE IT RESTING THERE

Cast thou thy care upon the Lord,
The care that loads thy heart;
Take Him this moment at His Word,
And let Him do His part.

The need is deep, the care is great,
The burden hard to bear;
Roll it on Him with all its weight,
And leave it resting there.

—Bishop Handley Moule

PRAYER THOUGHT

*A resting place is so inviting—a place to rest and for a moment find release from cares and worries. God offers us a place to leave our problems and go on without them.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Scripture Reading—Acts 13:32

CIVILIZATION'S DEBT

The veteran missionary James Chalmers said, "I have had twenty-one years of experience with the natives. I have seen the semicivilized and the uncivilized. I have lived with the Christian natives. I have lived and slept with the cannibals. For nine years I lived with the savages of New Guinea. Wherever there has been the slightest spark of civilization in the southern seas, it has been because the gospel has been preached there!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God's influence is made apparent in the lives of everyone it touches. We are to do our best to bring God's Word to everyone.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:14, 15

"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!"

" 'Mid sunshine, cloud or stormy days,
When hope abounds or care dismays,
When trials press and toils increase
Let not thy faith in God decrease—
'In every thing give thanks.'

"All things we know shall work for good,
Nor would we change them if we could;
'Tis well if only He command;
His promises will ever stand—
'In every thing give thanks.' "

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have difficulty seeing the good in some seemingly tragic happenings, but eventually a blessing is revealed.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Scripture Reading—Psalm 106:1

AUTUMN

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him;
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

—Matthias Claudius

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God wants only what is rightfully His; but He prefers we give it to Him, because we love Him, not as a meaningless gesture.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:6

I GIVE THEE HUMBLE THANKS

For all the gifts that thou dost send,
For every kind and loyal friend,
For prompt supply of all my need,
For all that's good in word or deed,
For gift of health along life's way.
For strength to work from day to day.
I give thee humble thanks.

For ready hands to help and cheer,
For listening ears thy voice to hear,
For yielded tongue thy love to talk,
For willing feet thy paths to walk,
For open eyes thy word to read,
For loving heart thy will to heed,
I give thee humble thanks.

—Clifford Lewis

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We seldom give thanks to God fo such things as having the good healt to hold down a job or the good fortun to have obtained a job, that is until w have had the misfortune of losin them.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 2:1

THANKS FOR FAMILIAR THINGS

"I offer thanks for just familia things;
The ruddy glory of the sunset sky,
The shine of firelight as the dus draws nigh,
The cheer song my little kettle sings.

"The sense of rest that home so sure brings,
The books that wait my pleasur true and fine
Old friendships that I joy to feel a mine.
I offer thanks for just famili things!"

—Select

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The little things in life mean very much to each of us. Let us ta time out of our busy lives to lo around us and see how greatly have been blessed.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Scripture Reading—Matthew 3:8

SPEND AND BE SPENT

Go labor on; spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will!
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still

Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught;
Thy earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed thee, love thee, praise th not;
The Master praises—what are me

—Horatius Bon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our daily walks in life are steppi stones to our life in the hereafter. S and consider which way our steps c leading us!*

(Devotions used by permissi *Knight's Up-To-The-Minute lustrations*, Moody Press; *Knight's Master Book of N Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## APPRECIATION DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

**Sunday, November 30, at 3 P. M.**
**Rodgers Chapel**



Shown above is the chapel organ which will be dedicated on Appreciation Day at Mount Olive College. Organist for this special service will be Burke Raper Jr., a sophomore music major at the College and son of President and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper Sr.

In announcing this event, President Raper said that Appreciation Day was planned for three purposes:

1. To express the gratitude of the College to Free Will Baptist women for their support of the organ and carpet projects in the new chapel;
2. To dedicate the organ to the glory of God for use in Christian worship;
3. To honor Mrs. S. A. (Ma) Smith of Beulaville, North Carolina, for her faithful and dedicated services to the work of God through the Free Will Baptist Church.

Music for the occasion will include well-beloved familiar hymns on both the organ and the seventy-five bell Americanna carillon. (The carillon was a gift of the J. C. Silverthorne Family of Pamlico County, North Carolina, in memory of their son, Michael Wayne Silverthorne, 1950-1973.)

Following the 3 p. m. service in Rodgers Chapel on the new campus, an informal reception will be held in the lobby of the Henderson Building.

All friends of the College are cordially invited.

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## BENEFIT DINNER GIFTS UP $7,411

Gifts received at the first seven of the seventeen annual county dinners for Mount Olive College have totaled $38,625, an increase of $7,411 over last year's totals for the same seven dinners.

Harold Herring, director of development at the College, said, "We are immensely grateful for the generous support we have received at these first dinners. The increase in gifts is a direct result of hard work and fervent prayer. If the remaining dinners reach or exceed their dinner goals we will certainly reach our dinner goal of $75,000."

Results of the first seven dinners by counties are as follows:

**Jones County:** 1975 dinner gifts, $2,191; 1974 dinner gifts, $1,806; the Rev. Andrew Hill, 1975 chairman.

**Pamlico County:** 1975 dinner gifts, $3,500; 1974 dinner gifts, $3,539; Tom Caroon, 1975 chairman.

**Craven County:** 1975 dinner gifts, $3,025; 1974 dinner gifts, $3,245; Roy Wetherington, 1975 chairman.

**Wayne County:** 1975 dinner gifts, $8,468; 1974 dinner gifts, $5,674; Ben Rollins, 1975 chairman.

**Greene County:** 1975 dinner gifts, $4,501; 1974 dinner gifts, $3,638; George Harrison and James Ray McLawhorn, 1975 cochairmen.

**Duplin County:** 1975 dinner gifts, $6,715; 1974 dinner gifts, $5,101; Davis Evans and Archie Benson, 1975 cochairmen.

**Johnston-Wake Counties:** 1975 dinner gifts, $10,252; 1974 dinner gifts, $8,241; the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez, 1975 chairman.

Jones, Wayne, Duplin, and Johnston-Wake Counties raised more at the 1975 dinners than any time previously during the twelve-year history of the dinners.

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## CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Scholarship presentations have been made at the first seven county dinners for Mount Olive College.

The scholarships for the churches giving the greatest amount at the dinner have been presented to: **Friendship** (Jones County), **Mount Zion** (Pamlico County), **Juniper Chapel** (Craven County), **Casey's Chapel** and **Union Grove** (Wayne County), **Hull Road** (Greene County), **Sarecta** (Duplin County), and **Rains Cross Roads** (Johnston-Wake Counties).

The scholarships for the churches giving the greatest amount per capita (average per member) have been presented to: **Friendship** (Jones County), **Mount Zion** (Pamlico County), **Juniper Chapel** (Craven County), **Casey's Chapel** and **Union Grove** (Wayne County), **Howell Swamp** (Greene County), **Sarecta** (Duplin County), and **Rains Cross Roads** (Johnston-Wake Counties).

The scholarships for the churches with the largest number of high school students present at the dinner have been presented to: **Whaley's Chapel** (Jones County), **Rock of Zion** (Pamlico County), **Core Creek** (Craven County), **Pleasant Hill** (Wayne County), **Grimsley** (Greene County), **Sandy Plain** (Duplin County), and **Everett's Chapel** (Johnston-Wake Counties).

Three $100 scholarships will be presented by Mount Olive College at each of the seventeen county dinners held annually during October and November.

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## COMING EVENTS . . .

November 22—Thanksgiving Service Memorial Chapel, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Beginning at 10:30 A. M.

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# F. W. B. Children's Home

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Worship Service at 10:30 A. M.

with

THE REV. C. L. PATRICK, SPEAKER

LUNCH—12 NOON
(Bring a Picnic Basket—Drinks Will Be Provided by the Home)

2:00 P. M. — Gospel Singing in Memorial Chapel

AFTERNOON TOUR OF CAMPUS

**"BRING YOUR GIFTS AND THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS FOR THE HOME"**

# the free will baptist

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1975




I AM THANKFUL.

# Editorial...

Cover Photo by Johnny Taylor



## I CAN, AND I AM THANKFUL

I can't perceive the how or why
That makes the sunset paint the sky;
I can't expect to watch it all
Before the night around will fall.

But, still, I can see; can't I?

I can't project the sweetest chords
That Bach's magnificence affords;
I can't determine time or name
Of haunting tunes that might bring fame.

But, still, I can hear; can't I?

I can't decide why odors sweet
Would knock some fellows off their feet;
I can't discern; I do not dare
To call them commonplace or rare.

But, still, I can smell; can't I?

I can't deliver speeches long,
Compel the interest of the throng;
I can't recite orations grand
That bend the ear of every man.

But, still, I can talk; can't I?

I can't exalt with mellow voice
To let Him know my heart's rejoice;
I can't lift up in glorious song
Majestic notes so loud—and long.

But, still, I can sing; can't I?

I can't meander here and there
When day is cold or wet or fair;
I can't find time to wander far
Or set my feet toward yonder star.

But, still, I can walk; can't I?

I can't detect by fingers' touch
A fabric's weave, or its cost—how much;
I can't decide by grip of hand
The strength or character of man.

But, still, I can feel; can't I?

I can't relieve, though great or small,
Besetting problems that plague us all;
I can't convince the world it should
Be all transformed from bad to good.

But, still, I can pray; can't I?

I can, and I am thankful!

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

## A SHIFTING TO INSTITUTIONAL WORK

(Part Eighteen)

by Loy Everette Ballard

IN the fall of 1943 I accepted a call to pastor Saint Paul ree Will Baptist Church in Elizabeth ity, North Carolina. There were no other ree Will Baptist churches in the vicinity f Elizabeth City, and I had wanted for ometime to get into a new field where here might be opportunities to do some ome mission work. This looked as if it ight be just the kind of place I had anted. I entered into the work with eal, determined that as soon as I got ell settled I would look about for a place o open a mission, having received ssurance of cooperation from some of he members.

But our stay in Elizabeth City was estined to be a short one. Early in 1944 here developed an emergency condition t our Orphanage at Middlesex. Because f war conditions, they had to discon-nue sending out the concert class, hich had been responsible for a onsiderable part of the money for perating the Orphanage. The board ecided to send out a representative to isit the churches, conferences, and onventions in behalf of the home, and ettled on my wife, Gertrude, as being he one they wanted for this job. There as also a general shortage of workers at he home, so the board made both of us a roposition to move to Middlesex—Mrs. allard to go out from there to visit hurches, while I would serve as director f religious activities at the home and ender other assistance to the uperintendent. Because of our concern or the children in the home, and after uch prayer, we decided to accept the roposition. I resigned from the church nd we moved into a rented house in Middlesex, from which I was to commute ack and forth to the home to perform my uties.

However, this arrangement did not ast very long. The shortage of workers t the home became more acute; so Mr. vans, the superintendent of the home, roposed that we move out to the home nd help out there some. We sublet our ouse in Middlesex and moved into a room in the main building on the campus, where, for the next several months, job distinctions almost disappeared for all of us, including even the superintendent, as we did all kinds of work to keep the home going. When Mrs. Ballard was not away representing the home, she worked in the kitchen and dormitories; while I worked to provide recreation as well as religious services and assisted in other ways.

I went through experiences at our Orphanage during these months in which I worked with the Rev. James A. Evans, ranging all the way from delightful, pathetic, tragic, and even comical. There was little money in those days for modern equipment, and much of what we had to work with was in poor condition. I will never forget the nights during the winter of 1944 when I had to stay in the boiler room of the old boys' building with two or three of the older boys, keeping the antiquated furnace going so the little fellowers up stairs would not freeze. There was also the time when a certain scratching disease broke out among the children, and Mama Evans (our superintendent's mother) came to the home and for a week doused the afflicted ones into a smelly concoction—I guess Mama knew what! Anyway, she won the battle, and we celebrated with a bonfire in which we burned the ragged old garments the children had worn during their quarantine period. Then there was the near tragic time when Charles Harrell, now the business manager at Mount Olive College, met with a serious accident on the farm, and I broke about every traffic law on the book rushing him to the hospital in Wilson, to be told that if we had been five minutes later they could not have saved his life. Engraved in my memory are the looks on the scared faces of the six or seven boys Brother Jim had piled in the Orphanage station wagon, just as they were picked up out of fields and the chicken lot, and brought over to be tested for blood for Charles. Somewhere during this period, there was also the exciting time when two of the boys ran away while the superintendent was away on a business trip, and I had to chase them down and get them back before he returned.

Turning to the comical side, there was the time when we went on a picnic; and, upon our return, one of the little boys boasted, "I **eat** seven hot dogs!" Mrs. Cronk, our ever alert schoolteacher, sought to correct him by saying, "You should have said **ate**," whereupon he came back, "Well, maybe it was eight instead of seven!" Then there was the time a visiting minister held a Sunday afternoon lawn service, with all of us sitting on the grass. He closed by asking everyone to pray a sentence prayer. Kneeling by my side was a wee little lad who had just come to the home. When it came his turn, he chirped out, "God bless de little vorms and bugs." I found out later that he had been watching a little worm and bug crawling about in the grass, and he had simply prayed inspired by the situation at hand.

I trust that the services of the Ballards helped a little in the development of our home for needy children. Mrs. Ballard was well received by the churches she visited, and her efforts brought in liberal donations. I am thankful that I had the opportunity of working these months with the Rev. James A. Evans at the Orphanage. We have had some fine superintendents at the home; but, in my opinion, Brother Evans was one of the best among them. His careful use of the limited funds available during the war years, and his unselfish giving of his energy, brought the home through one of the most critical periods of its history. I must add that in his wife, Faye, he had a good helper. I cherish their friendship today, and we have enjoyed great fellowship throughout the years.

I will never forget the wonderful boys and girls we worked with in the home. We have watched many of them grow into useful men and women. One example is Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. I had the privilege of baptizing him as one of the charter members of our church at the home. He has done me the honor over the years of calling me "Pa" with a little different meaning, I believe, than it has had when used in a general way. I have always considered him as a sort of third son in very close relationship with my two natural sons. That's why it is hard

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# THREE MAJOR PROBLEMS

(Part Two)

by Wade T. Jernigan, President
California Christian College

## II. SUCCESS

MINISTERS . . are declared to be stewards. Note, 1 Corinthians 4:1—"... as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God"; Titus 1:7—" . . . a bishop (minister) must be blameless, as the steward of God; . . ."; 1 Peter 4:10—" . . . as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." With these scriptural statements in mind, remember " . . . it is required of a steward that he be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Success is **desired** but faithfulness is **required**. A man's judgment will not deal with his success but with his faithfulness. Nowhere does the Bible demand, "Be thou successful unto death," but it does state, " . . . be thou **faithful** unto death, . . ." (Revelation 2:10). Faithfulness is in reality successfulness, but more will be said about that further in this writing. In the "Game of Success" excuses must be manufactured when failures come, but in a life of faithfulness there is no need for such. Faithfulness is faithful. Faithfulness needs no excuse, seeks no excuse, offers no excuse. Every man with ambition seeks to write a success story. Not all men are able to come off with the desired writing, but every man can be faithful.

### A. What Is Success?

What are the ingredients of success? How does one measure success? Who is the authority in determining success? Can success be recognized immediately? Is one man's success another man's failure?

Ingredients of success according to man will vary geographically. In one locale the standard for success will be much lower than in another, and if criticism is offered, the lower standard will be justified with patented so-called reasons. While in another locale the standard of success is set high because of certain prevailing circumstances. If one standard were held up before all in every situation under all circumstances, some success would be declared to be failures and some failures would be called successes.

### 1. Church Success (No. 1)

Two examples are given to illustrate the above argument. Names of the two churches will be withheld lest some might be offended.

Church No. 1 has been declared by many a failure, or unsuccessful, to say the least. But what is the record of this church that has never reached the man-made plateau of success?

Having been organized in 1900, the church worshiped in a country schoolhouse until the 40s. As late as 1947, with only a one-room structure, four miles from town, the church was on a half-time program with a student pastor. Highest Sunday school attendance was recorded at 143 on a homecoming day. On a regular Sunday, Sunday school attendance has never been posted higher than 124. Since some judge the success only by the Sunday school register, this church would be called a failure. But one needs to see the total picture of this church before it is categorized. Such things as potential (density of population), outreach (missions giving), output (sons called into the ministry and members given to new works), and overall program must be considered.

#### (a) Population

Population in the community dwindled until just a few years ago when the shift was back to the country. Many churches under similar conditions would have folded when the low ebb almost decimated the congregation. During that period her ranks were thinned even more by the starting of two other churches only four and five miles away. Believing that God had in fact planted the church in the community, "folding of the tent" never came to mind during the "lean years." Her potential has been heightened somewhat since the populace has left suburbia for the country. She has met the new possibilities and reflects her success in a new growth. But even so, the numerical potential has nev been as great for her as it has been many who have in fact done less with t greater.

#### (b) Outreach

Outreach has been emphasiz through the years by the country chur that was always ahead of her times. Ev when she was reaching for a fu time program (that was c tained—parsonage, social hall, ec cational unit) her giving to missio was not diminished. When many oth churches of greater size were stati that they would support the worldwi program when thus and thus was a complished, this church remembered t "both" of Acts 1:8. Long before cooperative program was in the dreami stage, 10 percent was given that t Great Commission might be carried out

#### (c) Output

Output as seen in the sons given to t ministry and the members given pioneer works speaks most loudly success. Nine men have been called i the ministry from her ranks. One h become a very important national lead while another has moved into an enviab position of state leadership. All of t others have proven themselves to be a pastors and evangelists across the wes

Members from this church ha helped spark the fire that started ma pioneer churches in different state Four churches were definitely start with members formerly belonging to th country congregation. Besides all of t foregoing, the church has been stabilizing force in the community.

### 2. Church Success (No. 2)

Church No. 2 has been known as successful church since its beginnir Little is said of the fact that over c hundred members were taken fr another congregation when this wo began. In fact, early history of t beginning is usually not mentioned wh the church comes up for review. A qui review will reveal a vast differen

etween the two churches in several reas.

**a) Population**

Population around this church was ense at the start and has steadily increased through the years. Growth otential unlimited has afforded the eople with every opportunity and ossibility. But oddly enough, the ongregation has only doubled itself over period of twenty years, though in the ntermittent years it at times ran just over hree hundred in Sunday school. In ecent years, as far as growth is conerned, the church has marked time, eld its own or just mantained the camp f saints. A success image has been rojected, but at times one is made to sk yet again, "What is success?" trictly speaking in the light of potential population density), this church has not een nearly as successful as church No.

**b) Outreach**

Outreach has been almost a battle cry f church No. 2, but again when the ossible is weighed against the actual, ne wonders if a story of success has in act been written. Verbal pastors have ept the record of "outside doings" well efore the people. Such constant eporting has created an image of uccess that might not be altogether as uccessful as many have been led to elieve. Giving to one area of missions as been heavily emphasized and ublicized with token giving going to ther areas of missions and education.

Methods of every sort have been mployed, thus causing a beehive of ctivity. But what about the results? During a recent year the pastor boasted f the three hundred led to the Lord by he efforts of himself and his ongregation. However, at the end of the ear the Sunday school was averaging several less than the year before. Actually, through all of the methods, means, and man efforts (not just the one ear, but several years of such), the Sunday school posted regularly about ne hundred less. Success? You be the udge. Yet, that work is constantly spoken of in terms of success.

**(c) Output**

Output has been fair but not all that great. Four young men have entered the ministry, three of which have done unusually well. Others yet within the congregation have been "built up" to the point that they are stalwart in local activity, but do not reach far beyond the local scene.

One mission has been established as a result of the efforts of a member who moved out almost independently. When observed in its own setting without regard to comparison, success may be exclaimed, but when viewed in the total picture, failures come through.

**3. Individual Sucess**

How is this to be gauged? Before that question can be answered correctly, certain Scriptures need to be reviewed.

**(a) Talents**

Men receive talents according to their several abilities. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man **according to his several ability**; . . ." (Matthew 25:14, 15). God is the one who gives and is also the one with whom each must reckon. At the outset the five talent man must have been capable of five talents, etc. But at the time of reckoning, he could handle eleven talents. He had drastically changed his ability by exercise, but even so, it is God who enables. It is agreed that the two talent man did equally as well as the five talent man. He put what he had to usury and gained double. Had the one talent man put his to usury he likewise would have gained. (His problem was not that he had one talent, but because of his fear to apply himself trusting for gain.)

**(b) Gifts**

God gives to men severally as He will. "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally as he will**" (1 Corinthians 12:11). In the parable of the talents each man received according to his ability. Here it is taught that the Spirit divides to each man as He, the Spirit, chooses. On what basis the Spirit does this particular work there is no hint; one can only speculate. But even so, the Spirit enables each individual with the gift in the assigned area. Where's the boasting? Remember, severally, as **He** will.

**(c) Possibilities**

Not all good ground produces alike. ". . . he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matthew 13:23). On the farm not all good ground produces alike. Even though uniformity is followed throughout in the breaking, planting, fertilizing, cultivating, irrigating, and harvesting, different areas of the field will yield differently. So it is with men. Never does a farmer expect a thirtyfold acre to yield forty or sixty. He is, however, not satisfied if the hundredfold acre drops to sixty, or "what-have-you." Each acre or area of the field is expected to yield according to its capability. Again it should be pointed out—this is true of men. A man who has greater ability, and has on the basis of that ability received more from the Spirit, and who has the hundredfold capability, should certainly produce more. If he produces less, though the less is more than the best of the thirty, forty, or sixtyfold man, he has failed. Men in their observance may applaud him, but what does God record? Some men operate almost without talent. With raw courage, determination, and a Christlike compassion, they endeavor a work for Christ—loving Him above all else. God takes note of such activity and proves His Word which declares that He takes the " . . . things which are not, to bring to nought things that are" (1 Corinthians 1:28).

Thus, it is understood that individual success must be evaluated in the light of "several ability," "severally as he will," and "good ground" productivity. To judge men "successful" or "failures" without regard to the above is to disregard the statement of Christ, ". . . judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24).



# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS
## October, 1975
(Total $13,753.12)

### Albemarle Conference

| | |
|---|---|
| Hickory Chapel | $ 15.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 66.80 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 64.80 |
| Total | $ 186.60 |

### Blue Ridge Association

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|---|---|
| Cedar Hill | $ 22.22 |

### Cape Fear Conference

| | |
|---|---|
| Casey's Chapel | $ 20.00 |
| Hopewell | 200.00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 20.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 33.13 |
| Pleasant Grove | 120.00 |
| Powhatan | 20.00 |
| Riverside | 20.00 |
| Saint Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Shady Grove | 100.00 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 20.00 |
| Total | $ 558.13 |

### Central Conference

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|---|---|
| Aspen Grove | $ 452.00 |
| Ayden | 55.00 |
| Bethany | 38.36 |
| Black Jack | 38.00 |
| Community | 3.00 |
| Dawson's Grove | 20.00 |
| Edgewood | 95.00 |
| Elm Grove | 146.41 |
| Free Union | 270.78 |
| Friendship | 77.91 |
| Greenville, First | 10.00 |
| Grimsley | 150.00 |
| Gum Swamp | 20.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 20.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 113.31 |
| Howell Swamp | 16.00 |
| Hugo | 28.00 |
| Hull Road | 20.00 |
| King's Cross Road | 25.00 |
| LaGrange | 370.00 |
| Little Creek | 75.00 |
| Marlboro | 20.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 32.28 |
| Ormondsville | 25.00 |
| Otter's Creek | 68.82 |
| Peace | 6.00 |
| Reedy Branch | 185.00 |
| Roanoke Rapids | 5.00 |
| Rocky Mount, First | 90.00 |
| Rose Hill | 40.00 |
| Saratoga | 20.00 |
| Spring Branch | 422.66 |
| Tarboro, First | 410.00 |
| Winterville | 449.77 |
| Total | $3,818.30 |

### Eastern Conference

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|---|---|
| Antioch | $ 100.00 |
| Bethlehem | 105.00 |
| Beulaville | 5.00 |
| Cabin | 20.00 |
| Christian Chapel | 20.00 |
| Core Creek | 108.52 |
| Crab Point | 25.00 |
| Deep Run | 77.00 |
| Faith | 20.00 |
| Friendship | 56.53 |
| Gray Branch | 10.00 |
| Holly Springs | 35.00 |
| Jackson Heights | 136.86 |
| Juniper Chapel | 15.00 |
| Kinston, First | 95.00 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 10.00 |
| Macedonia | 300.00 |
| Memorial | 15.00 |
| Moseley's Creek | 10.00 |
| Mt. Zion (Onslow) | 100.00 |
| Third Union | 25.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 25.00 |
| Eula Jones | 5.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 26.65 |
| New Haven | 19.61 |
| Northeast | 94.65 |
| Oak Grove | 25.00 |
| Oriental | 72.99 |
| Pearsall's Chapel | 170.51 |
| Reunion Chapel | 15.00 |
| Rock of Zion | 40.53 |
| Rooty Branch | 50.00 |
| Sarecta | 211.07 |
| Smyrna | 20.00 |
| Sound View | 112.63 |
| Spring Hope | 100.00 |
| St. Mary's | 99.25 |
| Warden's Grove | 20.00 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 76.48 |
| Wilmington | 50.00 |
| Wintergreen | 31.00 |
| Woodrow | 28.00 |
| Total | $2,582.28 |

### Pee Dee Association

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|---|---|
| Cypress Creek | $ 30.00 |
| Emerson | 134.25 |
| Freedom Mission | 25.00 |
| Little Bethel | 23.35 |
| Mt. Calvary | 25.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 130.00 |
| Pee Dee Conference | 53.87 |
| Oak Grove | 95.00 |
| Pleasant Meadow | 15.00 |
| Total | $531.47 |

### Piedmont Conference

| | |
|---|---|
| Bethany | $ 30.50 |
| Calvary | 20.00 |
| Christ | 20.00 |
| Highland Pines | 15.00 |
| Union Gospel | 197.15 |
| Total | $ 282.65 |

### Rockfish Conference

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|---|---|
| Conference | $ 16.70 |

### Western Conference

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|---|---|
| Barnes Hill | $ 10.00 |
| Black Jack Grove | 200.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 85.28 |
| Calvary | 1,000.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 87.5[illegible] |
| Free Union | 25.4[illegible] |
| Fremont | 60.0[illegible] |
| Friendship | 5.0[illegible] |
| Holly Springs | 12.0[illegible] |
| Kenly | 30.0[illegible] |
| Little Rock | 3.0[illegible] |
| Marsh Swamp | 3.0[illegible] |
| Micro | 15.0[illegible] |
| Milbournie | 89.6[illegible] |
| Mt. Zion (Nash) | 28.0[illegible] |
| First Union | 85.5[illegible] |
| Youth Fellowship | 193.6[illegible] |
| Auxiliary Convention | 32.4[illegible] |
| New Sandy Hill | 125.0[illegible] |
| People's Chapel | 200.0[illegible] |
| Piney Grove | 25.0[illegible] |
| Pine Level | 45.0[illegible] |
| Pleasant Grove | 105.0[illegible] |
| Pleasant Hill | 47.6[illegible] |
| Pleasant Plain | 50.0[illegible] |
| Rains Cross Road | 153.0[illegible] |
| Rosebud | 5.0[illegible] |
| Sherron Acres | 125.0[illegible] |
| Spring Hill | 40.0[illegible] |
| Stancil's Chapel | 98.5[illegible] |
| St. Mary's | 491.6[illegible] |
| Stoney Creek | 420.0[illegible] |
| Stony Hill | 6.0[illegible] |
| Union Chapel | 71.0[illegible] |
| Union Grove | 85.2[illegible] |
| West Hillsborough | 30.0[illegible] |
| Wilson, First | 1,275.0[illegible] |
| Total | $5,363.6[illegible] |

### Statewide Bodies

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|---|---|
| State Youth Convention | $ 260.0[illegible] |
| State Auxiliary Convention | 127.1[illegible] |
| Total | $ 387.1[illegible] |

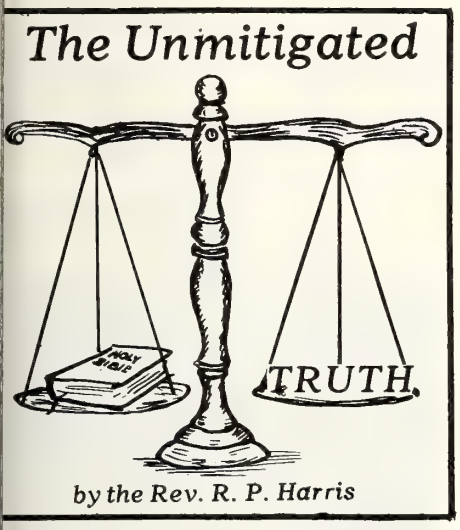
### Other States

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| Bim, West Virginia | $ 5.0[illegible] |

### MEMORIAL GIFTS
### OCTOBER, 1975
(Total $401)

**Iris Ann Dale Hare** by the Rev. and Mrs. Williar Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dale, Luby H. Dail, an Edna Taylor.

**Jessie J. Bullock** by T. Jack Warren and Anna upree.
**Mrs. Dora Farmer** by Tippie Wallace.
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**Clarence Mitchell** by the Woman's Auxiliary of oodrow Free Will Baptist Church.
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Scriptural basis: ". . . according to is mercy he saved us, by the washing of egeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

### THE MEANS OF REGENERATION

The means of regeneration simply describes the processes, methods, conveyances, or vehicles used to bring regeneration to us. When God created he physical man, He made a way for him o receive subsistence. He provided man with a mouth capable of receiving nourishments. The mouth can only receive the food, but God also built in the mouth the necessary facilities to prepare he food for assimilation. He also made our bodies capable of receiving these "nutriments into an integral and a nomogeneous part of the solids or fluids of the organism."—**Webster's Dictionary**. Our digestive system prepares the food which is broken up into particles by which the blood is able to pick up and deliver to all parts of the body. The means by which the physical body survives is well described in books and magazines found in physicians' offices.

Regeneration is applied in God's own way—the means of regeneration.

Now let's take a look at 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." God's Holy Word is a means of regeneration. The Holy Bible is the written Word of God. God has, through His written Word, made it possible for us (His earthly creatures—human beings) to know how to be saved. He has provided us with the knowledge, the understanding, and the faith necessary for us to believe and receive a new life. He has made it so plain that He will not accept anyone who refuses to receive Jesus Christ in his life. God has made the necessity of the new birth so important that all of nature around us point us to the Almighty God, and God declares that man will not be excused even if he does not have a human or heavenly witness to show him the way. God begat us with His own word of truth and He will not be denied.

The means of regeneration also includes the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the business of the Holy Ghost, by the washing of regeneration, that save us. God is working with us in the person of the Holy Ghost who is also God. God is in the Trinity: Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. This means that God is the Holy Ghost and is working with us in that capacity today. God is increasing His power more and more as time runs out. We are living in the last days upon earth. The devil is also aware of this and he too is working harder than ever to confuse mankind. Look around you and see what is happening! Sin is more rampant, evil is bolder than ever, violence has made fear and terror reach the homes of every living person of earth.

Faith in Jesus Christ is a means of regeneration. There are many religions in the world. Even in civilized and informed nations there are people who do not believe in Christ. They have a form of godliness but they have not received salvation because they have no faith in Christ. The heart must be purified by faith—faith in Christ. This faith must be real. This faith will be so real that the new person in Christ will become capable of being drawn to God. Without Christ in the heart, no man can be drawn to heaven. Man of himself has nothing for God to draw, but with Christ in his life, he has all he needs to be pulled in glory to heaven. Thank God!

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## ATTENTION, ALL PASTORS OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Please announce in your church services that the Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet Tuesday, December 2, at 8 p. m., with the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg (Greene County).

If your church does not have a layman's league, please come and bring the men of your church and let us help you get a league started. If you have a league in your church, please try to get your men to attend. Our layman's league needs your attendance at these meetings. We only meet once each quarter and we have things to bring up that concern all of us. Let's not let our layman's league work die, but let's work to get more in attendance so everyone can get involved.

Please don't forget the place, date, and time: Free Union church, December 2, at 8 p. m. We will be expecting you!

Henry P. Beaman
Secretary-Treasurer

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# News and Notes

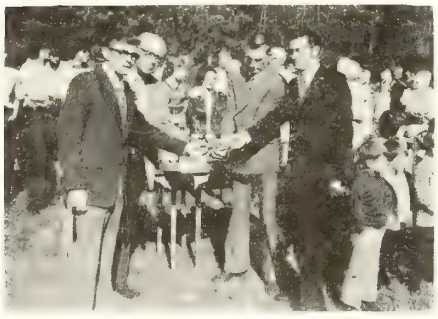
of Denominational Interest

### Old-Fashioned and Dedication Day at Trinity Church

Old-fashioned and dedication day will be observed on Sunday, November 30, at the new Trinity Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton. Following the morning worship sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Lloyd F. Hargis, a Thanksgiving lunch will be served. Beginning at 1:30 p. m. in the afternoon a brief dedication service will be held. During the service the new assembly building will be dedicated and the members of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church will dedicated themselves to always be used for the glory of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Immediately following this service there will be a singspiration using the many local talents that the Lord has given the Trinity church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this most memorable event.

### Note-Burning and Dedication Services at Everett Chapel



*In center of picture, left to right: John Creech, Clessie Pollard, James Earl Hill, and Dr. Billy Yawn, pastor.*

The Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, held a note-burning ceremony and a dedication service Sunday, November 16, following the eleven o'clock worship hour.

The note burning was performed by Mr. W. A. Jones, chairman of the board of trustees; Elder Clessie Pollard, recreation coordinator; Mr. John Creech, project leader; and Mr. James Earl Hill, chairman of the board of deacons. The note in question was for more than five acres of land to be used as a recreation park.

The new land acquisition brings to eleven acres total currently owned by the church, all debt free. The indebtness for the park land was paid four months in advance. Under the direction of Mr. Creech, the area was cleared and prepared for seeding. A number of members donated heavy equipment and labor during special "park-work days."

Immediately following the note-burning ceremony, a dedication service was conducted by Dr. Billy Yawn, pastor. Dr. Yawn emphasized the importance of "out of church" activities being under Christian supervision. In that respect, Dr. Yawn lauded the efforts of Mr. John Creech, Mr. Charles Mozingo, Mr. Frank James, and all group sponsors who contributed to the excellent recreational activities during the past year.

Other highlights of the day included an announcement by Mr. Clessie Pollard and Mr. Ralph Godwin that plans were presently underway to light the park for nighttime activities and an announcement by Dr. Yawn that construction of a 17,000 sq. ft. multipurpose building would begin no later than spring of 1976. The new structure has already been blueprinted. Final plans approval were given at a church conference Wednesday, November 19. The new structure will have a value in excess of $210,000 when completed.

As a testimonial to the effectiveness of the recreation program, more than a dozen trophies were displayed in all softball divisions.

### Oriental Church to Host Fifth Union

The Fifth Union of the Easter Conference will convene Saturday November 29, with the Oriental, Nort Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. Th moderator, the Rev. Walter Sutton, wi preside over the union which will consi of only a morning session. Th program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, "Count Your Bles sings"
10:05—Devotions, the Rev. Jame Warren
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. A. B Chandler
—Response, Mr. Jamie Lamm
10:20—Moderator's Remarks
10:30—Business Session
11:00—Reports from Denominationa Enterprises
11:25—Reports of Committees
11:30—Memorial Service
—Hymn, "Have Thine Own Way Lord"
11:35—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Church
Sermon, the Rev. Eddi Edwards
—Benediction
—Adjournment and Lunch

### Cape Fear Youth Rally, December 6

The youth of the Cape Fear Conferenc will hold a youth rally Saturday evening December 6, at the Johnston Union Fre Will Baptist Church near Clayton. Th rally will begin at 7:30 and all the yout of the district are urged to attend Visitors are also welcome.

### First Union of Western Conference Meets with Piney Grove Church

The First Union of the Wester Conference will meet in a mornin session with the Piney Grove Free Wi Baptist Church, Johnston County Saturday, November 29. The Rev. Jame V. Joyner, moderator, will preside assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F Bowen. The program is as follows:

10:00—Devotional, Mr. Kenneth Forehand
10:15—Welcome Address, the Rev Clyde Cox, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. Nobl Crumpler
10:20—Business Session
11:00—News from Denominationa

Enterprises
1:20—Reports of Committees
1:30—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing and Special Music
Offering for Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. Ray Wells; alternate, the Rev. Lynwood Renfrow
2:30—Adjournment and Lunch

**Master's Quartet at Elm Grove Church**

The Master's Quartet from Rocky Mount will be at the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church Route 3, Ayden, for the evening service, Sunday, November 30. The group will have charge of the entire evening service, beginning at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey, and the church membership invite all who enjoy good gospel music to attend.

**Central Conference Met With Free Union Church**



*The Rev. James Lupton, moderator; the Rev. Hubert Burress, clerk.*

Pictured above are the moderator and clerk as they presided over the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist while in session November 5 and 6, at the Free Union church near Walstonburg (Greene County).



*Entrance of Free Union Church*

The picture above shows the entrance of the Free Union church of which the Rev. C. L. Patrick is pastor.

**Albemarle Union, League, and Sunday School Conventions**

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will meet with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pantego, Saturday, November 29. The programs are as follows:

**Union Meeting**
(Morning Session)

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. John Melancon
10:10—Welcome, Mr. Oscar Webster
—Response, the Rev. Francis Garner
10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
11:05—Business Session:
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, via Literature
Report of Cragmont Assembly, via Literature
11:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcements of Next Union
11:30—Minutes Read and Approved
11:35—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Robert May
Ordination Service for Dallas Pinkham
12:30—Benediction
—Adjournment and Lunch

**Sunday School Convention**
(Afternoon Session)

1:45—Devotions, the Rev. Floyd Burkey
1:55—Welcome, Mr. Howard Furbee, Host Sunday School Superintendent
—Response, the Rev. Johnnie Sexton
2:00—President's Message, Mr. Bobby Phelps
2:05—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Children's Home
—Offertory Prayer
2:10—Suggestions and Information for the Betterment of Sunday Schools
2:30—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
Treasurer's Report
New Business
Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
3:00—Afternoon Worship:
Special Music, Host Sunday School
3:10—Benediction and Adjournment

**League Convention**
(Evening Session)

7:30—Devotions, Miss Patricia Jones
7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Sr.
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host Church
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mr. Graig Oliver






# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**QUESTION**: Please explain, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28). By this teaching are we to have a partial rapture? Some have agreed in favor of this Scripture as the basis for their belief in a partial rapture.

**ANSWER:** No, the Bible makes it clear to us that all who are saved will be caught up at one time. Those who are already dead are to be resurrected and those who are alive and remain are to be changed. All saints, both of Old Testament times and those in New Testament times, are to come before Christ adorned in glorified bodies like that in which Christ was resurrected and in which He ascended and is now at the right hand of God sitting with God the Father on His throne. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:51-55).

These in the first resurrection are all raised while some Christians are still alive and on earth. Such saints, Christians who are still alive at the first resurrection, are "changed" and are all caught up together in the twinkling of an eye, both those raised and those changed.

The unsaved of all times are to be resurrected 1,000 years later at the Great White Throne Judgment. ". . . I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4-6). Notice the contrast between those of Revelation 20:4 and those of Verse 5, ". . . the rest of the dead lived not . . . until the one thousand years were finished . . . ."

There's a world and an eternity of difference between these groups that are raised a thousand years apart. One spends all eternity in the presence of God and of His Christ in perfect happiness and glory; the other suffers in fire that is never quenched in a place call outer darkness. This latter place is what Jesus described as being one where the fire is never quenched and the worm never dies: " . . . if thy hand offend thee, cut if off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:43, 44). Second Thessalonians 1:9 puts it this way, "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." Also, ". . . if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17). "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape . . . . But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him . . . . Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3, 8-10, 22-24).

Dr. Louis T. Talbot on Page 185 in his book, **Bible Questions Answered**, says in answer to a similar question:

"This verse does not teach a partial rapture, nor does any other passage teach such a doctrine. First Corinthians 15:23 distinctly says, 'Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.' The expression, 'they that are Christ's at his coming,' includes every child of God.

"As for the text you quote, if you will read the whole chapter, you will see that the apostle is expounding the meaning of the Jewish tabernacle service. The position of the people before the door of the tabernacle, waiting for the high priest to come out, is the position of every believer, whether he understands it or not. Every believer is waiting for the Lord to return. He may not understand dispensational truth; he may know very little about the Lord's second coming but positionally he is waiting for the Lord to appear 'the second time apart from sin unto salvation'—salvation of the body for the church; national salvation for Israel."




SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Scripture Reading—Hosea 10:1

SEVERED FROM ITS ROOT

Said D. Elton Trueblood, "We live in a 'cut flower' civilization which may be radiant, fragrant, and lovely now, but will soon wither and die because it has been severed from its root."

The source of the Christian's spiritual life is Christ: "I am the vine, ye are the branches" (John 15:5). When we fail to abide momentarily in Him, we become barren and joyless.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*With our roots well-established in God's loving grace, we grow strong in our faith, and our love blossoms and spreads to encompass all.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:25

"THOU REMAINEST"

All the Christian symbols in the Mosque of St. Sophia have been covered by an overlay of Moslem symbols. As a Christian American tourist gazed up at the vast dome, he saw that the figure of Christ was coming back through the superimposed paint. He exclaimed, "He is coming back! You blot Him out, but He comes back again! The future belongs to Him!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christ is coming back! Pray that we shall be able to receive Him with open arms, not in a condition of shameful disgrace.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
Scripture Reading—Luke 16:23, 24

AGONIZING CONCERN

Sometime ago, a plane carrying twenty-four Tennessee sportsmen to a hunting expedition in British Honduras, crashed in a heavy fog and burned at New Orleans International Airport. Sixteen perished!

A survivor commented, "It was an agonizing thing to watch that plane burn and know your friends were in it!"

O that all of God's children had an agonizing concern for Christ rejectors who are in the darksome, downward way whose terminus is hell.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How can we bear to see our friends and relatives headed for an eternal hell and not try our best, as Christians, to lead them back to the paths of righteousness?*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 4:5

NOTHING CONCEALED

The word sincere comes from the two Latin words *sine* and *cere* which mean "without wax," or "nothing concealed."

In ancient Rome, furniture was often made with inferior wood. Cracks were filled in with wax and painted over. Then the furniture was sold as perfect, but when it was used, its inferior quality was soon revealed.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Is our Christianity sincere or is it only a front? God has known all the time and we cannot even deceive those around us very long.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
Scripture Reading—Job 8:21

A SIXTH SENSE

Richard Armour gives these timely words: "More and more I am convinced that humor is a sixth sense, as important to our enjoyment of life—even to our survival—as any of the five physical senses. And if there is any place it comes in handy, it is in the home. Ours, anyhow.

"Time and again the sense of humor has come to our rescue when something has set our nerves on edge, made us annoyed or angry, and caused us to escalate from barbed remarks to shouting and door slamming. It has restored calm and sanity, salved bruised egos, and made us wonder what all the ruckus was about."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The old saying, "Smile and the world smiles with you, cry and you cry alone," is as true today as it ever was. No one is interested in a gloomy Gus and his problems.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:13

OUT OF CONTROL

A man in the field of finance said with great emotion. "Our country is headed toward the rocks. We seem doomed for sure. My business looks hopeless."

"Why?" I asked. "Surely with the high interest rate and the increasing economy you should not have such a dark outlook."

"The trouble is not with business," the man replied. "It is with people. It seems as though people have thrown away all self-control and they no longer care about honoring their word."—Robert F. David

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When men lose their honor their good reputations are also lost. Since these two virtues are basic characteristics of good citizens, we are useless to a decent society without them.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 9:2

RESPLENDENT HEIGHTS

We can't appreciate, in full,
The mountain tops—unless
God lifts us to such altitudes
From valleys of distress.

We can't appreciate, in full,
His dawn of rosy hue,
Unless we've felt the darkest hour
Before the sun breaks through.

We can't appreciate, in full,
His love which none can sever!
Until we're safe within His arms
To share His bliss—forever!

—Florrie Estelle Hudson
A Blind Poet

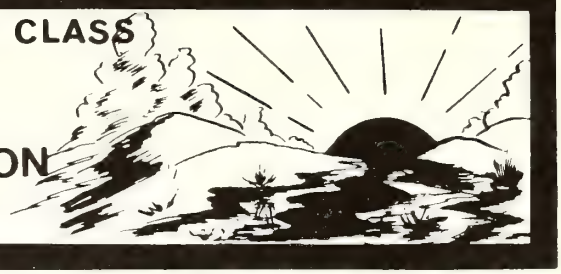
PRAYER THOUGHT

*Appreciation is mirrored by our attitudes. Attitude can make the sun to shine on the foulest of days or create the deepest, most depressive gloom on even bright, happy occasions.*

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



For December 7

## UNDERSTANDING MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 9:9-13; 1:1-17; 4:23-25
**Memory Verse:** Matthew 4:23

### I. INTRODUCTION

Beginning today we will spend twenty Sundays in the Gospel of Matthew, seven of these in the next quarter. You will enjoy these New Testament lessons and the writer brings them to you with a prayer that they will be most helpful to you.

Matthew was also called Levi, "a Jew of Galilee who had taken service as a taxgatherer under the Roman oppressor. He was, therefore, one of the hated and ill-reputed publicans."—Scofield. With this strike against him it took the grace of God to make him acceptable to the believing Jews with whom he later had fellowship.

Matthew wrote his Gospel primarily to the Jews but his message is for all men. It points to the time when Jesus would establish His kingdom on earth. Matthew saw Jesus as the King; Mark saw Him as the Servant; Luke, as the Son of man; and John, the Son of God. Each writer portrayed the Master in a different way but all saw Him as the incarnation of God in the flesh.

In this introductory lesson we will try to understand Matthew better, to see him in the dual role of prophet-priest. At the same time we will attempt to understand better the book he wrote. What was its message? To whom was it given? What was its purpose? What is its relevance for us today? The time we spend these weeks with this important book will be more than worth the time we invest in it.—**The Advance Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We do not have four Gospels, but we have four viewpoints of the gospel that were written by different men to different audiences for different purposes. This accounts for the differences in content and chronology.

B. The Gospel of Matthew is one of the key books in the Bible because it reaches back into the Old Testament and deals with the prophecies more than any other of the Gospels; and, it reaches into the New Testament and mentions the building of the church. This is not done by any other Gospel writer.

C. Matthew was a tax collector before Jesus called him. He was hated and looked upon as a traitor by his fellow Jews. Yet Jesus took this kind of person and made him an apostle and one of the writers of the Bible. What God can do with a life is truly marvelous!

D. The Gospel of Matthew will be studied for twenty weeks in succession. This is an unusual opportunity to get acquainted with this wonderful book in the Bible.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Of course not all of Jesus's work is included in Matthew 4:23. He did a greater work when He went to Calvary. There He atoned for the sins of the world. There He gave His life to redeem people who were lost. There He obtained for us pardon and peace and life everlasting. Matthew knew about that too and recorded it in its place near the end of his book.

What Jesus did at Calvary opened the way for a greater following than He ever had in Galilee. In His personal ministry He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but He sent His disciples to the uttermost part of the earth, to all nations (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15). In Galilee Jesus said, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). In widening fields the disciples said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Thousands of people followed Jesus in Galilee, and in widening fields multiplied thousands also became followers of the Master.

As the church spread into new fields, the apostles' teaching was its infallible guide. They had been with Jesus. They were inspired by the Holy Spirit. They taught only truth. The message of Christ is eternal, but the apostles could not live forever. If a message is passed on by word of mouth only, it is sure to be changed. So the Holy Spirit led Matthew to put the story of Jesus in writing; and so today we have firsthand testimony about Jesus, and it is testimony inspired by the Holy Spirit. By the study of it we can know Jesus better.

We have seen that Matthew's record is accurate and dependable for these reasons: (1) He was an eyewitness of much of what he recorded. (2) He was able to talk with people who witnessed other events he recorded. (3) Since he was a tax collector the strong presumption is that he was careful in reporting details. (4) He was an apostle and thus inspired by the Holy Spirit.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. If you were to visit some country which had a king for a ruler and you were honored with the privilege of meeting him, you probably would be ushered into a large room with other people there for the same purpose. Then several beautifully dressed heralds would come into the room and blow on trumpets and some dignified person would announce in a somber, loud voice, "His majesty, the king!" You would stand in respect to the king and in due time would get to speak to him.

Most of us have never met such a person and perhaps never will. But there is a King we have met and He is our daily companion and friend. The fact is, He is called the King of all kings, and there is no other person like Him. You met Him when you repented of your sins and believed in Him. His name is Jesus.

When Jesus came to earth to set up His kingdom in the hearts of Christians, He had followers around Him who introduced Him to the people. One of these was named Matthew. Matthew thought of Jesus not only as King of the Jews but also as the Messiah, meaning Christ, or Saviour who had come not only to the Jews but to all others as well.—**The Intermediate Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

# STORIES

## for our youth



## STEVE'S ROW OF THANKS

by Bertha C. Anderson

"HOW many days are there until Thanksgiving Day, Mother?" Steve asked, his brown eyes shining.

Mother smiled, "Look at the calendar Steve."

Steve ran to the calendar by the telephone. He found that day and counted the days one by one until he came to the red Thursday which was Thanksgiving Day. "Four!" he shouted, "four days until we go to Grandfather's farm, eat turkey, and be thankful!"

"Grandmother may not have turkey this year. It has been a bad year on the farm," Mother said. "But we do have so much for which to thank our heavenly Father everyday."

Steve looked thoughtful. Then all at once he ran to find his red tablet and his new red pencil. "I am going to write down the things I am thankful for each day until Thanksgiving Day. I'll sharpen my pencil and see if I can find enough thank-you things to wear it dull."

Everyday Steve wrote on his red tablet with his red pencil. His list grew and grew. On it were his home, his parents, his friends, school, church, the traffic policeman who helped him safely across the street, his dog, and many more everyday blessings. As he added each one to the row he began saying, "Thank you," then and there.

The next morning, Steve was playing with Happy, his dog, in the yard. Round and round they went. Suddenly Happy darted in front of Steve, tripping him. Steve hit the ground with a thud.

His mother stooped to examine his hand. "I'll take you down to Dr. Heath," she said. "How glad I am that Father did not take the car today. Be a brave boy, Steve!"

When they reached the doctor's office, Steve tried not to cry as Dr. Heath and his nurse took pictures of his hand with the X-ray machine.

"Now," said Dr. Heath, "we will make a white plaster house for that finger to live in until it is healed."

Steve looked at his hand in the stiff cast with trembling lips. "I can't be thankful now."

"You can be thankful that it wasn't your leg," the white-capped nurse smiled.

Dr. Heath's eyes twinkled. "Suppose you were an elephant with a broken leg. My! wouldn't you ache?"

Steve laughed through his tears.

By the next day Steve's finger in the white plaster house pained hardly at all. With his right hand he could still write on his red tablet with his red pencil.

On Thanksgiving Day morning, when they reached the farm, Steve's grandfather came from the house smiling broadly. Behind him was Grandmother in a blue dress and white apron. Steve held up his big white hand and told them all about his accident.

Grandmother shook her head. "Too bad—and at Thanksgiving time," she said.

"But I have so much to be thankful for—see?" and Steve held out his red tablet for his grandparents to read.

Grandmother started for the kitchen.

Steve followed at her heels. She stooped in front of the big range and opened the oven. Steve's eyes popped at the sight of the fat brown turkey.

"Oh, turkey!" Then he shouted, "Grandfather, please sharpen my pencil—I'm going to keep on saying thank you the whole year through!"—**Story World**

### THANKSGIVING HUNT

(Test Yourself)

The first letter of the missing words in the verses below spell **Thanksgiving.** Do you know what the words should be? If not, look in your Bible and then write the words in the space provided.

Score 10 points for every word you get correct without using your Bible and 5 points for every word found by using the Bible. Perfect score: 120 points. Good luck!

T _____ in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5).

H _____ the word of the Lord (Jeremiah 31:10).

A _____ and it shall be given you (Luke 11:9).

N _____ is the accepted time (2 Corinthians 6:2).

K _____ my commandments (John 14:15).

S _____ ye the Lord (Isaiah 55:6).

G _____ is love (1 John 4:8).

I _____ my Father's house are many mansions (John 14:2).

V _____ the fatherless (James 1:27).

I _____ your ears to the words of my mouth (Psalm 78:1).

N _____ is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

G _____ loveth a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

# A Tribute to Mr. John Beaman

IN July 19, 1975, Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church and Community near Walstonburg lost a man of great integrity and Christian leadership. Mr. John Beaman was a man well-respected, liked, and appreciated by all who knew him. He was a man who loved God and expressed that love in many ways. Mr. Johnny and his father were instrumental in organizing a church in the Spring Branch Community out of a Sunday school that had already been organized for about twenty years. Mr. Johnny was a charter member of the Spring Branch church. In 1936, he and two others reorganized the Sunday school, which had waned for some time.

During his lifetime he served the church in a number of capacities. He served as deacon, as Sunday school superintendent, as adult Sunday school teacher, as trustee, and as sexton of the church for a number of years. When decisions had to be made concerning the church, Mr. Johnny asserted an influence of calm thinking and Christian commitment. Mr. Johnny loved his church and community and took a great deal of interest in its history. On one occasion he helped to write and publish a number of issues of a church newsletter. He also assisted in the writing of a history of the church in 1961. The church was a very important part of Mr. John's life.

But Mr. Johnny expressed his love for God in other ways as well. He enjoyed and loved God's creation. To him, nature was not only beautiful but was a reminder of God. He often sat on his front porch to observe nature around him. Birds, trees, and flowers especially interested him. He enjoyed the cardinals, bluejays, and particularly the scarce bluebirds that built nests each summer in the house he built for them. He knew the various kinds of oaks by name. The smell of the pines and the beauty of the big holly tree in his yard, which he called his Christmas tree. pleased him. A walk in the woods looking for ladyslippers was not unusual for Mr. Johnny, even after his stroke. Mr. Johnny did not have to go away from home to appreciate nature; he found its beauty right on his own farm.

The farm that has been in the Beaman family for about 134 years was important to Mr. Johnny. There he found more than a livelihood; he found a symbol of his family—his grandfather, his father, and his own family. There he found the love of his wife and children. There he found strength in time of sickness and crises.

Mr. Johnny expressed his love of God and nature and family in a number of poems. He enjoyed reading, studying, and writing. His small library meant much to him. He hardly wanted the books removed for dusting. Although his two attempts to go to college were foiled by the depression, Mr. Johnny continued his education at home. One of his poems which expresses his faith in God follows:

I built my house upon the sand,
The storm wind blew,
It did not stand,
But fell before the tempest shock—
It was not founded on the rock.

I sought for a foundation sure,
For something strong
That would endure;
I found at last that which sufficed,
I'm building now on Jesus Christ.

I'm building, yes, I'm digging deep,
I tarry not
For rest or sleep,
And as I watch my structure rise,
Its shining spires point to the skies.

The storms may rage with baffled roar,
And beat in anger
On my door,
But peace is mine, I do not fear,
The one in whom I trust is near.

The Rev. C. H. Overman, one of Mr. Johnny's past pastors, very ably expressed in this paragraph of the memorial service the feelings of those who knew Mr. Johnny: "And I can only say 'Praise God' for a man who was built upon the solid foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ—for a man who loved to express himself in this way and has left us this testimony—for a man who loved others—who loved his family dearly—he loved nature—and I fee that he communed with God through nature and those things round about How thankful we should be that our lives have touched such a person."

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Linda Futch

## AUTOGRAPH PARTY



An autograph party for Elizabeth Cobb Williams who has recently written an inspirational book, "The Silent Bell," will be held at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation building in Ayden, Saturday, December 6, from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m.

"The Silent Bell" tells of life and conditions which existed forty and fifty years ago in Eastern North Carolina, and especially around the area of Conetoe.

The author was born in Pitt County, North Carolina, and now lives in Robersonville. The public is invited to attend.

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and the Ayden Bible and Bookstore along with the branch stores at Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, will be closed Thursday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. They will all be open again on Friday November 28, at the usual hour. Thank you!

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## DIRECTOR VISITS CHARLOTTE MISSION

I was eating lunch on my visit to the Central Conference when a friend of mine, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, asked me how Wayne Watson was getting along over in Charlotte. I paused for a moment and observed that Brother Raymond Sasser, who was setting next to me, and several other ministers heard the question and were listening for my answer.

Before I go any further I want our readers to know that as director-treasurer of Home Missions, I have always felt a deep sense of responsibility toward giving you a true picture at all time, whether it is good or bad. I feel that it is real important that you always know the truth since we are all working together for one common cause. I feel that all the glory and pain should be shared equally.




***Picture of the mission's beautiful building site located on the east side of Charlotte.***

Anyway, I said to Brother Stewart, "Our Brother Wayne is sort of down in the dumps. He is really depressed because just when things were looking real good, half of his small congregation moved out of town, thus the responsibility that goes with the job becomes very heavy at times." I added that Brother Wayne, his family, and the members of the mission are in need of our prayers. I could tell that I did the right thing by being completely candid with my remarks for Brother Stewart's heart seemed to be touched and he asked me for Brother Wayne's address.

Brother Stewart wrote a very nice letter to Brother Wayne which he showed me later.

I went to Charlotte on November 13 and had a nice visit with the Watson family. On the occasion Mrs. Watson (Lorraine) served a delicious supper consisting of roast pork, fried chicken, dressing and gravy, an assortment of vegetables, homemade biscuits, and strawberry cake. One of the kids said, "Boy, I'm glad we are having company for supper!" Even though Sister Watson is a very good cook, she realizes that "man does not live by bread alone." She conducts a Bible study and prayer time in her home one day a week. Brother Wayne is realizing more and more the importance of community evangelizing on a personal basis as the first and foremost thing in establishing a new church.



***The Watson family around the supper table.***

After supper we all hurried over the Brother Clayton Everett's house for a meeting. However, Sister Watson ran a little behind time because of the supper dishes, dressing the baby girl, and incoming phone calls. Brother William Lovick soon came in and we got right down to some straight talk. It all amounted to this: We all agreed that we are committed to build a solid Free Will Baptist church in Charlotte that will be in fellowship with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. I reaffirmed our commitment to them and they reaffirmed their commitment to us; after which, Brother Everett suggested that we all have a cup of coffee. I came away feeling real good about what I saw and felt, and arrived back in Fayetteville at approximately 2:30 a. m.



***The Watson family, William Lovick, and the Everett family.***

When people ask me about the work in Charlotte, I simply say, "I believe it to be solid."

Beloved, I beg your prayers, patience, and understanding concerning Home Missions. It usually takes several years to build a solid church when you have to start from scratch. The lack of funds is still a great hindrance to all our mission work. We only have about two weeks of operating capital on hand at the present time.

You mission-minded Christians, please write the Watsons a letter of encouragement; it will mean much to them. The address is 6110 Honeysuckle Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28212.

Taylor Hill
Director-Treasurer

## Churches and Ministers

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Robert L. Langley announces that he has resigned the pastorate of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Four Oaks, in the Cape Fear Conference. He is now available for part-time or full-time pastoral services. He is a member of the Western Conference in good standing. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557; or telephoning 284-4178.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Mr. Edward C. Beard**

Mr. Edward C. Beard died November 24, 1965 (the day before Thanksgiving), and was buried on November 26. He was a devoted husband, daddy, and was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston. Even though it has been ten years since his passing, we have never forgotten, nor will we ever forget, the love and kindness shown us by the Kinston church and all our friends.

**MY DADDY**

He was quite a special guy to us
For well do we remember
That though the years he guided us
With love and care so tender.
He may have scolded us at times
For certain things we had done;
But his love for us was strong and true,
And our respect he always won.

Even after we had all grown up,
He was always there to lend
A helping hand and let us know
He would always be our friend.
He held a place within our hearts—
A place no one else ever can,
For no matter how big the problem seemed,
He would always understand.

He was always around so he could share
Each heavy load we bore;
He tried to make each day seem bright—
Brighter than the day before.
Though it's been ten years since God called him home,
We still miss him day by day;
And we are thankful for such a wonderful dad
To enjoy all along life's way.

Our love for Dad will never die
Although he is laid to rest;
For when it comes to daddies,
Ours was one of the best.
We hope to see him again someday
With God in our mansions up there.
To be prepared to dwell with him
Is our constant and fervent prayer.

By his daughter,
Mrs. Eleanor Tew-dau

## IN MEMORY OF

**MRS. JESSIE E. SNIPES**

It is with sorrow in our hearts that we write these words in memory of Mrs. Jessie E. Snipes who passed away September 5, 1975, at the Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro. She was seventy years old.

Funeral services were held on September 7 at Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church of which she was a member, by her pastor, the Rev. Preston Smith, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. Bill Futch of Kinston. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Snipes was a member of the woman's auxiliary and a Sunday school teacher. She was a faithful Christian who attended her church regularly and loved the Lord. She was known as "Aunt Jessie" or "Granny Snipes" by most of the children in the church and community. She was loved by all who knew her.

We miss her very much, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Her Christian way of life has left a lasting memory in our lives. We pray that it be God's will that we meet again in heaven someday.

She bore her illness in a most humble way. She never failed to say, "Thank you," and had a smile for the nurses, doctors, and friends during her long stay in the hospital.

She leaves to mourn their loss five children: Graham and Norman of Princeton, Billy Ray of Goldsboro, Mrs. Molton Mitchell of Goldsboro, and Mrs. Roby Eatman of Smithfield; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three sisters, and one brother.

**Loving Memories**

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall;
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true;
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you!

You are not forgotten loved one,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

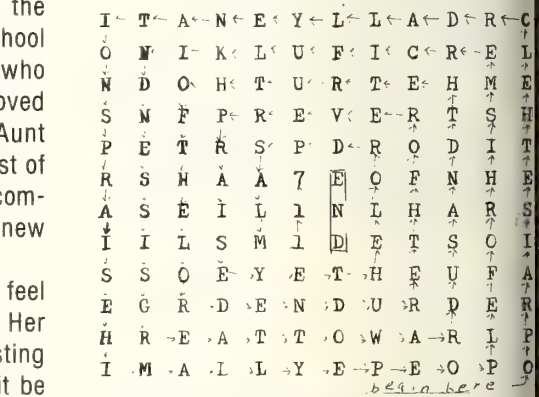
We miss you now, our hearts are sad,
As time goes by, we miss you more;
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

—Anonymous

Written by a daughter-in-law,
Mrs. Marjorie Snipes

**PSALM ???**

by Mrs. C. D. Clark




In last week's puzzle, by beginning at a certain place and connecting each letter (except the three letters near the center of the block "END"), you will find the complete 117 Psalm. The psalm reads as follows: "O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD."

## FEATURE

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for me to say "Dr. Raper," even though I consider him fully worthy of the title. I manage it on formal occasions, but when we meet here and there, it's just Burkette, along with Charles, two or three Jimmies, Mildred, a Betty or two, Larry, Ann, Mary, and a long list of other boys and girls who were part of the family I helped to papa those cherished years at our Children's Home back in the early forties.

(Next Week: Important Events of the Forties)



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THIS YOUNG MAN MAY BE IN DIRE NEED OF OUR MERCIFUL KINDNESS. WHO BUT GOD KNOWS HIS INNER HEART. IN VOICELESS PLEADINGS HE MAY BE BEGGING, "LORD, HAVE MERCY!"

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# Editorial--

## HAVE MERCY

According to William Shakespeare, "The quality of mercy is not strained; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath: it is twice blest. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes. . . ."

All of us, at some painful experience, or during moments of indecision, surprise, or dismay, have brust forth (and sometimes in oral exasperation) with, "Lord, have mercy!" Whether we were really calling upon the Lord during those times is questionable. Though the utterance could be viewed as a similitude of prayer, more often it has been used as an expletive (in English grammar, an exclamatory word or phrase or a word or phrase inserted to fill a vacancy in a sentence). Thus, the expression, "Lord, have mercy," has lost its real meaning to many, and is now no more important than "Gee," "My goodness," "Gosh," "Oh my," and sundry other sayings. But, this should not be so. Mercy is nothing to take so lightly.

Its definition is interesting. Observe what Webster says about it: "Mercy: a compassion or forbearance shown especially to one offended or to one subject to one's power (as God shows mercy to a wrongdoer); a blessing that is an act of divine favor or compassion; compassionate treatment of those in distress. . . ." An adjective derived from the word is merciful; and, all of us are familiar with the publican's sincere prayer: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Why has mercy lost its original meaning? Let's examine a few facts.

1. People have become so self-sufficient (so they think) that the need for mercy is no longer as great.

2. Asking for mercy can be considered a little "undignified" (until a real crisis occurs, then dignity is about as necessary as a five-legged stool in a room full of chairs).

3. Pleading for mercy is a sign of weakness—and forbid that any of us be considered weak! (Yet, when a strong tide of trouble sweeps us off our feet, we don't mind admitting to our lack of strength.)

There are other facts that can be examined, certainly, but the above three hopefully make the point. Only in desperation do we genuinely seek mercy, though jokingly we ask for it daily and utter meaningless phrases with it affixed to them. Really, mercy is nothing to laugh at; it is a serious quality found wanting in many of us. We speak it without possessing it. We devour it greedily should it be given us, yet we fail to share it or even show it to our neighbor.

All of us, in serious thought and contemplation, self-examination, and individual character appraisal, know that we need mercy. We need it because of the numerous evils we perpetrate. We need it for the secret sin that lies hidden within our breasts. We need it (perhaps most of all) for all the things we've failed to do. God owns it, and God grants mercy—daily, and without so much as a "Thank you" from the majority of us who accept His gift as a matter of course or something we have merited by our "goodness." Indeed! We merit nothing by our "goodness." We are as filthy rags in the light of His righteousness.

How generous we are with our mercy! How willingly we give it to others! How wonderfully we display our kindness to our neighbors! How unselfishly we share our bounty with the needy! How enthusiastically we feed on the Word and divide it unto others! Horse feathers! Too many of us get lost in the Forest of Negligence and drown in the Sea of "I Know I Should Have, But. . . ."

Therefore, we beg to differ with Mr. Shakespeare (as his quotation regards man). Of course, God's quality of mercy is not strained. It does indeed drop as gentle rain from heaven. Yet, man's quality of mercy is strained, regrettably. To get mankind to show any mercy at all is often as hard and painful as pulling the proverbial eyetooth.

The sad part of all this is that Shakespeare was correct in saying that mercy is twice blest, that it blesses him that gives and him that takes (receives). The trouble is that mankind takes more than he gives, and all too often is unwilling to give just a little of that which he could possess in abundance, if he would but accept God's offering.

The next time you say, "Lord, have mercy," think of the words and what they really mean; and, if you want and expect Him to have mercy on you, consider that He would have you do the same for your neighbor. After all, Matthew 5:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Perhaps Shakespeare had read that verse. Why not apply it to your daily living so that the quality of mercy need not ever be strained?

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Nineteen)
by Loy Everette Ballard

## IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE FORTIES

DURING the 1940s, several important events took place in connection with the program and development of the Free Will Baptist denomination throughout the world of which I want to take note here.

We have taken note in a former article of the promotional work done in the interest of the Free Will Baptist league in the late 1930s by the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bowen. This work continued on into the 1940s, with some of the rest of us joining in to widen the sphere of denominational youth activity. In 1936 the first league camp was held at "Camp Leach" on the Pamlico River, largely through the efforts of Mr. Bowen and the Rev. Henry Melvin, who served as the director of the camp for a number of sessions. Camp Leach was used for the camp until the year 1945. As time went on a growing concern for a campsite of our own grew steadily.

We have recorded the fact that two Sunday school conventions were organized in the year 1940—the National Sunday School Convention and the North Carolina Sunday School Convention. With the organization of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention, the movement for a Free Will Baptist league campsite was expanded into a movement for a general assembly ground where summer activities for both young and adult Free Will Baptists could be carried on. From its beginning, the Sunday school convention became active in support of such a movement, starting a special fund for this purpose. The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, who served as president of the Sunday school convention for several years, was especially ardent in support of the movement for the founding of a general assembly. In 1946, the Free Will Baptist league camp was held at Blue Ridge YMCA Assembly at Black Mountain. It was during the time of the camp that a committee representing all our statewide conventions decided upon the purchase of a large building and over 100 acres of land near Black Mountain for a general Free Will Baptist Assembly. Thus Cragmont Assembly was formally organized and chartered that year, and conferences for ministers and for women were conducted. The following years, from 1946 until 1953, weeks were set apart by the Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly for various age groups. In 1953, the State Sunday School Convention sponsored the first of the present statewide youth conferences which have been held regularly since, one or more being sponsored annually by each of the four statewide conventions owning and promoting the assembly. The establishment of Cragmont Assembly was one of the outstanding denominational events of the 1940s.

Here are a few facts gleaned from minutes of various denominational bodies during this period: Under the able leadership of Mr. W. E. Coville, its president for a number of years, the National Sunday School Convention was very active in endeavors to set up higher standards for Sunday schools of the denomination. Its "Standard of Efficiency" received the approval of most all state and district Sunday school conventions throughout the denomination. By 1945, four state Sunday school conventions and seven associational or district conventions were represented in the National Convention, representing some 300 Sunday schools. Incidentally, Mr. W. E. Coville transferred from another denomination to the Free Will Baptist during my pastorate of the East Nashville church, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1929, and I had the honor of baptizing him. The 1945 session of the National Association met with the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, while I was directing the religious work for the home. It was at this time that I first met a number of people with whom I have been associated over the years, among them were Damon Dodd, F. B. Cherry, George Dunbar, and John West.

As the 1940s came to a close, the National Association was supporting eight missionaries in foreign lands; operating the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee; a Cuban School of Missions; and had a thriving home missions work going.

In 1948, the first of a series of Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conferences was held in Nashville, under the direction of the Rev. Clarence Bowen, who had become the National Free Will Baptist League secretary, with close to a thousand young people in attendance. The second conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1949, was attended by an even larger group.

Also in 1948, the first association of Original Free Will Baptists in the West was organized in California—the Golden Gate Association. Minutes in our collection show considerable progress made during these years generally throughout the country.

(Next Week: With the Free Will Baptist Press)

# PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

by
Mrs. Marlene Everett

IN Matthew 25:40 we read: ". . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Here Jesus is saying that when we are concerned about the needs of others and do something about their needs, then we are doing these things for Him.

The word **least** as stated here can mean the poor, weak, or the physically and mentally handicapped. Today let's think of **least** as meaning the physically and mentally handicapped. The physically and mentally handicapped are people—people like you and me. They have the same feeling and the same need that we have; the difference is that their need is stronger. Love and acceptance are basic needs of all people and are very strong needs of the physically and mentally handicapped.

Let me share with you a story about four typical handicapped young people. Their names are Sherry, Claudia, Dennis, and Carol. They are lovely children and young people who belong to a special group of persons in our society who are physically or mentally handicapped (emotionally disturbed). Each of these has problems, not the least of which is the society into which he or she was born.

Sherry and Claudia, as teenagers, didn't have a group to which they could belong. Other teenagers frustrated them, adults frequently expected more of them than they were capable of doing, and younger children made them self-conscious. These various social influences made both girls unhappy and they were fast becoming problem children at home—emotionally disturbed.

Dennis has a different kind of problem. He is physically handicapped and cannot climb stairs like other children; therefore, he cannot go to the only school that is available to him. He needs physical therapy but none is available in the community in which he lives. However, this is the least of his problems! Dennis has never really been accepted by his mother, and there are times when he is mistreated by her and others. When called at mealtime, he is given no food if he does not respond immediately. He feels antagonized by his mother, and does everything he can to upset her by his actions. He and his mother have drifted farther and farther apart.

Now Carol has most attractive features, but her body is extremely crippled, making it necessary for her to wear braces up to her chest. Unable to walk, stand, or talk, her problems are both in communication and locomotion. Carol understands everything but cannot communicate her thoughts. Because it had been said that Carol could not be educated, no provision was made for her education, only for her physical rehabilitation. Recently, however, she has begun to receive formal schooling. She has learned also to make responses with her eyes.

These children are typical of many children in Kinston, Lenoir County, and the world over. The handicap which members of society place on them is frequently greater than those with which they were born. The question is: How do we remove this second handicap? There are several possibilities which exist for the church and community—some which are being explored. However, there are others which need to be explored.

Let's begin with community education. For exceptional persons, the handicap of an uninformed society is inexcusable. Handicapped persons, both physical and mental, can be helped with proper training. This has been proven in the past few years.

Out of every thirty retarded persons twenty-five could, if given the opportunity for education and vocational training, become completely self-supporting. Of the remaining five, four of these could learn to read, do arithmetic, and carry on some work according to their more limited capacity. Only the one remaining child would not benefit from any program at all.

The second handicap to be removed is the lack of understanding in the family, the church, or in various groupings within the community. While persons must live in a world consisting of many kinds of persons and social groupings, Christians must promote community growth in understanding persons with handicaps. Sherry and Claudia lack this understanding. In the public school they are grouped with younger children, making them more conscious of their difference. In Sunday school the lessons are beyond them so that they are unable to cope with the study material.

Not too long ago the aunt of a retarded child asked, "What good will it do to teach this child anything? He will still be retarded." Educational advancement will help that person belong just a little more to the world of which he is a part. Ignoring the existence of retardation does not solve any problems. Sometimes parents or relatives will insist that Johnny will somehow "get all right." This just isn't so! The truth of the matter is that a child with limited mental abilities will probably always be beset by this handicap. But in the church there is a real opportunity to foster parents' understanding which is so necessary for the fullest development of a handicapped person's potentials.

The handicapped child born into a family is often the little monster of the family group if parents do not insist on proper table manners or even decent behavior in the group. Just because an individual is handicapped does not mean he can or should be allowed to run wild like an animal. Rather, he needs the same restrictions placed on him as a "normal" child. Of course, hyperactivity is a problem in a family group; but with proper understanding of the reason behind this type of behavior, the extra demands such a child makes can be coped with.

Most individuals respond to praise

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Editor's Note: The First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston observed Mental Retardation Sunday November 2. One of the church members, Mrs. Marlene Everett, director of the Lenoir County Association for Retarded Citizens, spoke on this occasion. This article is the message as delivered by Mrs. Everett. The Rev. Bill Futch is pastor of the Kinston church.

hen a job is well done, or when a new ccomplishment has been achieved. A w simple words of encouragement will elp in many areas of the handicapped erson's development. Even though we ay become impatient with the slow rogress of the child, **patience** must be e number one quality of those working nd living with the handicapped.

Next in importance to the handicapped erson's family is the community in hich he lives. Neighbors can help by xplaining to their children that some dividuals are born with certain hand-aps, and what this means in terms of mited expectations. Neighboring hildren need to recognize the limits ithin which their handicapped friends an play. Acceptance by the group will e important to the development of the andicapped youngster.

Beyond the immediate neighborhood re the grocery store, bakery, dime tore, and drugstore. Business people lso must have an understanding attitude oward persons of special need who nter their shops.

The community can provide many pportunities for socialization of the andicapped. Sometime ago a group of andicapped persons were observed owling from wheelchairs. Those vatching soon learned that strikes can e made just as effectively when the owling ball is rolled at a slow pace.

When a swimming pool was made vailable to some amputees, a young an was afraid to go in because omeone might make an unkind remark bout his physical appearance (he had ost his legs above his knees). However, hen he learned that jeans could be inned up to cover his thighs, he was ne of the first to get in the water.

While it is important to discern the reas where understanding needs to take lace in the community, probably the ost essential institution to foster such nderstanding is the church. The inistry of Jesus was that of person to erson. The epileptic, the blind, the ame—each was accepted as he was. So ust we learn to accept both the lovely nd the unlovely among the hand-capped. Along with the handicapped erson, we must accept his parents and ther family members too. It is tragic to ear a mother say, "At first I thought I ould never face people, but I have earned to let remarks pass. But I still ry." Where have we failed in our Christian responsibility for meeting the needs of persons?

As a church, we need to develop a better communication with parents of handicapped persons. The Lenoir County Association for Retarded Citizens tried several years ago to establish a service between the hospital and doctors, that they would call the minister of their patient or minister of the patient's choice immediately upon the birth of a handicapped child, so that he might be with the doctor and the parents when the parents received the information. This has not been followed up by the ARC in recent years; therefore, I do not know if this is still being done. It should be and I hope that it is, as the minister's counsel and help will be needed for a long time after the hospital confinement.

Programs of religious development of the handicapped are needed very badly in our churches. The retarded child particularly needs church school classes at his level. In many cases he should not be compelled to compete in a normal classroom setting, as this may create anxiety, frustration, and unhappiness.

There are many other ways in which the church can participate in training programs and activities for the physically and mentally handicapped. The church can serve as a meeting place for a Scout troop for the handicapped and for the parents of these persons. It can sponsor various programs to assist the handicapped in social adjustments and for acquaintances among parents with this mutual concern. Day camping and weekend family camping can also be arranged. Handicapped persons make good campers either by the day or for longer. Actually, any church activity can be planned with participation of handicapped persons in mind.

The church can support legislative programs designed to help the handicapped. Through educational and vocational programs, many persons can develop to their fullest potential.

The church must be aware of training programs available in the community, or the lack of them, encouraging the use of those that exist and the development of others that are needed. Training programs available in the Kinston area for the handicapped are at Caswell Center, the Adult Developmental Activity program for adults from sixteen years of age and up. The majority of the clients in this center are those who live at home with their parents. There are several Caswell Center residents who go there each day also. This program is geared toward social adjustment and learning how to be independent. The ARC Child Developmental Disability Day Care Center, which is next door to us, is a preschool and school-excluded program for children from two years of age to fifteen. All of these children live at home with their parents. The preschoolers are being prepared to enter public school while the school-excluded children are being taught independency and social skills. There is the Sheltered Workshop for the Blind, which also has some sighted mentally and physically handicapped clients. These clients are doing contracted work for DuPont and various other companies. The need is very urgent in our community for a development program for nonambulatory preschool children and a work activity program for our adults.

The church must help remove the second handicap created through the ignorance of its constituency and gain the understanding and acceptance by all persons of special need.

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### TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

by Ellen Parnell
(Age 16)
Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Pikeville, North Carolina

To you, our senior citizens, who are just as young in heart as we are.

You have taught us right from wrong. When we are in need, we can always go to you. When we are happy and love everything around us, or when we have been hurt and are sad, you seem to understand because you've been there before.

As young people, we would have never even stopped to say our "yes mams" and "no sirs," our "pleases" and "thank yous," or any other words of respect; but you have always taught us manners and we have been properly brought up by your help.

For sharing your time, we have been able to share ours. May we grow up to be just like your generation.

Thank you for all you have done for us; and this day and forever, we would like to keep you as a part of our lives because we care and love you very much.




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Please explain, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me" (Exodus 20:5). There would seem to be unfairness in this.

**Answer:** There is no unfairness in God's dealings with anyone or anything. In the first place, God is the Creator of everything, including all living beings. In the case of man He went so far as to create him, the whole race in Adam, in His own image and likeness. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat" (Genesis 1:27-29).

You see that man being created "in the likeness of God" would indicate he had the intelligence and other qualifications that fitted him for the task of dominion and responsibility God gave him in this tremendous assignment. Babylon, Egypt, and even Israel, under Solomon and David as is true of some modern countries, were each much desired for one to exercise dominion over; but God equipped Adam and Eve to have dominion over all the seas, the air, and all the land. So far as we know they did well, for until sin, through their disobedience came in, they had the mind of God in the exercise of such dominion. They did it all as God would have it done.

In an obedient surrender of a sinner to Jesus one becomes a Christian; being born again he was the mind of Christ; "... who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). As long as he is perfectly active in that mind, no task or undertaking is too great for him. Paul certainly felt this way when he wrote, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. . . . But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19).

Had Adam lived thousands of years upon the earth, and in obedience to God's command controlled its affairs until its population had been several thousand times that of today, no want or need would have come that could not be taken care of through Adam's leadership.

No need will ever present itself in this age that God, in the completely dedicated life of a Christian, cannot supply.

Now getting back to a more direct discussion of your question. Even though there is a sense in which we inherit some of the weaknesses of the body our ancestors acquired through living an intemperate life, yet we are free from their spiritual implications. I have heard of certain types of blindness that are acquired through venereal diseases, and in some cases have been passed on to the following generation. Also that in overindulgence fathers become victims of kidney diseases they passed on to their progeny. But the rule in the Old Testament of the sins of the fathers being passed on to their children is altered: "In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge" (Jeremiah 31:29, 30). (See Ezekiel 18:2, 3.)

George H. Sandison says on a similar question in his book, **1000 Difficult Bib Questions Answered**, on Page 307, as follows:

"This particular passage is ofte misunderstood and misinterpreted. Th denunciation in Exodus 20:5 does n refer to physical evils, arising from th sins of progenitors, although it is a we known fact that these, too, through th inflexible law of nature, are visited upo the helpless and innocent. It has special reference to idolatry. Under th Jewish law, as under all wise ar equitable governments, fathers were n permitted to suffer for the children sins, nor the children for the father offenses, but every one should suffer f his own sin. In the case of idolatr however, it would seem that God a propriated to himself the execution of h own law, which was designed discourage that special sin. Nation rewards and punishments see inevitably to extend over a sing generation, in order to produce ar permanent effect."

**Question:** When one has prayed in th light of Matthew 5:12-15, meeting th requirements Jesus lays down here ar still feels unforgiven, does this mean h has not been forgiven?

**Answer:** I do not think this is necessary conclusion. We are told in th Bible: ". . . ye have not because ye as not. Ye ask, and receive not, because y ask amiss, that ye may consume it upo your lusts" (James 4:2, 3). Jesus to His disciples just before He wa crucified: "If ye abide in me, and m words abide in you, ye shall ask what y will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:7). "If any of you lack wisdon let him ask of God, that giveth to all me liberally, and unbraideth not; and it sha be given him. But let him ask in fait nothing wavering. For he that wavere is like a wave of the sea driven with th wind and tossed. For let not that ma think that he shall receive any thing the Lord" (James 1:5-7).

When Jesus touched the eyes of blin men He said, ". . . According to yo faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29 Note the results, "And their eyes we opened; . . ." (Matthew 9:30 Therefore, my conclusion would necessity be that such a one th praying and having this experien needs to exercise more faith in su

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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

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**EMPLOYERS,**

**TAKE NOTICE!**

Isn't it strange how unimportant a man's job is when he asks for a raise, and how important it is when he wants a day off?




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
Scripture Reading—Psalm 7:1

WHERE THE BULLET STOPPED

A lieutenant in the United States Army on some far-off battle front and his buddy were sent out on an important mission. When the enemy discovered them, the lieutenant faced them, saying to himself, "Lord, it's your responsibility now." As he reached for his carbine, a shot from one of them struck him in the breast and blasted him down. Thinking he was dead, his pal grabbed his carbine and blasted away with both guns. He received three bullet wounds, but when he finished not one of the enemy was left. The lieutenant wrote his sister in Pennsylvania: "He was amazed when I rolled over and tried to get up. The force of that bullet had only stunned me. Dazedly, wondering why, I pulled my Bible out of my pocket and in utter muteness looked at the ugly hole in the cover. It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and kept going. Where do you think it stopped? In the middle of the Ninety-first Psalm, pointing like a finger at this verse, 'A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.' I did not know such a verse was in the Bible . . . In utter humility I said, 'Thank you, precious God.' "—From Leaflet, *"A Lieutenant's Miraculous Escape"*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we are in God's care we have nothing to fear. Too many of us go through life fearing needlessly.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
Scripture Reading—Ephesians 1:19, 20

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!"

There came the time when George Grenfell, a missionary in Africa, turned into a tributary of the Congo River and met a large group of natives singing powerfully and heartily, in their own language, the moving hymn of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." And here, only years before, George Grenfell had witnessed scenes of cruelty and hatred. Tears welled into the missionary's eyes as he thought of this. Truly, "All Hail!"—Will Herman

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's loving power can change the hardest of hearts and bring harmony out of chaos.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9
Scripture Reading—Proverbs 20:1

20 D'S OF STRONG DRINK

Demands its toll,
Defects the body mechanism,
Decreases chances of success,
Diminishes income,
Deadens noble instincts,
Drowns responsibility,
Desires nothing good,
Delights in evil,
Despises good company,
Deceives its patrons,
Diseases the body,
Drives away self-respect,
Darkens the outlook,
Destroys its user,
Draws misery and woe,
Defies good judgment,
Destroys the body,
Defeats God's plans,
Damns the soul.

—William S. Sharpe

PRAYER THOUGHT

Let us prayerfully seek ways and means to do away with all the horrors reeked upon humanity stemming from the overindulgence of strong drink.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:18

"I'VE SHUT THE DOOR ON YESTERDAY!"

I've shut the door on yesterday—
  Its sorrows and mistakes;
I've locked within its gloomy walls
  Past failures and heartaches.
And now I throw the key away
  To seek another room,
And furnish it with hope and smiles
  And every springtime bloom . . .
I've shut the door on yesterday
  And thrown the key away—
Tomorrow holds no fears for me,
  Since I have found today.

—Vivien Yeiser Laramore

PRAYER THOUGHT

The past is not to be forgotten bu the present must continue forward Our lives are much as clocks—they d not run well backwards.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 6:10

THE DIFFERENCE!

There is a vast difference between a person with a vision and a visionary person. The person with a vision talks little but does much. The person wh is visionary talks much but does nothing.—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

Thinking and planning are fine, bu we must put our plans to work in order to accomplish anything.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:27

"LOOK UP!"

To be distressed, look within;
To be defeated, look back;
To be distracted, look around;
To be dismayed, look before;
To be delivered, look to Christ;
To be delighted, look up.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

To be devoted to Christ and His work is to be desired above all else.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:24

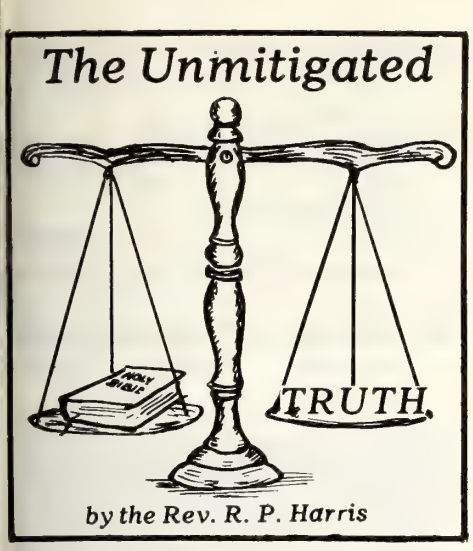
WHO WE ARE—WHAT WE ARE

The big things of life show WHO we are. The little things of life show WHAT we are!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Who we are may open many doors here on earth for us, but what we are will be the determining factor when we wish admittance at the door of heaven.

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Scriptural basis: ''. . . according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost'' (Titus 3:5).

## THE PERSON WHO CAN BE REGENERATED

There are many different kinds of people in the world. These people who, because of their strange relationship with the Lord, can never be saved. There was a time when this was not so, but because of their abuse of Christian beliefs and privileges they have lost all incentives and God will not draw them unto Himself. They are lost—lost forever! I would like to believe that only a small percentage of people fall in this category, but when I look around and discover so many people flagrantly and persistently going the way of sinful flesh, I am amazed and disturbed. I know that they will be without excuse when they stand before God—and stand before God they shall!

Paul, in his letters to the church at Corinth, makes it plain that God has given a revelation of His existence, power, and authority through nature, and will not excuse anyone—not even the people who have never had a human witness.

I shall now deal with three kinds of people who may be saved. First, I suggest that the immoral person can be saved. The so-called ''loose woman'' and the whoremonger, or any person who has committed fornication or adultry can be saved. (Read John 8:1-11.) This does not mean that God condones sin and will look the other way when one commits these sins. The immoral person, like all other sinners, must submit himself to the washing and regenerating processes suggested in our text. This cleansing process is necessary and it must include the blood of Christ. Without this ingredient no amount of washing will ever cleanse the soul. I fear that many persons have gone through many washings and are still filthy and dirty. They wash out bad habits, vile language, and many other ungodly practices which make them feel very clean; and to many others they even smell clean. But a person must learn to place himself beside God's example and then he will be able to see the ''ring around the collar.''

A second group of persons who may be regenerated are the religious. There are many religions in the world. These religions have many devout and faithful members who are indeed very religious. The trouble with religion is that there has to be a certain person whose very existence and power makes Him eternal, divine, and everlasting. Jesus Christ is that Person and He is the only One who can save sinners. Any religion that does not have Jesus Christ as its only hope is useless. If you will read carefully Acts 9:4-6 you will see how Paul came to know the Lord. Paul was so religious before he met our Lord that you could say of him, ''He was a religious fanatic.'' But Paul was not saved until he met the Lord!

There is a third class of people I must mention who can be regenerated: ''Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him'' (1 John 5:1). The ones who believe, and whosoever will may believe on the Lord, will be saved. The secret here is the will. Nobody can be saved except the Father draw him. The use of the will makes it possible for God to draw a sinner. So, if the sinner comes up with a willingness to be washed by regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, he can be saved!

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(**Puzzle Answers**: Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Titus, Lamentations, and Hebrews.)

**When I Must Leave You**

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near,
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

We feel so sad when those we love
Are called to live in ''the House above,''
But they have but gone to prepare the way
And we'll meet them again some happy day;
For God has told us that nothing can sever
A life He created to live on forever.

So let God's promise soften our sorrow
And give us new strength for a brighter tomorrow.

May we pray: ''Oh Lord, our Lord; how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Make us more appreciative of our loved ones who have gone to be with you. We are so thankful for what their lives have meant to us. Help us to be mindful of the things we say and do. Amen.''

**PRAISE HIM!**

Yesterday He blessed
Much more than I was due.
Today He still is blessing
With skies of brightest blue.
Tomorrow is a mystery,
But still I'll trust in Him.
For He who so has blessed me,
Will bless me yet again!

—Linda Bray

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## "CRY THE CRY THAT I BID THEE"

by Mrs. Marie Nilumarthi
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South India

Greetings, dear Christian friends, in the precious name of Jesus!

We are a small band of independent native preachers without any resources for our support, who felt the call of God for the gospel ministry among our native poor, neglected, backward classes in India. Most of these natives are farm laborers or manual laborers who earn not more than 50 cents a day in American currency. Moreover, every missionary, foreign or native, works only in cities and towns where the people have less inconveniences. So we have dedicated our lives to reaching the jungle tribes, Indian gypsies, and these neglected classes. The Holy Spirit has now begun to move these people, some of whom have already accepted Christ. Bless the Lord!

We are sure there are God's people in your country who are willing to take prayerful interest in these neglected people; so we call upon you to take one of these villages and its evangelist for your definite prayer interest and work, or recommend the same to some individual who may take such interest. This does not bind the sponsor in any way. It is only for a prayerful support and encouragement. There are about 2,000 persons ready for baptism in our district.



Pastor John introducing a visiting speaker in a village called Alaniuru, January 2, 1972.

If you feel led of God to take such a personal interest, we will send you a picture of one preacher and the village in which he works. He will in turn send news to you monthly for your prayers and write you letters directly. Won't you please do something for these preachers for Jesus's sake!



A group of native preachers in South India.

Then again, to those that cannot take the prayerful responsibility of one of these evangelists, we suggest that you take an orphan child and introduce him to friends for prayerful help. Nothing is binding in the undertaking, but if friends give anything for the support of the child, the child will be raised on their behalf for the glory of God.

God bless each of you, is my prayer.

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## AREA FOREIGN MISSIONS RALLIES DECEMBER 7-14

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, director of our foreign mission work, and the Rev. Norman Ard, chairman of the foreign missions board, have recently returned from a trip to India to inspect our work there. That our people might be informed about Free Will Baptist work in India, Brother Ingram will report to the people in the area meetings listed below. The Rev. J. E. Timmons, representing our Mexico work, will join him. Attend the meeting nearest you. Bring an offering for the foreign mission work.

December 7, 11 A. M., Central Conference, Friendship Church, Greene County
December 7, 7:30 P. M., Western Conference, Living Waters Church, Pikeville
December 8, 7:30 P. M., Pee Dee Association, Beaver Dam Church, Columbus County
December 9, 7:30 P. M., Western Conference, Little Rock Church, Lucama
December 10, 7:30 P. M., Eastern Conference, Beulaville Church, Beulaville
December 11, 7:30 P. M., Cape Fear Conference, Lee's Chapel, Sampson County
December 12, 7:30 P. M., Central Conference, Black Jack Church, Pitt County
December 13, 7:30 P. M., Albemarle Conference, Shiloh Church, Beaufort County
December 14, 11 A. M., Sherron Acres Church, Durham
December 14, 7:30 P. M., Stoney Creek Church, Wayne County

The success of these area rallies will be determined by your prayers for them, your attendance at them, and your gifts to them. We are expecting the Holy Spirit to bless us in these meetings; come and share the joy with us!

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. Bowen

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# MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All friends of Mount Olive College are cordially invited to share each of the following events:

TV PROGRAM—December 5, at 1 p. m. Jim Burns Show, WETC-TV Wilmington (Channel 6), Mount Olive Singers.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—On Christmas Eve after the kids have been put to bed and just before Santa Claus makes his way into your household we hope that you will relax and spend thirty minutes enjoying Christmas music offered by the Mount Olive College Chorus. At 11 p. m., on Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), you can enjoy a wonderful program of Christmas music by tuning in WITN-TV (Channel 7), Washington.

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

## NEW CHILDREN



Pictured above are our newest children, Randy, Dorothy, and Lucinda Rhodes. Randy is 9 years old and in the fourth grade at school. Dorothy is 7 years old and in the second grade, and Lucinda is 8 years old and in the third grade at school. They are all now living in Smith Cottage and seem to enjoy living there. Please remember them in prayer as they adjust to group care.

## D. W. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

On Friday, November 21, a committee consisting of Mrs. Eloise Futrell, Mrs. Lynn Tripp, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Glisson of the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Stokes, visited with Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Children's Home. This committee had been requested by their church to visit the Home and decide upon an appropriate memorial for the late Rev. D. W. Alexander. After talking with Mr. Weeks it was decided that a memorial fund would be established and the money contributed to the memorial fund would be used to remodel a room located in the central dining hall. This room will provide the Home with more dining space and also serve as a dining room for special occasions. This room will be named The Alexander Room.

We think that this is very appropriate and are glad that this church is sponsoring this memorial fund for Mr. Alexander was always a person who helped the Children's Home and was even one of the founders. This fund is open for all churches, friends, and relatives for contributions and the contributions may be mailed directly to the Children's Home at Post Office Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557, properly earmarked for The Alexander Memorial Fund, or they can be mailed to the committee's treasurer, Mrs. Eloise Futrell, Route 1, Box, 361, Bethel, North Carolina 27812.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ROBERT'S GROVE

During the recent homecoming service at Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, Mrs. Jarvis Tew, a very faithful and hard worker of the church, gave the following memorial service:

Jesus said, ". . . . I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). He also said to us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

This year the Lord has called three of our members and two of our dear friends home to be with Him. Mitchell Jackson, age 16, died October 7, 1974; Mrs. Lucille Harris, age 61, died February 8, 1975; Mrs. Girtha Baggett, age 77, died November 13, 1974; all beloved members of this church.

Mrs. Julie Etta Jackson, age 85, died July 21, 1975. She was our neighbor and a dear friend. Also the Rev. R. H. Jackson, age 64, died December 8, 1974. Mr. Jackson was the grandson of the late Rev. Robert A. Jackson, founder of this church. He united with this church in his youth and started preaching at the age of 19. Later he served as pastor of this church.

Jesus said, ". . . whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. . . ." (John 11:26). Death is not the end, it is really the beginning of life. Through the Bible God tries to tell us something of the glories of the new life on the "other side." But it is beyond our undederstainding. We cannot imagine how wonderful that life really is. We are told, ". . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Our loved one cannot come back from the other side. On the other hand, perhaps they do not want to come back. Whatever life on the other side may bring, we can be sure that it is a happier and better life than here. The most hopeful and helpful words about life after death are the words Christ spoke to the penitent man who was dying that day by His side: " . . . To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Many people are walking around on this earth who are dead or partly dead. Their hopes, dreams, and ideals are dead. The seeds of eternal life are in every human being. But often we let these seeds be buried under such things as selfishness, pride, lust, or some other sin. Life (eternal life) is here right now for all who will accept it.

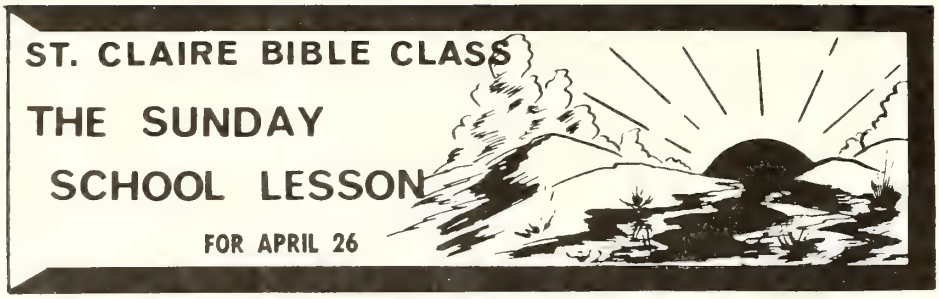
For a loved one to die is a heartbreaking experience. But for that one to live on might be worse, very much worse. Who but God really knows?

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## HIS NAME IS RITCHIE

by Ruth Langley Newsome

There he stands with a halo
Around his curly head.
Mischief shines in his eyes,
But joy is coming from his heart.
He is solist in junior chior.
An angel
With a frog in his pocket.
He bounces around
Smiling, and speaking to everyone.
Turning frown into laughter,
Scowling faces
Into beaming love.
He's a little saint
Filled with boyish wonder;
In training for work
In the Master's vineyard.




## MATTHEW AND THE MESSIAH

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 12:15-21; 13:34, 35; 21:1-5

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 26:56

### I. INTRODUCTION

Matthew makes more frequent use of Scripture from the Old Testament than does any other New Testament writer. The reason for this is that his Gospel was addressed primarily to Jewish readers, who were well aware of those passages in the Old Testament which spoke of the coming of the promised Messiah; thus, if Matthew could convince them that these Old Testament prophecies had found fulfillment in the person and the works of Jesus, it would become much easier for him to convince them that this Jesus was the Messiah for whom they eagerly looked.

It is to be remembered that at the time when Matthew wrote his Gospel the nation of Israel was under the dominion of the powerful Roman Empire, and thus many in Israel at this time, as is true in all periods of national emergency, were convinced that it would be at this time that God would see fit to intervene in their behalf by fulfilling the promise which He had made to their fathers concerning the sending of a Messiah for their deliverance and redemption.

All of this being true, it became the primary purpose of Matthew's Gospel to convince them that the Messiah had already come, and that, though they had crucified Him, there was still time for them to repent of the evil which they had committed and find new life in Him.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. There is every indication that Matthew believed that Jesus was the promised Messiah. In the Scriptures we study today, He undertakes to show that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scripture. He wanted to convince the Jews that Christ was their promised King.

B. In fulfilling Old Testament prophecy, Jesus did not read the Old Testament and then set out deliberately to fulfill it. He simply sought to do the will of His Father. Doing the Father's will put Him in accord with the Scriptures. Following the will of God will put any man in accord with God's Word.

C. Why did the Jews as a people reject Jesus as the promised Messiah? They rejected Him because of the hardness of their hearts and the spiritual blindness that had come over them. This is why it is necessary today for the enlightment of the Holy Spirit to come to a life before he can recognize Jesus as the Saviour.

D. Jesus fulfilled prophecy in the motives of His ministry. This is shown by His attitude as the Servant of the Lord. He fulfilled prophecy in the manner of His ministry. This is shown in His teaching with parables. He fulfilled prophecy in the means He used in His ministry. This is shown by His use of the ass and the colt for His entry into Jerusalem.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The fulfillment of prophecy is one of the strongest proofs that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah and that He was sent and approved by God. This is so for two reasons.

First, the fact that Jesus exactly fulfilled the prophecies concerning the Messiah shows that He was the one of whom the prophecies spoke. An imposter could have fulfilled some prophecies, such as teaching in parables, but he could not have fulfilled all. For instance, who else but the real Messiah could heal the sick and the possessed and thus fulfill Isaiah 53:4?

Second, the exact prophecy of minute events far in the future is a miracle that could come only from God. Those today who claim to foretell the future seldom go into detail and usually predict events no more than a few years in the future. Often they are not right. The prophecies we have studied today were given five hundred, seven hundred, and one thousand years before their fulfillment. Zechariah's prophecy was so exact that it even told the unlikely animal upon which the Messiah would enter Jerusalem. Therefore, these miraculous, minute prophecies show clearly that the Messiah was sent by God.

But it is not enough just to know that Jesus is the Messiah. Unless we commit our lives to Him, our knowledge of who He is is useless. We must seek ever to follow the perfect example of Jesus. Just as surely as He fulfilled the prophecies about His life on earth, so surely will He fulfill the prophecies that tell of our life with Him in heaven.

Jesus said "Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant. And if you want to be right at the top, you must serve like a slave. Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28, **The Living Bible**).

Labor strife will never end while laborers keep demanding more pay and capitalists keep demanding more profit. The solution lies in a new vision of service. A new day will dawn when both sides learn to ask, "How can I help?"

Inflation disturbs all of us, but how few of us realize that we are causing it! We keep demanding more pay; we keep spending money before we earn it; we keep demanding that our government spend more and more in areas of our interest. All these are inflationary, and it is useless to ask our government to control inflation while we keep on causing it. The remedy lies in doing more and getting less.

All this agrees with what Jesus said and what He did. "Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8, **The Living Bible**).

We who call ourselves followers of Jesus—when will we learn to follow Him? When will we learn to serve as humbly and unselfishly as Jesus did?—**Standard Lesson Commentary.**

# STORIES for our youth



## "THERE IS A GOD!"

THE big blue tourist bus from Belgium parked near Red quare in Moscow, Russia.

Before the driver could open the door discharge the forty sightseers, a group boys surrounded the exit. The ilingual guide told the tourists, first in rench and then in English, "The boys ill want to trade their medals to you for stick or two of gum. Some of them may peak a little French or English."

George and Doris Humphrey found a ellow who spoke their language—not ell, but well enough to enable the lumphreys to negotiate for the medals. "I like this one," Doris exclaimed, eying round, colorful badge with trangelooking letters. She held out a iece of gum.

The Russian lad shook his head, withrawing the proffered medal. "That ne—worth two sticks," he stammered ith seeming difficulty. He fished a maller badge from his pocket and anded it to the American, extending his ther hand for the gum which Doris lumphrey still held.

Then George suggested, "If you like hat first badge better, why not get it, oo? We have several packages of gum."

After closing the deal, George asked he boy kindly, "What is your name?"

"Ivan," he replied self-consciously.

"I guess most Russian boys have that ame," commented Mr. Humphrey.

"How old are you, son?" inquired Doris.

The lad tried to think of the English ord for his age. Finally he held up both ands with fingers apart, then closed oth hands but extended one finger.

"Eleven years old," George declared.

"I wonder what this badge means," Doris mused, again inspecting the larger f the two medals.

"Let me see it," requested the guide, who had overheard the question. After inspecting it, he remarked, "The boy won this in an athletic contest. It really is a valuable medal."

"And he's willing to trade it for just two sticks of gum?" George was really surprised. "Why, our Johnny at home wouldn't trade the medal he won at a track meet for all the gum in town!"

"But he can get gum whenever he wants it in your country," the guide remarked. "Children in Russia, however, can hardly ever get it—except this way."

After the guide moved on to help other tourists, Doris commented, "I know something else anyone can get in America, but which is in short supply here."

"What's that?" George asked.

"The gospel!" exclaimed his wife. "Say, George, do you still have that tract in the Russian language which that missionary gave us when he heard we were coming over here? He said we might find someone to give it to."

George rummaged through his pockets, then pulled a somewhat battered paper from his passport case. "Here it is," he said, handing it to Doris.

Mrs. Humphrey hunted up Ivan, who had gone to other tourists, bartering more medals he owned. "Son, I'm going to give you back your sports medal," she said. She handed him the badge. His mouth popped open in unbelief. Sadly he pulled two pieces of gum from a pocket and held them out to the American.

"No! You keep the gum!" exclaimed Doris Humphrey. "The gum is yours, and so is the medal. I'll keep the smaller badge."

The boy looked bewildered. "But you can do me a favor, if you will," she continued. "I don't read Russian, but I have something written in Russian. Do you read?"

"Yes, I go to school," Ivan declared proudly. "That's where I learn English."

"Will you try to read it to me?" Mrs. Humphrey asked with a smile.

"It says," commenced Ivan, "'There is a God.'" The boy frowned. He looked around in alarm, then seemed reassured when nobody appeared to be watching him. He continued reading, "'God made you. You offend Him with your sins. But God loves you and wants to save you.'" The tract continued with several Scripture verses, ending with the statement, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"I wonder whether it's the first time he's encountered the gospel," George whispered to his wife. "He looks upset."

Ivan slowly extended his hand, holding the tract in the direction of the American who had given it.

"I want you to keep that, too." Mrs. Humphrey said kindly. "Will you promise me that you'll read it again?"

"I don't know," Ivan declared, but he pocketed the paper. "We are taught at school that there is no God."

"Who made you, then?"

"That's what my uncle asks me when we go to visit him in the country," Ivan admitted. "He goes to a Baptist church."

"Does he ever take you with him?"

"He isn't supposed to ask anyone to go," Ivan volunteered. "It's against the law to force religion on youth in this country."

"But couldn't you ask him to take you?" Doris pressed. "That's not against your law, is it?"

"No," smiled the lad, indicating that he would consider it. "A Christian is free to answer any questions someone asks him. But he isn't supposed to start the conversation."

The Humphreys caught up with their party and toured the Kremlin. They will not know until they meet Ivan in eternity that he not only went to church with his uncle but that by rereading the tract he was ready to accept Christ almost at once!—Selected

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

FAITH-PROMISE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, LIVING WATERS CHURCH

The annual Faith-Promise Missionary Conference of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church of Pikeville will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 5, 6, and 7.

On Friday evening, December 5, at 7:30, a slide presentation will be shown by Roger Dodson and the Rev. J. E. Timmons, missionary in Mexico, will bring the message.

Saturday evening, December 6, at 7:30, information concerning South America Mission, Inc. will be brought by William K. Ogden and a testimony by Miss Ruth Ann Timmons, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Timmons. The message for this service will be brought by Bill Boerop.

On Sunday morning, December 7, the missionary speakers will be in charge of "Sunday School Missions Hour," beginning at 10 a.m. The morning message will be delivered by Dean Lewis. At 7 p. m. a slide presentation of India will be shown with a testimony by Fred and Linda Baker. The evening message will be brought by the Rev. Joe Ingram, director-treasurer of the Foreign Missions Board. At the close of this service there will be a totaling of Faith-Promise's offerings.

The purpose of this conference is to broaden the vision of Free Will Baptists and to support worldwide missions. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about the denomination's missionaries and the Faith-Promise program of Living Waters church. God has truly blessed this method of giving to missions as one truly has to have faith that the Lord will supply the amount of the gift that is promised to missions in a yearly period.

The pastor of Living Waters church, the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, and the membership of the church ask you to pray earnestly concerning this conference.

FIRST CHURCH, GREENVILLE REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville with the Rev. T. O. Terry, acting pastor and evangelist, bringing the messages. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with special music being featured each service. The meeting will continue through Friday evening, December 5. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the revival.

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OWEN'S CHAPEL REVIVAL PROVED SUCCESSFUL

Recent revival services at Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, proved quite successful with the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, as the evangelist. The meeting gave a real spiritual boost to the church. There were seven persons to accept the Lord as their Saviour and several lives rededicated by the powerful preaching of the Word of God by Mr. Bullman. Four of these saved persons joined Owen's Chapel church. The pastor, the Rev. A. J. Scarboro, assisted Mr. Bullman in the services.

The church reporter, Linda Webb, states: "We praise God, from whom all blessings flow. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Bullman."

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## Questions & Answers

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praying and thereby he will realize more pleasant results. Praying in faith and praying when faith is absent, or when it is clouded by or limited by a lack of sufficient faith, are two entirely different things and their ends are different.

For further study on this question, we refer you to Dr. George H. Sandison's book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**, Page 476.

AUTOGRAPH PARTY



An autograph party for Elizabeth Cobi Williams who has recently written a inspirational book, "The Silent Bell," will be held at the Free Will Baptist Pres Foundation building in Ayden, Saturday December 6, from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m.

"The Silent Bell" tells of life an conditions which existed forty and fift years ago in Eastern North Carolina, an especially around the area of Conetoe.

The author was born in Pitt County North Carolina, and now lives i Robersonville. The public is invited t attend.

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WILSON BOOKSTORE AUTOGRAPH PARTY



An autograph party for Joyce Procto Beaman, a native of Wilson County North Carolina, will be held Saturday December 6, at the Wilson Bible an Bookstore, 1101 Downing Stree Wilson.

The occasion marks the release Mrs. Beaman's third book, "Bloo Where You Are Planted." In the book

hirty brief chapters, concise and practical, the author lists dozens of ways o express love for others. She used not only Scripture and devotional-type material, but also over one hundred examples of living persons who have, in a simple but beautiful way, bloomed where they were planted.

Mrs. Beaman's other two books are "Broken Acres" and "All for the Love of Cassie." Both of these deal with life in Eastern North Carolina.

Joyce Proctor Beaman is a graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, with a Master's Degree in English, Supervision, and Education; and a Bachelor's Degree in French and Library Science. She is currently serving as librarian at Saratoga Central High School in Saratoga.

She is listed in recent editions of "Writer's Directory," "World's Who's Who of Women," "Contemporary Authors," "Dictionary of International Biography," "Personalities of the South," and other similar works.

**CAN YOU FIND THEM?**

In these remarks are hidden the names of 15 books of the Bible. It's a real lulu. Kept me looking so hard for facts that I missed the revelation. I was in a jam, especially since names were not capitalized. The truth will come to numbers of our readers. To others it will be a real job. For all it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy to spot! Others hard to judge. So we admit it usually results in loud lamentations when we can't find them. One lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles over it.

One book is underlined to help you find the other 14.

The answers are hidden elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist."

FAMILY PRAYER ROOM
by
Mrs. Carolyn Brigman

". . . when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6). As Jesus spoke these words in His Sermon on the Mount, He didn't necessarily mean add a 10-by-12-foot prayer room to your home; but we all need a place we can go to often to be alone with God (in a closet or wherever) when our hearts are burdened, and also when we're just plain happy. The general prayer is good and has its place, but when asked to pray in public we're all aware of the other fellow's presence to a certain degree, and just aren't so specific as when praying in secret.



The room pictured above was built by my family and dedicated to God for family worship, prayer, Sunday school class meetings, etc. It is however a fantastic witness to those who visit, asking questions, and to look in; also, for those who might be here and care to have family devotions with us from time to time.

The prayer closet is now an extension of the downstairs bedroom, and the closet door is presently where the side window of the bedroom used to be. As one enters he takes a step down, and "brother" we all need to be taken down a step or two from time to time, and humbling ourselves to God in prayer can do this. The others sit on a deacon's bench to listen as one member stands behind the family altar to read God's Word. On the top of the altar table the family Bible is in the center, on a stand, with a candle on each side. One candle represents the Old Testament and one the New Testament; or if you are a lover of the New Testament, one candle can stand for the Gospels and the other the Pauline Epistles. In front of the altar is a kneeling pad. On one side of the room is a painting of Christ kneeling and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on the opposite wall is a painting of Christ knocking on a door (see Revelation 3:20). Up overhead is crazy-looking contact paper that reminds me of the masses or blobs of people in the world still lost because they haven't made Christ the Lord of their lives. A mirror hangs over the deacon's bench, and when I look into that thing I see myself and realize my unworthiness and how Christ, who sinned not, died a cruel death for us all. The window has no special meaning other than its beauty, but stained glass was placed there to avoid any outside distractions.


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## ALLOW THE DEAD THEIR REST

This may sound like an old song oversung, but why don't we allow the dead to rest in peace? There is a lot of talk about dying with dignity, so why don't we afford those already dead the privilege to enjoy that dignity with which they died? It may be obvious that the recent derogation of J. Edgar Hoover is the subject which is on our mind and which merits our concern at this time. Newscasters are capitalizing on discrediting this heretofore highly esteemed FBI chief, and it appears that their efforts to "demote" him are proving successful. Though we might be accused of leaning toward the political rather than the spiritual in this discussion, we have a definite point to make—and we shall try to do just that.

We, personally, never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Hoover, though we did at one time have access to letters from him. We admired the gentleman from afar, having read inspirational articles by him—articles which invariably conveyed to the reader a subtle but genuine faith. On more than a few occasions, Mr. Hoover stated uncategorically that crime and violence could never be eliminated except through a return to biblical teachings and adherence to Christian principles. In fact, Mr. Hoover made oral statements about his personal relationship with his Maker and made clear which "team" he was on. If words have any value (and Mr. Hoover was never known for garrulousness), the few words spoken by him in regard to his Saviour carried much weight. We have no right to judge him as a liar in this respect. His testimony was his own, and for all purposes and intents known to us, he seemed to have lived that testimony.

But now! *Shake the casket and find the dirt that was buried with the man* seems to be the prevailing mood. Certainly Mr. Hoover had human imperfections. Isn't it ridiculous to assume otherwise? But! Did he not possess favorable qualities, the like of which is seldom seen in political stations? Who are we to assume that he acted unwisely in specific situations, not knowing the circumstances of those situations and the pressures weighing upon him in regard to the best possible decision available within the logic of his experienced mind?

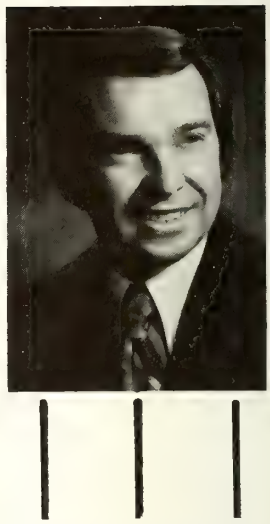
Every one of us is faced at some time during our life with balancing the right and wrong and sometimes not knowing which side of the scale holds the right. As is within the realm of our reasoning power, competence, and conscience guiding forces, we attempt to make the right decision—and frequently we do, but more often our decision is a wrong one. We are subject to human error, and no one will let us forget it! No matter how prolific our good deeds and wise judgments were, fate deals us its usual merciless blow by burying with us (at our demise) the good and leaving the bad to be churned, burned, hashed and rehashed for ages. And, if we die in respectability, some people just can't be satisfied unless some hidden sin or wrongdoing is unearthed. So has it been with Mr. Hoover—so it seems.

In regard to the aforementioned supposition, Shakespeare was a wise old soul, for throughout many of his literary works he speaks as though he knew what the present world would be thinking and how it would react to specific issues. Who can forget Mark Antony's speech in regard to the slain Caesar: ". . . the evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones . . . ." Dare anyone deny that this is true? Just think of those with whom you were acquainted or well-known in the public eye—especially those so-called notables. Is it not true that usually (though it is a regrettable fact) the "wrongs" committed by them are brought to attention in preference to the good that they had done or the noble attempts they had made toward the making of a better society? Some ministers and denominational leaders or philanthropists, even, suffer this same undeserved degradation.

Boiling it all down, it follows that all of us should heed our motherly advice not to say anything at all about a person if we are unable to say something good about him. And further, the dead should indeed be allowed to rest in peace. If punishment be theirs, this shall be theirs at the decision of an infinite, omniscient God—not by the mouths of humans like us who err daily and do little to rectify the "condition" of our own souls which leads us down sinful streets and into hovels and dens of iniquity.

The dead: Figuratively, they turn over in their graves for many reasons, a primary one being that some of us want to dirty the image they left. Virtue suffers at the hands of malicious and malevolent men. Let us not be a part of smear campaigns, for someday we, too, must die—unless the day of reckoning comes first. In any case, the dead should be allowed to rest—so far as we're concerned. We have failings, too, you know. . . .

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# THE DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL SECURITY

BY
The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry

EVERY pastor has been asked this question: "What is meant by the doctrine of eternal security?"

Those who hold the doctrine of eternal security (also known as "once-in-grace, always-in-grace") believe that once a person has exercised saving faith in Christ, and has been converted, he can never fall from grace so as to be lost. One may fall from "fellowship" with Christ, it is believed, but can never lose his salvation.

Many sincere Christians who accept this doctrine treat sin as a very serious matter. Therefore, it would be a mistake to imply that all who hold to the doctrine of eternal security have a careless or casual attitude toward sin.

But some do, and it is the rather insidious and dangerous implication of the doctrine that must be resisted. There is promise of security in the Scriptures for the faithful. But nowhere is there any suggestion that the unfaithful are secure! In fact, the opposite is the case. The Bible repeatedly warns against apostasy.

### Fallacious Reasoning

A popular argument used to support the idea of unconditional eternal security is the parent-child analogy. Once a child is born he will always be the child of his parents, regardless of what he does or doesn't do. Well, that's true.

But the analogy is fallacious. A child has absolutely no say in the matter of his physical birth. On the other hand, when one becomes a Christian, it is by an intelligent response of faith. He makes a choice. So the analogy doesn't hold.

The same principle applies to the argument that once one is born he can never be unborn. Granted. But he can die! That is what Jesus was teaching in the Vine-branch analogy (John 15:1-6). Those who do not remain or "abide" in the Vine wither and die, and are ultimately burned.

At the root of the idea of unconditional eternal security is a faulty concept of the nature of faith and salvation. Faith is never, of necessity, a once-for-all act. It is a relationship or an attitude of trusting, abiding, and obedience.

Similarly, salvation is not a static, once-for-all experience, but a relationship of the believer to Christ in trust and obedience. This life is ". . . in his Son" (1 John 5:11), not in ourselves. It is not something He gives us apart from Himself, but what He is to us in a living, vital relationship of faith as the branch "abides" in the Vine.

The once-in-grace, always-in-grace idea renders faith unnecessary for salvation except at the moment of conversion. Such is neither good sense or scriptural.



### Facts of Reason

If the position of unconditional eternal security is followed through to its logical conclusions, then several clear and deadly implications become apparent:

1. All the exhortations to faithfulness and endurance and all the warnings against apostasy in the Bible are really irrelevant, since one cannot lose his salvation. This robs especially the writings of John and the letter to the Hebrews of their real force and purpose.

2. God's grace is cheapened almost to the point of being presumption on man's part.

3. Any prayer for forgiveness, such as that in the Lord's Prayer, is irrelevant for Christians who believe that, once they are saved, they will always be saved.

4. An inevitable softening of one's attitude toward the seriousness of sin almost certainly occurs for many who hold this position.

5. If eternal security is true, then the believer loses his freedom ever to change his mind. The question that must be asked then is whether such a person's experience and faith can really be his own.

The most weighty evidence against the idea of eternal security comes from the Scriptures themselves. Both by clear teaching and implication, the Scriptures refute the idea that a person once saved can never be lost. Space permits only a few references, but readers are urged to use a Bible concordance and study the many quotations in the Bible that bear on this subject.

Be sure to read the following Scriptures: Ezekiel 33:12, 13; Mark 13:13; 2 Timothy 2:11, 12; James 5:19, 20. If eternal security is true, how do you explain these passages?

### Faithfulness Required

There are many references in the New Testament to the necessity and importance of keeping the faith and enduring to the end; and others to the fact that the promises are conditional. The following are some examples that can be noted: John 8:34, 35; 15:1-6; Romans 8:12-17; 11:20-23; Colossians 1:21-23; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15; 1 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 2:1-3; 3:6; 2 Peter 1:5-10; Revelation 2:5.

Security is for the faithful—those who persevere—not for the unfaithful. Unless freedom is an illusion, man always has the option of rejecting the love of God, to his own damnation.

In the last book of the New Testament, there occurs a beautiful verse which presents both the faithfulness of God and the responsibility of man: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels" (Revelation 3:5).

# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Twenty)
by Loy Everette Ballard

LATE in 1946, Mrs. Ballard and I decided to leave the Children's Home. The war was over, the concert class could go on the road again, and it was easier to secure needed workers for the home. We felt that we should move on to some other field of ministry.

When this became known, we each received contacts regarding our services. Mrs. Ballard was offered the position of Religious Education and an assistant to the aging pastor, the Rev. W. B. Everette, at Saint Mary's church in New Bern. I was approached by Mr. C. K. Dunn, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, with a proposition to work with the Press as editor of youth publications. At that time the Press was recognized as the publishing agency for the National Association, and the National Free Will Baptist League Board was pushing for improvements of the league quarterlies. Mr. Dunn seemed to think that, because of my connection with the league work over the past years, I might be the right person to deal with the situation.

For a long time I had entertained a desire to be associated with the Press in some way. I had gone to some trouble to gain knowledge of the history of the publishing house. Readers will remember that in an early note in this series, I stated that the Press was one of only two institutions left to the Free Will Baptists at the time of the deflection of a major portion of the denomination to the Northern Baptists in 1911. It was the oldest of our institutions. It had first come into existence in 1873, when a Rev. E. R. Ellis had been authorized to begin a publication at Fremont, North Carolina, called "The Free Will Baptist Advocate." About a year later, the paper was moved to Toisnot (now Elm City), where it became a combination newspaper and church organ under the name "Toisnot Transcript." However, not many Free Will Baptists would subscribe to it, because of the predominance of local news in its columns. It was discontinued in 1877; but the following year the equipment was moved back to Fremont, and the original name restored. Again in 1879 it was suspended, but in late 1880 it was started again at Fremont with the Rev. R. K. Hearn as editor. One year later the operation was moved to New Bern, where it received the name "The Free Will Baptist." In 1889, a stock company was formed, and the Press was moved to Snow Hill, then to Ormondsville, and in 1895 to Ayden, where it has since remained! It was about this time that the "Printing Company" began to publish some other items of literature in addition to "The Free Will Baptist." This much-moving enterprise, now advanced a long ways from what it had had been when moved to Ayden, was the institution that claimed my service in 1947.

The result of our consideration of these opportunities was that Mrs. Ballard went to New Bern and found a boarding place with one of the church members, while I stayed in Greenville—this arrangement to continue only until we could find a house in New Bern, after which I would commute to Ayden four days each week for work with the Press. It was not long until we secured a house in New Bern and moved our furniture into it.

At this time the Press was printing three league quarterlies, for one of which I had been doing the writing for some three years or more. My responsibility now would be to write, or get written, copy for the quarterlies, design them, and edit them. In addition, with the endorsement of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention, we were to begin the publication of a monthly paper for young people, to be called "Youth Banner," which I was also to edit.

One of the principle objections of the National Free Will Baptist League Board to the league quarterlies was their unattractive appearance. Up to now all three quarterlies had been printed with the same cover design—a plain, boxed in design, with "F. W. B. L. Quarterly" printed in the center, the date underneath, and the Press signature at the bottom. The only change made for the quarterlies was the setting in of "Junior," "Intermediate," or "Senior" at the top. One of the first things I did was to design different covers for each of the quarterlies. I had saved from a little printing shop I had operated in Asheville some years before, a number of religious **cuts**, and these were utilized to place some pictures on the covers. At this time, all the printing was from type and cuts on flatbed presses. After the new covers had been used for two or three quarters, I approached Mr. Dunn with the idea of doing some two-color covers. He said that no color work had ever been done by the Press that he knew of, and he was a bit reluctant to grant permission; but finally he agreed to it on condition that I do all the work in the production. I then designed a two-color cover for the next Senior League Quarterly, borrowed some red ink from the local printing shop, and one night after supper returned to the shop and worked until after midnight printing what I have reason to believe to have been the first two-color job ever done at the Press. Mr. Dunn liked it when I showed him a copy the next morning, and gave his consent for occasional color work. The new look went a long ways in stopping the criticism of the appearance of the publications.

I think that I can say that I put my best into efforts to improve the quality of the publications assigned to me. At that time, there was not the equipment needed to do all I wanted to do; but we tried to make the best possible use of what we had to work with.

In 1952, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry became manager-editor at the Press, and he made many improvements in the publications. We had common concern for the improvement of the publications and it was a pleasure to work with him. However, after Mr. Cherry had been there about a year, the board of directors decided on a plan to have the writing for the publications done under contracts with various writers outside, and to have only one office editor. This action meant

a discontinuing of my relationship with the Press, and I admit that I was not too pleased about this. I felt like a cherished opportunity for service was being denied me, and I confess that I was not as gracious about it as I should have been. I honestly thought that for once a door was being closed for me outside the will of the Lord. But, looking back at it, I am satisfied that God was permitting this because He had another door of opportunity to open for me; of this I plan to write later. If I left the employment at the Press with some resentment against those responsible, it has all gone, and I now have no unkind feelings toward any of those responsible, and number them today among my cherished friends. No apologies were ever made—a brotherly love, far deeper than any misunderstanding, has been sufficient to heal all real or imaginary wounds, and preserve Christian fellowship. In 1954, I became the writer of the "Adult Leaguer" for the Press—a responsibility I still have at this writing. I look upon my relationship with the Press throughout the years as an outstanding part of my ministry.

(Next: Pastoral Efforts and Glorious Experiences)

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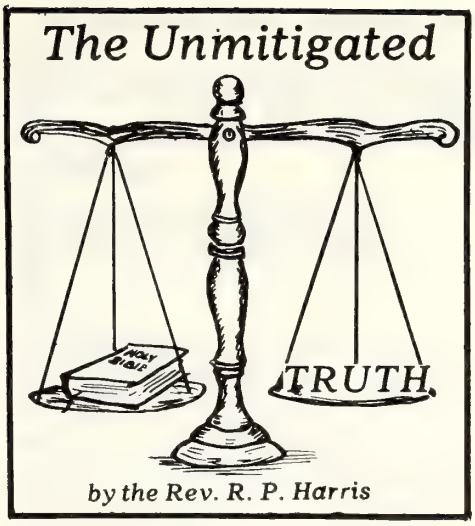
### READERS OF "THE FREE WILL BAPTIST"

**In last week's issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, an article was printed on the page for "Missions" under the title of "Cry the Cry that I Bid Thee," by Mrs. Marie Nilumarthi, P. O. Box 105, Rayahmundy, 533101, South India.**

**I have just read the article and would like to make it known to our people that this article was submitted by Mrs. Nilumarthi directly to the Free Will Baptist Press and is not a part of the work that is established by Dr. Lall for Free Will Baptists.**

**Your Foreign Mission Board is making every effort possible to be assured that the work we establish is on a sound foundation and would ask our people to give support to the work of your Free Will Baptist church through the Foreign Mission Board. We have always encouraged you to support your missionaries through your Foreign Mission Board office, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.**

**Your in Christ,**
**Joseph H. Ingram**




Scriptural basis: ". . . according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

### THE PLACE WHERE REGENERATION OCCURS

Many people seem to live with the idea that God cannot save a person unless it is during the time of a revival meeting in the church. There are some who are a little more liberal in their beliefs and agree that it is possible for God to save a person in a prayer meeting or during regular Sunday worship services. I agree that these times of spiritual renewal and participation in religious activities offer wonderful opportunities as well as personal religious advantages to become a Christian. But God is everywhere and the person who finds himself out of God's will and believes that God can save him, can be saved anywhere and at anytime by a confession of sin and doing what the Lord asks him to do.

It is the will of God that a man be saved, but God will not save a man against his will. God will let a person go his own way and do anything he wants. God will even let a Christian do what he wants to do. But He warns us that we shall be punished for all sins not taken care of at Calvary.

As you may well remember, the Philippian jailer was regenerated in jail (see Acts 16:30-34). The witnesses of God's saving power came from the incarcerated subjects who gave their testimony. The circumstances of this event was brought to bear upon the jailer and he succumbed. He died to self and became a new creature in Christ and was used of the Lord to witness to those of his household and all of them were saved. ". . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). We need to remember that God can and will use His subject and His Holy Word to draw men unto Himself. God's Word, when used, will not return unto Him void. Therefore, preach to Word in faith, believing, and God will melt the heart of stone and bring repentance.

God uses many places to bring man into regeneration. Not only did God save the Philippian jailer in jail, but He saved the Ethiopian in the desert (see Acts 8:37). God moved upon the heart of Philip and Philip obeyed the Lord by joining the Ethiopian in his chariot. The Ethiopian was seeking and Philip was preaching Christ when the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit took place. The place of regeneration can be wherever man is. There may be a human witness or God may reach the sinner through the medium of nature. There must be a willingness on the part of the sinner to die to self and to all sinful performances in the world. He must be transformed by **grace divine.**

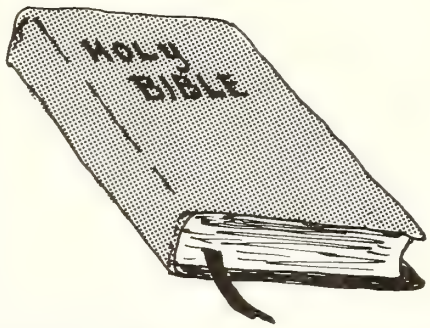
I will now remind you that a person can be saved (regenerated) even if he is dying on a cross (see Luke 23:42, 43). The thief may be the only one ever to be saved on a physical cross, but I am of the opinion that God has received many precious souls as they were being crucified by the devil. We must not overlook the idea of self-crucifixion. God commands that we do this. We must do this to the death of every sin of ours by hanging them as it were upon the Cross. Yes, the washing of regeneration and the renewal by the Holy Spirit may occur anytime and in any place.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Please note the change of address for the Rev. Melvin T. Moore from 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to Route 3, Box 381, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320. All future correspondence should be to this new address.

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse announces a change of address from Roanoke Rapids to Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, North Carolina 27925. In future correspondence to him please use his new address.




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Conducted by J. P. BARROW*
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**Question:** Please explain, "Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?" (Ecclesiastes 7:16). Is there danger that one might become overrighteous?

**Answer:** No! I do not think the Bible teaches us that one might become more righteous than its general teachings admonish us to be. The Bible does, however, bare strong testimony to the effect that we need to keep faith in Christ who is our only acceptable righteousness. It also teaches strictly against self-righteousness, the kind the Pharisees of Jesus' time had and displayed.

Jesus told a story to His followers that quite well illustrated His view on hypocrisy: "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:10-14). In keeping with this teaching Jesus also said: ". . . I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

The Bible further teaches, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; . . . This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men" (Titus 3:5, 8). Here we are taught that our salvation is a free gift that came by the mercy of Christ, but that having obtained it we are under obligation to Him to maintain good works. Therefore, we are saved by grace alone; but the instant we are saved we owe it to Him who saved us to maintain His works: the kind He always produced when among His brethren here on earth.

His commission to us on the eve of His departure was, ". . . ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Pharisees, in their self-righteousness, were before Him unrighteous as He indicated by the several denunciations He hurled at them in the twenty-third chapter of Matthew.

The Holy Spirit influenced Isaiah to write the truth about our righteousness apart from Christ: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6). This thought applies to us who are Christians is further expounded in the New Testament: "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Romans 3:22-28); "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2).

Propitiation is God's means of covering our sins in the sense of blotting them out—making them null and void. It was used of the covering to the Ark of the Covenant, the mercy seat, wherein the law was contained. Every Jew as well as all Gentiles broke the law that the Jews swore on Mount Sinai to keep; but on the Day of Atonement, the mercy seat was sprinkled with blood. The blood of an innocent victim which symbolized Christ in His dying on the Cross to take away our sin and our judgment: judgment of condemnation. All of the ceremony given in the law had to be carried out in every detail as ascribed of God, otherwise it would meet with rejection the same as Cain's did.

So when our sins have been propitiated they are destroyed so far as any future effect upon us is concerned. Christ became sin for us. He became our sin offering and was accepted of God the Father as such; so when we accepted Him as such, God the Father accepts Him in our behalf, making it as simple for us as He made it for those in John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). We are "justified by His blood," changed from a lost sinner, condemned to eternal judgment of God, to one cleansed and regarded by God the Father as though one had never sinned. So as the jingle goes, "Righteous more righteous, I could not be, for in the person of His Son I am as righteous as He," the Bible teaches us, even the words of Jesus teach us, that our selfrighteousness, apart from Christ, is as filthy rags in His sight; but when we appropriate Christ as our righteousness, then in righteousness we are classified as righteous as He when we in sincerity have thus appropriated Him.

Here is what George H. Sandison says on a similar question whose answer is

found on Page 513 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"Commentators interpret the phrase 'righteous over much' (Ecclesiastes 7:16) as descriptive of religious presumption; of that self-made righteousness which would lay the greatest stress upon outward performances and would claim personal credit for results which the true believer recognizes as the gift of divine grace alone. Pharisaism, with its hypocritical assumption of superior virtue, its multitudinous observances, and its devotion to form and ceremonial, forgetting the 'things of the spirit,' was the type of the overrighteous."

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**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**Clara F. Crawford**

We the members of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, wish to pay our last respect to Sister Clara F. Crawford.

Our beloved sister passed away to a greater home on October 9, 1975, at the age of 97. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 11, at Wilkerson's Funeral Chapel in Greenville by the Rev. Tommy Evans and Dr. Howard James.

Sister Crawford spent all of her life in Pitt County and was a faithful and dedicated member of Piney Grove church as long as health would permit. She was the oldest member of the church.

Sister Crawford was the widow of Elias Crawford who died in 1934. From this marriage there were two sons: Carl Crawford of Greenville and Hubert Crawford of the Red Oak Community, who passed away in 1971. There are four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Therefore, be it resolved; first, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy; second, that we express our deepest appreciation for her devotion to our church; and third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gloria S. Boswell
Mrs. Janice T. Holloway

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27557

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

**ALEXANDER MEMORIAL FUND**

We refer you to the article "D. W. Alexander Memorial Fund Established" which appeared in last week's issue of the "Baptist" (December 3) regarding the establishing of a memorial fund for the Children's Home in memory of the late Rev. D. W. Alexander. The money contributed to this fund will go toward the remodeling of a room in the central dining hall at the Home, which will be known as The Alexander Room. The fund was started by a committee from the Sweet Gum Free Will Baptist Church of Stokes.

Below is a list of the churches Mr. Alexander pastored during his years in the ministry:

Sweet Gum Grove
Pleasant Hill
King's Cross Roads
Winterville
Parker's Chapel
Smyrna
Corinth
Union Chapel
Malachi's Chapel
Edgewood
Sarecta
Stacy Chapel
Cedar Island
Grimsley
Spring Branch
Saints Delight
(Greene Co.)
LaGrange
Macedonia
Gum Swamp
Hickory Grove
Marlboro
Piney Grove
(Pitt Co.)
Ephesus
Shiloh
Piney Grove
(Beaufort Co.)
Mount Olive
Hickory Chapel
Beulaville
Davis
Sea Level
Ormondsville
Free Union
Little Creek
Hugo
Saint Paul

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Neal Weeks
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Brenda Eve
to
Mr. Richard Wayne Faircloth
on Sunday, the fourteenth of December
One thousand nine hundred and seventy-five
at three o'clock
Memorial Chapel
Free Will Baptist Children's Home
Middlesex, North Carolina




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

—John G. Whittier

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God's love and care will sustain us. God is able to strengthen and guide us in the paths of goodness.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
Scripture Reading—Job 32:9

A CONTRAST

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced, nor cried aloud,
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade;
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

—*Invictus* by Wm. E. Henley
(Note: Wm. Henley died a suicide!)

PRAYER THOUGHT

*When we feel our importance so greatly we soon find out just how wonderful and great we really are. The discovery is often painful.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:3

MY CAPTAIN

Out of the light that dazzles me,
Bright as the sun from pole to pole,
I thank the God I know to be
For Christ, the conqueror of my soul.

Since His the sway of circumstance
I would not wince nor cry aloud.
Under that rule which men call chance
My head, with joy, is humbly bowed.

Beyond this place of sin and tears,
That life with Him! and His the aid,
That, spite the menace of the years,
Keeps, and shall keep, me unafraid.

I have no fear though strait the gate;
He cleared from punishment the scroll.
Christ is the Master of my fate;
Christ is the Captain of my soul.

—*My Captain* by Dorothea Day

PRAYER THOUGHT

*All of us are in need of a Captian: One who is able to chart our course and keep us on an even keel.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Scripture Reading—Titus 2:12

UNCHANGED

An inscription on a 6,000-year-old Egyptian tomb reads. "We live in a decaying age. Young people no longer respect their parents. They inhabit taverns and have no self-control."

Through the centuries, human nature has remained unchanged. It is "corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" (Ephesians 4:22).

Through the miracle of regeneration, sinful ones become new creatures with a new nature.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Today we feel the younger generation is much worse than ever before. If we would delve into the past we would find events as heinous as those we now observe.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
Scripture Reading—Psalm 103:17

THE WONDER OF CHILDHOOD

Charles Dickens wrote in *The Pickwick Papers*, "Happy, Happy, Christmas that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Christmastime is a traditional time at which we revive old acquaintances and relive past experiences. Let us attempt to make the present worth remembering.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
Scripture Reading—John 15:12

GIVE ME THESE GIFTS

I want no frankincense, myrrh and gold
Like the Wise Men brought to the Child of old,
But this I crave with a great desire—
These gifts I ask with my soul on fire:
Peace of mind in this heart of mine,
Comrade-love as a light to shine
Like the golden gleam of an afterglow
Of sunset over a field of snow;
Friends who will take my reaching hand
Like the star of old in a distant land,
And guide my steps to a manger shrine
And the heart of a lowly Child, Divine!

—Wm. L. Stidger

PRAYER THOUGHT

*The peace of mind we all so diligently desire is possible through faith and trust in our divine Redeemer.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:18

CHURCHES

Thank God for the sight of them,
The beauty, the dreams, and the right of them.
Churches that silently testify
With spires and crosses reared to the sky,
That make us think every time we look
Of God, and right, and the Holy Book.

—Chauncey R. Piety

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our churches have a special meaning for us. Attending services or just visiting the sanctuary is similar to a visit at the home of a dear friend.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

## New Growth

BY MRS. ROYCE MATTHEWS

### COMMERCIALIZING CHRISTMAS

How many times have you thought with distaste about how Christmas is commercialized? Toy manufacturers begin their campaigns in the summer. Soon after Halloween, the stores display toys and Christmas decorations, then begin advertising on radio, television, and in newspapers. For two months there is the dilemma of what to buy the indiscriminate relative, always the impossible chore of spreading meager funds over a wide area, always the hurry, the tired feet, the aching head, etc.

A jolly fat man with white hair and red suit makes his annual mysterious trip from the North Pole, leaving behind gifts and toys. Gifts are exchanged among friends and relatives, and everyone stuffs himself with goodies until he hurts.

After all the forethought, worry, and preparations, in a few hours the house is a shamble, and there are all the bright baubles, the lights, and the artificial tree to pack away until next year.

That's what advertising has done to Christmas. Isn't that an absurd way to celebrate a birthday which probably isn't the right date in the year anyway?

But have you wondered what Christmas would be like without commercialization?

There would be no bright baubles and colored lights on trees unless you made them yourself. No Santa Claus would put happy wonder on children's faces. If you received a gift, the brilliantly colored wraps and bows would be replaced with brown paper bags and tobacco twine. The color and excitement would have vanished because we wouldn't go to the trouble if we weren't pushed into it.

For almost two months smiles are exchanged on the streets. Try smiling at a stranger in April. He'll look at you with disbelief, wondering if you have a deficiency, or if he has his pants on backwards.

Sure, there are songs about Santa Claus and much emphasis is placed on the physical side of Christmas. But entertwined with these are more songs about the glorious birth of our Saviour—songs that would hardly gain recognition were Christmas treated in the commercial world like the birthday of the late former president, John Adams.

Sometimes, we Christians grumble about misplaced emphasis at Christmastime. But this emphasis, no matter how farfetched, points to **Christ.** Each time the word Christmas is spoken, written, or sung, we are recognizing the fact that a Saviour was born and lived on earth; that the Saviour is God's most precious gift to mankind. There are those who hear about Christ only at Christmas. If it takes the advertising world and profit conscious merchants to make us pause once each year and proclaim Christ as the Son of God, let's thank God for them. The churches and civic clubs couldn't do the job half as well.

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### NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Fellow Ministers and Christian Friends,

Words are inadequate to express our humble gratitude and praise for the multitudinous blessings that our Lord has given us. He reveals His love to us in so many, many ways!

We feel His love as it flows through you and reaches out to us. We are grateful for every loving touch you have made on our lives. Your prayers for us are being answered for we find new strength for each day and greater depths of love and understanding in following the will of God for our lives. We ask that you continue to lift us in prayer. We deeply appreciate every gift, card, and visit—every act of kindness and love.

A special "thank you" to the Board of Superannuation for the lovely gift. We wish it were possible for us to read Psalm 71:9 to you wonderful people. You and others have been wonderful to us. We pray that we will be submissive to God's will for our lives.

God bless you and hold you in the hollow of His loving hands as you share His being in touching the lives of others in service and love.

In His love,
The Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris

### HOMECOMING

by
Curtis E. Beierschmitt

Have you ever enjoyed the happiness of a homecoming? Welcoming a loved one who had been away for a time and has finally returned? If not, there is a treat in store for you if the occasion arises.

My son had been in Europe for two years. An ocean separated us. Enjoyable letters and recording tapes crisscrossed the Atlantic Ocean. They were the next-best thing to being there. As we are a close-knit family, the separation was hard on both of us. Finally the big day arrived. What a reunion that was! Unashamed tears flowed as we hugged. Although he was not a prodigal son, if I had had a fatted calf, I would have killed it for a feast.

Now multiply your happiness in this experience a thousand times, and you will know a small fraction of your happiness when Jesus welcomes you to His home. With outstretched arms He'll greet you, fold His arms around you, and give you His kiss of peace, erasing all tears from your face.

It is written that Jesus said, "There is more rejoicing in heaven when one sinner returns to God than in ninety-nine others who never left" (see Luke 15:7).

Therefore, make ready for the homecoming of homecomings by repenting and accepting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Then rejoice and praise Him with the heavenly hosts in this—the happiest moment in heaven and on earth.

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. states that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral duties; also is available for revival work or evangelistic services. He may be contacted by writing Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or telephone 524-5186.

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# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for November, 1975**

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, P. O. Box 298, Oriental, North Carolina 28571, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, reports as follows for the month of November, 1975:

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| Brought Forward November 1, 1975 | | $13,252.00 |
| **Receipts** | | |
| Churches | $1,132.11 | |
| Sunday School | 9.56 | |
| League | 49.93 | |
| Auxiliary | 2.00 | |
| AFC | 10.00 | |
| Union Meeting | 17.85 | |
| State League Convention | 500.00 | |
| State Woman's Auxiliary Conv. | 1,112.28 | |
| Layman's League | 68.35 | |
| Total Receipts | | 2,902.08 |
| Total for Which to Account | | 16,154.08 |
| **Disbursements** | | |
| Operational Expenses | $ 667.85 | |
| Margaret Ard (Mattress Covers) | 50.00 | |
| Transfered to Savings Fund (Renovation of Main Building) | 1,191.88 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 1,909.73 |
| Balance on Hand December 1, 1975 | | $14,244.35 |
| **Earmarked Funds** | | |
| Kitchen-Dining Hall | | $ 2,564.47 |
| Renovation of Main Building (Savings) | | 5,339.10 |
| Chapel (Savings) | | 3,257.32 |
| Swimming Pool (Savings) | | 302.23 |
| General Fund | | 11,679.88 |
| Total Earmarked Funds | | $23,143.00 |

**St. Mary's Grove Pastor Honored on Birthday**

The Rev. Edward C. Taylor, pastor of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, was honored on his fifty-third birthday Sunday, November 23, with a birthday cake and a gift presented to him by the young people of the church.

Then on Sunday evening, Mr. Taylor was surprised with a covered-dish supper in his honor, served in the activity building of the church. Following the supper he was escorted to the birthday table which contained many birthday gifts, by his wife, Mrs. Taylor. The most interesting gift was a money tree covered with paper money. Mr. Taylor was totally surprised and showed it as he expressed his appreciation to the approximately 125 church members and friends in attendance.

Mr. Taylor has been pastor of St. Mary's Grove church since April, 1975, and is well liked by all the church members.

**Youth Day Services First Church, Rocky Mount**



Youth Day services were held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, Sunday, November 30, with the YFA of the church in complete charge of the services. The YFA of the church sponsors Youth Day services every fift Sunday, and this, along with the others was a great success and enjoyed by a who participated and attended.

The young people had complete charge of teaching all the classes in Sunday school as well as filling the position of superintendent, secretary and song leader. On this particula Sunday the morning message was delivered by Mr. James Morris, a deacon of the church. His subject was ''Lukewarm Christians.'' The Booste Band (a group of small children of the church) presented part of the specia music, along with the YFA presenting the anthem.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howell, youth directors, state: ''Our YFA is very activ in our church. This fall they sponsored car wash to raise money to buy handrail for the front steps of the church for ou senior citizens to use. They are nov selling Christmas cards to help pay fo another project they are considering.

''A part of the Youth Day services wa a singspirational service sponsored b the youth for the evening service. All th singers and musicians were from th local church. This was a blessing to all c us. After the service refreshments wer served in the fellowship hall by the youn people's Sunday school teacher, Mrs Tysula Smith. These were enjoyed b all.''

The pastor of the Rocky Mount churc is the Rev. R. P. Harris.

## Churches and Ministers Available

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The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse announce that he is available for part-time or ful time pastoral services. Any churc interested in his services may conta him by writing Route 2, Box 25 Columbia, North Carolina 27925 telephone during the day, 796-2806, a night, 796-1761.

The White Oak Original Free W Baptist Church, Bladenboro, is seekin a pastor for full-time services. Any Fre Will Baptist minister interested in servin this church please contact Mr. Jerry W Brown, Bladenboro, North Carolin 28320; telephone (home) 863-313 (business) 863-3147.

# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

## "MA" SMITH: CHRIST'S GIFT TO GOD

A Tribute to Mrs. Stephen A. Smith of Beulaville, North Carolina
Delivered by President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College
In a Special Service in Rodgers Chapel
November 30, 1975

In the presence of God, we come now honor one of His dearly beloved hildren, Mrs. Stephen A. (Bertha) mith, affectionately known to all of us s "Ma."

In paying this tribute, we are praising od for His goodness and power in the fe of one who truly loves Him and who is lly committed to His Son, Jesus Christ. ur thoughts are perfectly expressed in ne of "Ma's" favorite books in the ible (Ephesians 1:6-8, 11—**Living ible**):

"Now all praise to God for His onderful kindness to us and His favor at he has poured out upon us, because e belong to his dearly beloved Son. So verflowing is his kindness towards us at he took away all our sins through the lood of his Son, by whom we are saved; nd he has showered down upon us the chness of his grace—for how well he nderstands us and knows what is best r us at all times. . . . Moreover, ecause of what Christ has done we have ecome gifts to God that he delights in, r as part of God's sovereign plan we ere chosen from the beginning to be is, and all things happen just as he ecided long ago."

Today, let us in the words of Paul onsider "Ma" as a gift to God from esus Christ, and let us look at what God doing in her life to prepare her for resentation to God.

### Redemption

1. First, Christ has redeemed her, eansed her from her sins, and through new birth she has been made a child of od.

". . . God chose us to be his very own, through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love . . . . So overflowing is his kindness towards us that he took away all our sins through the blood of his Son, by whom we are saved" (Ephesians 1:4, 7—**Living Bible**).



The greatest experience that can come to any human being is to be made a child of God through Jesus Christ. One does not have to talk with "Ma" long to know that she prizes her spiritual salvation as the most important experience of her life. "She is one of the sweetest and most dedicated Christian women I have ever met," wrote an auxiliary member who knows her well.

In preparing "Ma" as a gift to God, the first thing Christ did in her life was to make her a Christian.

### Her Christian Calling

II. The second thing Christ did for "Ma" was to call her into His service. Paul spoke of our Christian calling when he wrote:

". . . I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, . . ." (Ephesians 4:1, 2).

In March, 1926, when she was seventeen years old, she was married to Stephen A. Smith, whom we all know and love as "Pa." ("Pa" has always had a discerning eye for good things!) In the words of Scripture, "Ma" and "Pa" became one. When "Pa" was called into the ministry, "Ma" also answered the call—not as an assistant pastor but as his spiritual helpmeet.

One auxiliary wrote about "Ma": "She has probably meant more to us than any pastor's wife we have ever had." Another auxiliary wrote: "We recall those wonderful years when Mrs. Smith was at our church—it wasn't a dream, but very true, God sent us a jewel of the brightest hue."

Later, when "Pa" was called on two occasions to serve as superintendent of our Children's Home at Middlesex, "Ma" again took her place by his side as his helpmeet. One who knows the Smiths well wrote: " 'Ma' became 'Ma' when the first boy or girl, niece or nephew, or neighbors needed her. Then when she and 'Pa' went to the Children's Home, they truly became 'Ma' and 'Pa' to that big family."

But Christ not only called "Ma" to serve; He has also called her to **suffer.** For more than two years, "a thorn in the flesh" has wracked her body with pain, but she put on the full armour of God and found His grace to be sufficient. An unfailing source of strength has been the testimony of Paul which she has made her own.

"Now I have given up everything else—I have found it to be the only way to really know Christ and to experience the mighty power that brought him back to life again, and to find out what it means to suffer and to die with him. So, whatever it takes, I will be one who lives in the fresh newness of life of those who are alive from the dead" (Philippians 3:10, 11—**Living Bible**).

"Ma" today has a faith that has been tried and purified by the fire of suffering,

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## IN SEARCH OF THE KING

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 2:1-12
**Memory Verse:** Matthew 1:23

### I. INTRODUCTION

The background of today's lesson is the winsome story of the search of the wise men for the Child Jesus. We do not know who these men were or how many there were of them, but we marvel in their persistence in finding the Christ Child. Perhaps they represented thousands on earth in their day who were looking for something or Someone who would help them in the time of the world's greatest need. Why was this so?

Most of the world's peoples had lost faith in their gods because they had seen their fortifications crumble under the assault of Roman hordes. They felt their gods had failed them. The mystery religions of that day, as they were called, failed to meet their needs. Cybele, the great earth mother-god, had failed the people of Asia Minor. Isis, the favorite deity of Egypt, had not kept the Roman conquests away. Mithra, the great god of the Persians, seemed dead now that the Roman religious pantheon had spread over the land. Even the Greeks had begun to wonder about their gods on Mount Olympus since the Romans had taken their land in the second century before Christ.

So it was that the hope of the Jewish people, a hope in the coming of their Messiah, began to reach out to the disillusioned peoples of the world, and suddenly there was a search on for something new and with assurance. From somewhere in the distant East wise men, believed to have been astronomers, began the most famous of the searches for the greatest god the world had ever known: the search for the new King.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. How do you suppose the custom of giving gifts to one another at Christmas came about? The wise men did not give gifts to one another; but, they all brought gifts to Jesus. Could it be that men because of their inherent selfishness made this change?

B. The wise men followed the star and came to the place where Jesus was. It is always a thing of wisdom to follow the signs that the Lord gives to find Jesus. What are some of the "stars" that the Lord gives today to lead men to Christ? There is the Word of God. Then there is the church and its testimony. Also, God has given us the witness of Christian friends with their influence. Have you followed the "stars" to the place where you could find Christ?

C. The wise men brought gifts to the Christ Child. Have you made a special gift to Him this Christmas? There is really nothing wrong with giving gifts to one another, but there is a great deal right with bringing a gift to Jesus.

D. The wise men did three things: (1) They sought Jesus, (2) they found Him, and (3) they worshiped Him. They were called "wise men" before they did this, but we are sure that this made them even wiser. It is always a thing of wisdom for men to seek Jesus Christ.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Jesus has such a hold on the hearts and lives of men that the story of His birth has a large place in their minds. As the facts have been reviewed through centuries, people have quite naturally invested them with symbolism and embellished them with fiction. At Christmastime we hear many things that are not substantiated by Scripture. Most of them are not told to deceive, however; they are invented to illustrate profound truths. We need not take alarm at the flood of fiction retold at Christmastime. But still it is good to review again the facts and separate them from the fiction. Here are some of the facts that are known:

An angel from heaven announced th birth of Jesus in advance, both to Mar and to Joseph. As Isaiah had foretold Jesus was born of a virgin. The influenc of the Holy Spirit brought this about. H was born in Bethlehem, as Micah ha foretold. He was born in humble ci cumstances, yet heavenly angels an nounced the event to shepherds, and heavenly star led wise men t Bethlehem.

Such a marvelous meeting of poverty and wealth, lowliness and majesty, eart and heaven! Even in Jesus' birth abundant evidence that He is bot human and divine, the son of Mary an the Son of God. As Isaiah put it, He Immanuel, God with us. And because H is God, our only proper response is to fa to our knees with the wise men an worship Him.

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

—**Standard Lesson Commenta**

B. A little black boy asked missionary in Africa, "Was Jesus black man?"

"No, my boy," answered th missionary, "He was not."

The boy turned away disappointe saying, "The white people have all th good things."

The missionary reflected a bi Perhaps that hot Syrian sun had indee darkened the skin of the Master. So I said to the boy, "I think that His col was between yours and mine."

The boy clapped his hands an shouted, "Then He belongs to both us!"—L. E. Maxwell

C. The wise men had a dream an returned home "another way." A ma asked for admission into the church. Th pastor asked him to relate the c cumstances of his conversion. The ma said he had a dream by which he h been greatly affected and caused him desire church membership. When he h finished the pastor replied, "We do n wish to despise a good man's dreams any means; but we will tell you what w think of the dream after we have se how you go on when you are awake His request for membership was wise postponed for the time being. No one c meet God, whether in a dream otherwise, without being affected, b this does not mean he will go hom "another way."—C. F. Bowen

# STORIES for our youth



## FUNNY MONEY

by
Patricia C. Oviatt

WHAT do you have in your pocket or purse? Probably mong other things you have a coin, hether it is a penny, a nickel, or a ime. What do you plan to do with that oin? Buy an ice-cream cone? Put it in he offering plate? Save it in your piggy ank at home?

Thousands of years ago, men had oins, some of them very much like the nes we use today. Men learned that ome things were valuable to use in xchange for other valuable goods. ndians gave valuable furs to the men at ading posts in exchange for food and othing. This was called bartering. ome of this is still done today. Maybe ou have a ''swap shop'' in your town here you can take old furniture, lothes, appliances, or toys and swap nem for something you want.

Later, men found out that if they set a alue on some object such as a pretty tone or shell, or a piece of metal or one, they would have a better system of artering.

Some primitive coins were so large hat they could not be carried. Can you nagine carrying a ''quarter'' ten feet in iameter and made of solid stone? These uge rocks weighed close to a ton, and et they were used as money. How nconvenient to have a lot of money! Rich atives never feared that someone would reak into their huts and steal the oney. They parked their coins outside ith no fear of theft. It required up to six en to move a single coin! It was the rimitive Yap people of one of the Pacific slands who used these coins.

Needless to say, such a practice soon ied out, for some people just refused to pick up their money!

Shells, wire, pieces of ivory, and teeth of wild animals are still used as money in some parts of the world.

Most historians believe that the first coins were made during the 600's B. C. in the small kingdom of Lydia in Asia Minor, a country in what is now Turkey. These early Lydian ''coins'' were simply crude pieces of metal cut into small lumps of a standard weight and stamped with official marks to guarantee their value.

The Bible tells us about some of the money used by people in the Holy Land. The ''tribute penny'' which Christ used as an object lesson doubtless was a Roman silver coin. Roman rulers often placed their image on the one side of the coin—just as we have our Presidents' pictures on our coins today. The ''widow's mite'' was probably the lepton, which was a coin of the smallest value. It would equal about one-quarter of a penny today. Yet remember that Jesus said this woman was great in His eyes because she had given all she had. That was much more than many rich men gave.

The thirty pieces of silver which were paid to Judas for betraying the Lord were probably ''tetradrachmas,'' or silver coins from the city of Tyre. Some of these coins have been found by archaeologists and are in museums today. Judas' coins did him no good. In fact, they were used to buy a burying field for criminals like himself.

The history of coins is interesting. Henry VIII, a king of England, got his nickname Old Coppernose from the coin which he ordered to be made. He wanted his picture to be on one side, but he tried to save money by ordering that the coins be made of copper coated thinly with silver! But the first thing that wore off when the coating of silver was rubbed was the nose on his face. Poor Henry! His attempt to cheat the people brought him the nickname Old Coppernose. He is still called that by historians.

Have you ever heard anyone refer to a quarter as ''two bits''? Did you wonder why it was called that? The Spanish silver dollars used in our United States in the 1700's were cut into pieces in order to make change. A half dollar was called ''four bits,'' and the quarters were ''two bits.'' These coins were used in our country until 1857.

During the Civil War in our country, the motto ''In God We Trust'' was first placed on our coins. This motto has been on our coins ever since. it means that our country is built on a belief in God and in the principles of God's Word. We hope the day will never come when that motto will be left off new coins. Without God, we cannot prosper as a nation.

Have you ever heard your father caution, ''Remember, money doesn't grow on trees!'' That is true here. But in the Asian country of Malacca, it does grow on trees! There you can find coins fastened to the trunks of funnylooking metal trees whose substance is the same as the coins'. The coins are broken off the ''tree'' before they are put into circulation.

Money does wonderful things. Without it, our churches could not carry on their work of soul winning here at home and on the foreign field. Do you help to send missionaries out to Africa or South America or Alaska or your home state? Your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars will **never be lost** if they are given to the Lord's work.

The Bible warns us that the love of money (having a passionate craving to get more and more of it) is sin (read 1 Timothy 6:10).

God can use even your small pennies. A little girl in America once sent a penny to a missionary, and he bought a Gospel of John to give to a native who was saved. Because of that one penny, a church was begun, and many souls came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Remember: ''Little is much when God is in it.''—Selected

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## FREE SPIRIT MISSION SHOWS PROGRESS



The Free Spirit Free Will Baptist Mission near Wilson is a good example of love, faith, and works. The pastor-director, the Rev. Dale Albertson, and his wife, Jasmine, are doing an excellent job. Their number in attendance is running around the fifty mark.

## CATALPA MISSION BUYS PROPERTY



The Catalpa Free Will Baptist Mission of Fayetteville has experienced great progress under the direction of the Rev. Alton Howard and his wife (pictured above). The mission has been in operation for approximately eighteen months and they are already having over fifty in attendance for services. They are very active in supporting their denomination and in community activities.

The mission has just purchased the property where it has been holding its services: 5217 Catalpa Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306. The denomination can be very proud of this mission's achievements.

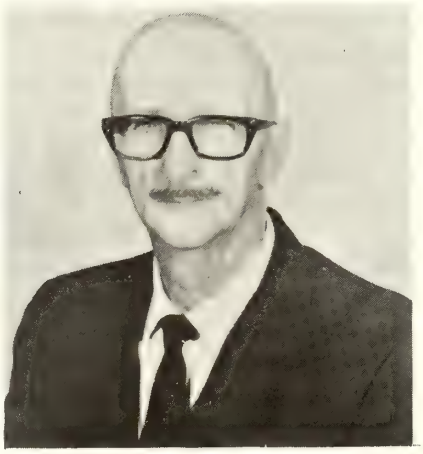
## FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONS RALLY

On December 12, 1975, a mission rally will be held at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. The rally, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Free Will Baptists of the State Convention of North Carolina, will



*Joseph Ingram*

feature the Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer; and the Rev. J. E. Texas, missionary to Mexico. The local



*J. E. Timmons*

Free Will Baptist churches who are members of the Central Conference and all other persons who are interested foreign missions are encouraged attend this rally. The service will begin 7:30 p. m. The Black Jack church located southeast of Greenville. Ta Highway 43 out of Greenville, turn left County Road 1774, then turn right County Road 1755 and the church will on the right.

## "BEHIND THE SCENES" A HOME MISSIONAR

**Mrs. Dale Albertson**
**Free Spirit Mission**
**Wilson, N. C.**

It all began five years ago when a so winner visited our home and broke t "bread of life." Through this Christi worker my husband, Dale, dynamica experienced the love of God thoroughly that he was compelled share it with others immediately. The was not even time to digest the gosp between the time of his salvation and t burden to preach. Dale spent ma sleepless nights and only throu persistant prayer and meditation did finally consent to dedicate his life to t Christian ministry. Realizing that the was a tremendous void of education a training, frustration, feelings inadequancies, and a continuo deterioration of self-esteem interfer with this plan of spreading the glorio news.

God seemed to disregard Dale humanistic reactions and led him on the work He had waiting. From Jon County we moved to Wilson, whe things began to fall into place. First, Bible institute (now Carolina Bib Institute at Pine Level) was formed Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Chur near Wilson where we were attending the time. This was the beginning of answer to the need of education a training. Then, a definite call came open a mission in a neighborhood th was without a church.

By this time, my husband's se esteem was becoming dangerously lo but God had an answer for that also. few weeks after the Free Spirit missi was opened, the Rev. Taylor Hi director-treasurer of Home Mission was introduced to Dale. The e couragement that was so desperate needed was brought during the montl that followed. Through Mr. Hill's eve ready willingness to listen, his wi

uidance and the use of the ego-builder praise,'' he expressed confidence in a an who had little in himself. Through is relationship the true meaning of od's Word as written in Philippians :13 came to life, ''I can do all things rough Christ which strengtheneth e.''

My goal in sharing this experience ith you is to communicate the ultimate eed for each person to encourage hers. Until one has confidence in heself, he can do little for others; so hare your words of praise. I once read at nothing great was ever achieved ithout enthusiasm. How many people o you know that perhaps need a few ords of praise? Go to them now, en-ourage them with an enthusiasm that ill ''fill their cup,'' and even overflow. od blesses everyone with a talent. Who nows, perhaps the sharing of praise ay be the precise talent that God has ven you.

## Mt. Olive

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nd this purification of her faith is a part f Christ's preparation of her for resentation to God.

### Eternal Life

III. The final thing Christ is doing in Ma'' is to prepare her for eternal life. er assurance, and ours, is written in 1 ohn 5:11-13:

''. . . God has given to us eternal life, nd this life is in his son. He that hath ne son hath life; . . . These things have I ritten unto you that believe on the name f the Son of God; that ye may know that e have eternal life, . . .''

''Ma'' Smith knows in whom she elieves, and she is persuaded that He is ble to keep the life she has committed nto Him until that day when Christ shall resent her as a gift to God.

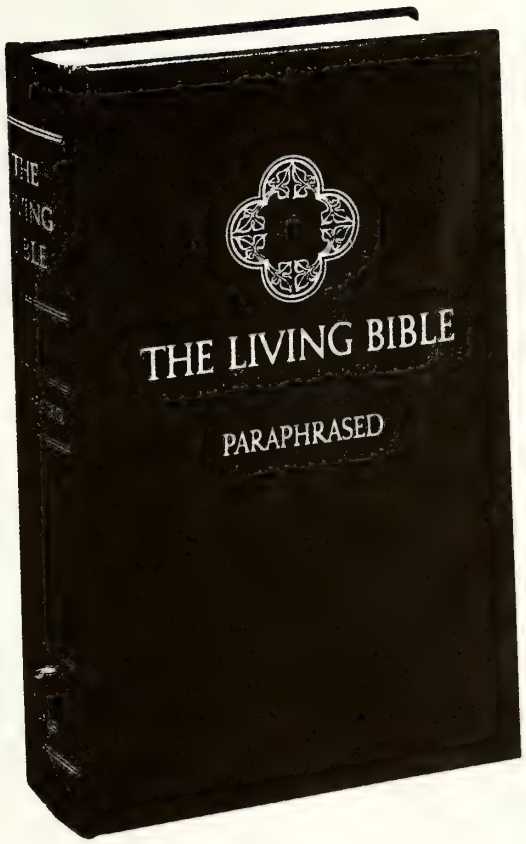
We not only honor ''Ma'' today—we ve her and we regard her not only as hrist's gift to God but as God's miracle us.

**Fact:** Something said about someone lse.

**Gossip:** Something said about me.

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# EDITORIAL...

## Truth and a World View: A Comment on the Times

Guest Editorial by Janice Hardison Faulkner

(Editor's Note: *Mrs. Faulkner, a professor of English at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, is an outstanding instructor in her field. She heads many commissions and is an active participant in university English-related seminars. Numerous articles by her have appeared in several professional journals, and she has received national acclaim for her work with the language. In that regard, she has also authored a book on language analysis, Grammar and the Language Arts, a 1975 publication of Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, Iowa. Unrelenting in her faith, Mrs. Faulkner views life with careful objectivity and manifests a deep commitment to her church as well as to her chosen profession.)*

Today our children are born into an age scarred with bitterness and violence, where disillusionment and disenchantment have stiffled hope and ambition, when one segment of the society is locked in pitched battle against another, where the poor and the down-trodden suffer in the midst of plenty, and where the abused and the innocent beg for justice to deaf ears.

It is not a pretty world, and our experience with it already outstrips that of our fathers and grandfathers when they were twice our age. We do not graduate from youth into manhood or womanhood. The vigor of the age in which we live has forced us to grow up prematurely. Most of us do not need advice about how it will be out there in the world; we already know. What we need to decide is how to treat what we already know is there. We have to formulate what, for lack of a better label, I will call a "world view."

The ancient Greeks, whose culture was highly civilized, have left us a wealth of opinions on the nature of man and his relationship to the world. And those opinions were vastly different from one another. The great poet and playwright, Sophocles, lived through a long-drawn-out war, which ended in the crushing defeat of Athens, and he witnessed the painful human deterioration brought about by those years. To Sophocles, the way to endure war or other human experience was to face life squarely, to perceive what was happening clearly, and to bear the burdens of the human lot steadfastly. He believed that the human condition was permanently fixed and the best a man could do was to look at the world in tranquility of spirit, without bitterness, and endure his sufferings with resigned dignity.

Another equally gifted Greek poet, Euripides, lived through that same war, but he saw it through entirely different eyes. His "world view" was different. Younger than Sophocles, he saw not what is, but what might be. Great rebels have visions of the future. They see possibilities: They see injustice ended; they see people made good and happy; they have a passion to make their dreams for a better life into reality. Sophocles said, "Nothing is wrong which the gods command." Euripides said, "If gods do evil, then they are not gods." Sophocles believed in submission to one's fate. Euripides believed that his passion for justice and his pity for suffering could transform the world.

People who believe in a world transformed do not submit to the inevitable. They perceive what is wrong, throw security aside, call everything into question, tear off the veils that hide ugly things, and give up their peace of mind forever.

Such confrontation with self must take place before life can go on in any meaningful way. The familiar details of Jacob's wrestling with the angel or of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness before the beginning of His earthly ministry illustrate the necessity to "know thyself."

Euripides died, not in Athens, but away up north in Thrace, lonelier in his death than he had been in his life. The reason he left Athens is not recorded, but men did not give up their home in Greece in that day without compelling reason. All we are told is entailed in a single sentence in his ancient biography that says he had to go away because of "malicious exaultation" which was aroused against him in the city. We know only that he wrote play after play in which he exposed the hideousness of cruelty and the tragedy of human weakness and human pain. Many a Greek politician was made uneasy by his message, and he died in exile and in disgrace.

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# FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MY DAY

(Part Twenty-One)
by Loy Everette Ballard

## PASTORAL EFFORTS AND GLORIOUS EXPERIENCES

DURING the entire time that I was a part-time employee of the Free Will Baptist Press, I was also pastoring churches and involving myself in denominational affairs, both in North Carolina and through the program of the National Association.

Even before I left the Orphanage, I had obligated myself to serve two rural churches in the Albemarle area (Trinity and Belhaven), preaching in the churches two Sundays each month on alternating Sundays. While no outstanding projects were undertaken in these churches during the years I served them, I had an enjoyable ministry with them and made some lasting friendships. At the end of two years, I gave up the Trinity church and accepted pastorate of the Sidney church in the same vicinity. Again I enjoyed an enjoyable ministry, and made some lasting friends there also.

In the fall of 1947, I had an opportunity to become pastor of two churches in Pamlico County, not very far from New Bern. I accepted the Oriental and Trent churches because I felt like I could render better services to churches close enough to my home to go out afternoons on the days I was not employed at Ayden for visiting. I had hopes of continuing with these churches as long as it was necessary for me to live in New Bern. But an unexpected development cut my ministry in Pamlico County short.

On May 1, 1948, the veteran pastor of Saint Mary's church, the Rev. W. B. Everette, died suddenly. The shock of his going almost brought Mrs. Ballard, who was serving as his assistant, to a nervous breakdown. In a hastily called meeting of the general board of the church, I was asked to take charge as temporary pastor. The next three days were hectic days for all of us. "Uncle Bill," as he was generally called, was beloved by people of all the churches of the city, and hundreds came in a steady stream to pay their respect. Protestants, Catholics, and Jews alike mourned the loss of a dear friend. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in New Bern. More than two dozen ministers, representing several denominations throughout eastern North Carolina, attended, many of whom paid brief tributes to the beloved minister during the service.

At a called conference of the church the following week, I was extended a call to become the regular pastor, with Mrs. Ballard continuing to serve as educational director.

It was not easy following a man like "Uncle Bill" Everette, who had not only been pastor of the church for many years, but was so dearly beloved by all the people of the city. It was not unnatural that all my contemplated actions had to be measured by one yardstick—"What would Uncle Bill have done?" One of Mr. Everette's last actions had been to approve a plan for an educational building. I would have liked to have seen a few changes made in the plan, but I knew that no member of the Board of Trustees nor of the Building Committee would agree to any change; so we went ahead and erected the building by the plans already approved. Perhaps it was as well for it turned out to be a very attractive building. Since then the congregation has erected a beautiful sanctuary on to the building, along with a modern parsonage.

After the educational building was completed, the congregation decided that a full-time pastor, devoting his time entirely to visitation and promoting an enlarged program, was needed. I was offered the opportunity of resigning from my work with the Press and become the full-time pastor. I decided to continue with the Press and accept the pastorate of two rural churches in the vicinity of Ayden. I guess I will never be fully satisfied as to whether or not this was the best decision. I look back on my experiences in New Bern with a great deal of thankfulness. Some of the best friends my wife and I have had during the years were made during the time of our work with Saint Mary's church.

During this time I was involved in the overall program of the denomination—especially in the youth work. I cooperated in a number of Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conferences, held throughout the nation, organizing a number of "motorcades" to carry young people to these great meetings which were held in several states. I was on the program a number of times. One unusual thing I did was to carry a small proof press and type to one meeting, make up and print a page of one of the league quarterlies on the stage in the presence of around 1,000 young people. This was a feature not soon forgotten. I also attended a number of sessions of the National Association. This was the period in which Free Will Baptists in general were about the closest in unity of anytime in our history. It was a time when progress was being made in practically every area of our worldwide program.

Our oldest son, Beverly, who had returned from the service of his country in 1946, and had gone back to college, completed a course in journalism, and came to New Bern as an editor on the local newspaper; thus beginning a career which was to result in bringing to him over the years a number of distinctive honors as a journalist. He married a New Bern girl, and they were quite a help to us in the final year of our pastorate at Saint Mary's. He was ordained as a minister, and a little later moved to South Carolina where he pastored churches for a number of years in combination with being a newspaper editor.

We moved to Ayden in 1950, where, as related in my last article, I continued to work with the Free Will Baptist Press until 1953. At that same time I pastored Deep Run and Cabin churches in the Eastern Conference, commuting back and forth on weekends. Mrs. Ballard and I enjoyed working with these two fine churches, and found among the membership many who have continued to share our love and fellowship through the years.

(Next: A Dream Comes True)

(A message delivered December 2, 1975, in Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College, by Sidney T. Johnson, professor of English.)

# THE CRADLED INFANT



YOU will not be surprised to learn that I spent several years as a shepherd. My services were needed only one day a year and generally an hour at the most on that particular day. That was in my youth. As I grew older, I graduated to the role of wise man and was, on occasion, permitted to speak.

The experience is familiar to all of you. Each year the little church in Morrisville, where I grew up, would have its annual Christmas program, and generally that program centered around re-creation of the Christmas story, which always culminated in the manger scene, with the Christ Child, the cradled Infant, at the center.

Yearly, my brother and I would each put on one of our father's bathrobes or wrap ourselves in a quilt or sheet, tie a towel around our heads with a wide band of cloth, get a long, crooked stick to serve as a staff, and we were as ready as the millions of other children were to take our parts in the Christmas story.

We loved it, as you who have had the same experience must have loved it. We loved going into the cold church building late Fridays and Saturdays in December and lighting the fires so the building would be warm when everyone else arrived; we loved going out into the woods behind the church to find pines and branches to help make the stable scene that we always helped some of the grown-ups build out of rough lumber; we loved making the crib itself, also of rough boards, and lining it with blankets to receive the little doll that one of the girls would bring the night of the play; we loved gathering the straw and hay to strew about the stage, and the making of the special lights to represent the star of Bethlehem, and the many practices, and all the fun we had before and after the practices, and the play itself that always ended with Mary and Joseph and the shepherds and wise men gathered about the cradled infant Jesus.

But we always felt a little lonely after the play as we turned our backs on the darkened church, shoved our hands deep into warm pockets, hunched our furlined collars up against our ears and took the short walk home, maybe looking up now and then to see if we could catch any sight of that special star. A year from that moment was too far off.

These are the sensations that youth is kind enough to give us for those later years spent in reflection, and it is to these experiences that I return time and time again as the Christmas season approaches and I turn my thoughts to that scene of the cradled infant, for my experience beyond those years has intensified the meaning of that scene.

I have come to understand more that cradled infant as a symbol of God's love for man, and I have come to understand it as a symbol of the way in which God wills that men should love each other.

I have been able to do this because of a personal experience to which the writer of the verse (John 3:16) before you appeals: ''For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.''

The writers of Scripture rely a lot on the imagery of family relationships to help us identify with God's love for us, the way in which He would have us love Him, and the way in which He would have us love each other. The very special love between husband and wife, between parent and child—particularly between father and son—are vehicles through which these writers let us use our own experiences to understand God's love. The Hosea-Gomer story, the Abraham-Isaac story, the Jacob-Joseph and Jacob-Benjamin stories are but a few. And as we read these stories over and over, we find their appeal to us is fresh because of the experiences we have gained, between our readings, in the very relationships they are describing.

That is why, at this point in my experience, the image of the cradled infant that I have so often through my life helped re-create becomes so powerful and moving a symbol to me of God's love for man: God's gift of Jesus to man is described in imagery of the father-son relationship—imagery that I must personally confront in both wonder and anguish—wonder at the extent of God's love and anguish at the thought of the sacrifice.

I believe the writer of **The Second Shepherd's Play** (a fourteenth-century miracle play) well understood the complexity of these feelings, for in his parody of the manger scene, he presents in one image the life and death of Jesus. In that play, Mak, a thief, visits shepherds on a hillside, pretends to sleep with them, and while they are asleep, steals a sheep, slaughters it, and places it in a baby crib in order to conceal his theft. As the shepherds enter Mak's cottage in search of their lost sheep, Mak and his wife assume their positions about the crib, pretending that it contains their newborn child. The slaughtered lamb in the crib becomes at once a symbol of the birth and death of the Saviour.

It is with a similar double vision that I must return to the image of the cradled infant and through which, on the basis of my own experience, I can view the magnificence of God's gift to mankind. Six years ago, with the birth of my first child, I began my pilgrimage toward the understanding of what love without condition means.

So during the years between my experience in that little country church and the present, the scene I helped so many times to re-create still helps me understand God's love for man, particularly as my own children now begin their parts in the Christmas story.

Visions of the cradled infant have also helped me to understand the way in which God would have men love each other, for there is no greater symbol of humanity's need of unconditional love than the newborn child. In her sonnet ''The Children of the Poor,'' Gwendolyn Brooks expresses well the experiences of those who must respond to this need:

People who have no children can be
hard:
Attain a mail of ice and insolence:
Need not pause in the fire, and in no
sense
Hesitate in the hurricane to guard.
And when wide world is bitten and
bewarred
They perish purely, waving their spirits
hence
Without a trace of grace or of offense

To laugh or fail, diffident, wonder-
starred.
While through a throttling dark we others
hear
The little lifting helplessness, the queer
Whimper-whine: whose unridiculous
Lost softness softly makes a trap for us.
And makes a curse. And makes a sugar of
The malocclusions, the inconditions of
love.

I believe that it is into this "soft trap" that we must fall happily, because surely in loving we learn to love.

I find a good illustration of the transcendence of love in the novel, **Black Like Me,** by John Howard Griffin, a white man who through various chemical processes darkened his skin so he could travel through the South and find out what it was like to be black during the late fifties.

While he was hitchhiking through a part of Alabama, he was confronting person after person whose questions about his personal life as a black man continued to impugn his dignity. Along about suppertime, he caught a ride with a big, burley construction worker from whom he expected more of the same, if not worse. To his surprise he found in this man an unusual generosity of spirit. The man eventually invited him to have a hamburger in a restaurant along the road, and when the hitchhiker gently reminded his host that the restaurant would not serve him, the man simply shrugged the situation off by saying, "... I'll bring it to the car. We can eat while I'm driving." In reflecting on this man's generosity, the hitchhiker recalled that one of the things the construction worker talked about most was his infant son. With this in mind he could only conclude that the man so loved his son that he had learned to love the rest of mankind as well: "I could only conclude that his attitude came from an overwhelming love for his child, so profound it spilled over to all humanity. I knew that he was totally unaware of its ability to cure men; of the blessing it could be to someone like me after having been exhausted and scraped raw in my heart by others this rainy Alabama night."

In loving, the man had learned to love. His first experience with unconditional love may well have begun with his own cradled infant.

One statement from Emerson's essay **Nature** says all that I have said: "Infancy is the perpetual Messiah which comes into the arms of fallen men and pleads with them to return to paradise."

As the Christmas season begins and I watch my own children going off to practice for their roles in the Christmas story, my thoughts turn once again to my own first experiences with the cradled infant and with learning about God's love.

## SHARING IN FAITH

by
Mrs. Dianne Raper

"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103:1). What wonderful words of praise! And how very good our God is to us! This year has almost slipped away, and soon we shall be celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ. What a time of sweet fellowship that will be! We have been so very blessed by God. He has given us one of the highest levels of living in the world. We throw away food and clothing that the peoples of other countries would rejoice in tears to receive. We live, not in ramshackle houses built merely to protect us from heat and cold, but in modern, well-furnished homes. We are paid more for one week's work than a lot of people in other countries have in a year. God is constantly blessing us and healing us; He is delivering us from the sinful hands of Satan. So we are very fortunate, indeed. As Christmastime approaches we have many opportunities to share our love and joy with others who do not know our God.

This year we have seen another country open its doors to the Free Will Baptist ministry. India is one of the most heavily populated countries of the world. Its people have been living in the darkness of Hindu customs for generations. But light is beginning to dawn in India, praise to our Holy Father! Already in those churches organized, there are enormous numbers of converts. Just think what glorious miracles God is going to work in these people! Think of the blessings our missionaries are going to receive as messengers of God's Word. Do you know what? God is giving us a chance to stretch our faith muscles a little—isn't that great? Just think of the joy we can give, and the blessings we shall receive, by being part of this Great Commission.

Psalm 116:1 tells us, "I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications." The joy in the hearts of those who have already been saved in India must be beautiful to see. You know, I have been told that when a person is given a Bible over there, he takes it apart and gives as many people as he can one page, so they, too, may have some of God's Word. How reverently those precious words must be kept! And now we have an opportunity to help them. Our Foreign Mission Board can purchase Bibles written in Hindu for fifty cents each. This is truly a blessing from God! What a wonderful time of the year to learn this! We can really give our beloved Christ a birthday gift that is worthy this year, by sending our money, earmarked for this purpose, to our missions board. Just think of the joy in the faces of the people who will be given a whole Bible, not just a page, for their very own. They will be able to read for the first time the many wonderful stories we grew up knowing. Remember the beautiful words and promises those pages contain? They will come to know all of the dear men and women of God who long ago became our friends. And most important, they will come to know our Saviour and King! The Holy Spirit of His love will be open to them, perhaps for the first time. Isn't our God wonderful?

Please, dear Christian friends, let us make this Christmas a true celebration of God's love. Christmas is a time of giving—of sharing the best of ourselves with others. Let us begin now, with this Christmas season, to live by our faith in God's Word. You know, He has a way of not letting that faith down. God bless your Christmas holidays and fill them with His joy.






# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** What all is required of me now that I want to become a Christian?

**Answer:** Paul, one of the inspired men who wrote much of the New Testament, and his spirit-filled companion Silas, answered this question to those who had persecuted them before God intervened in their behalf as He sent an earthquake to free Paul and Silas from their shackles: ''. . . they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house'' (Acts 16:31). Paul writes in answering this question to the Romans: ''That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed'' (Romans 10:9-11).

Isaiah wrote this about Christ and God's purpose in sending Him to give His life a ransom for our sins: ''. . . he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all'' (Isaiah 53:5, 6); ''Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon'' (Isaiah 55:6, 7).

Here are some of the verses that help us to understand God's reason for intervening through the gift of His only begotten Son to bear our sins on the Cross: ''. . . God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually'' (Genesis 6:5); ''If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?'' (Psalm 130:3); ''. . . all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God'' (Romans 3:23); ''. . . the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked'' (Isaiah 57:20, 21); ''. . . the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe'' (Galatians 3:22).

Jesus said, which applied to all of us before we were saved, ''Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him'' (John 3:3, 5, 6, 36). The Bible also says, ''So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God'' (Romans 10:17); ''. . . the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart'' (Hebrews 4:12); ''. . . I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith'' (Romans 1:16, 17).

For one to accept the gospel and make personal application of it to himself which includes the drastic change it brings to him, he must have a good reason. The Bible makes clear this reason in such verses quoted above. The quickening power of the gospel of Christ is the only means by which God proposes to bring about this change in the lives of those who believe or, putting it in other words, accept Christ as their personal Saviour—accept Him as He is presented to them in God's Word.

Dr. George H. Sandison answers a similar question in his book **1000 Difficult Bible Questions** on Page 472 as follows:

''Though salvation by faith is such a simple thing, many souls stumble at it. It seems too simple to be true, so they go about trying to find a harder way to be saved, and of course they do not find it because there is no other way. This is what we should say to every seeking soul: 'The first step toward Christ is to realize what it is that keeps you away from him, that is, your sin.' Christ is very near you, nearer than your closest friend; but your sin separates your soul from him. You must confess your sin, acknowledge that you have sinned; you must repent of your sin, making restitution if you have wronged any one; you must determine to forsake your sin. But these things are not faith; they are only the necessary steps to faith. Faith is the definite belief that Christ died for your sins and that he actually forgives them now. 'He tasted death for every man.' If that is so, then he really, literally died for you. It is very easy to believe Jesus if you will just let yourself do it. Faith is an extremely simple thing; doubt is difficult. In your brain you know that he died 'for every man.' How can you doubt, then, that he died for you? You know that he died for the sins of the whole world; this must include you. Nothing in the history of the world is a surer, steadier fact than that Christ was crucified to save you from sin. The moment any one will stop doubting that fact and begin to believe it he will find peace, and find Christ. 'Be not afraid—only believe.' 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Have you not proved that the way of doubt is hard and sad? Will you not try now the way of trust, and find how sweet and light and glad it is?''

# Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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### C. J. WADE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Each year the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, sponsors a wedding anniversary dinner for Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wade. The Wades in turn ask for cash gifts instead of presents and all the gifts are then contributed to the Children's Home. This year found the Wades celebrating their 53rd anniversary. The dinner was held at the church on Sunday, November 23. The gifts received totaled $804.75 which has since been presented to the Home. Present for the dinner and representing the Home was Mrs. Thelma Rulli and several of her girls from the Central Cottage.

We certainly appreciate this generous gift which the C. J. Wades and other members of Elm Grove church made possible.

### A TREAT FOR THE HOME

Several of our Free Will Baptist Church youth groups remembered our Children's Home on Halloween night. While they were out "trick or treating" they received money and then made a contribution to the Home. For instance, the youth of the Snow Hill church collected and contributed $176.30 this past month. Our thanks go to Snow Hill and our other churches for these special treats.

### HOLLY SPRINGS SERVES BENEFIT SUPPER

On Saturday, December 6, a barbecue supper was served by Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, with all the proceeds from the supper going to the Children's Home. This is done each year for the Home by this church. Last year $1,407.45 was raised for the Home and this year a total of $1,763.80 was raised.

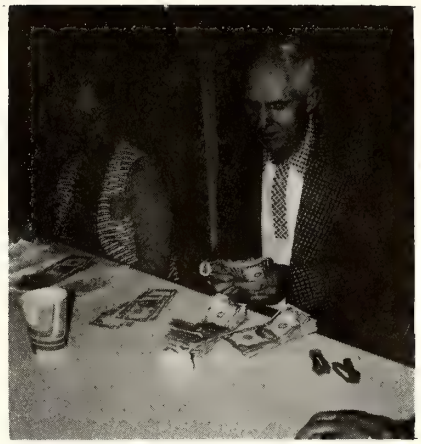
Shown in the following picture are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Slaughter and Mr. Hilton Gurganus presenting the check to their pastor, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, who is also moderator of the Eastern Conference. The Slaughters donate the hogs for this barbecue supper each year.



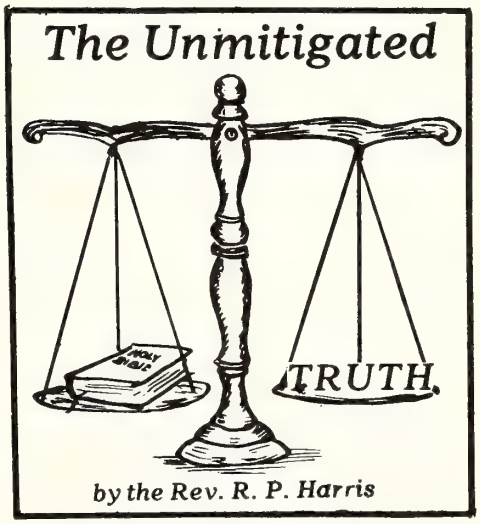
It was certainly a busy evening requiring much hard work from many persons to prepare and serve over 700 plates. The young ladies shown in the picture below are only some of the many persons who worked so diligently.



There was all kinds of work, and receiving and counting the money was certainly an important job. There was a pleased look upon the faces of Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter and Mr. Nathan Garner as they did their job and rightly so.



Not shown in the pictures but present for the supper was Mrs. Gladys Weeks, assistant superintendent of the Children's Home, who served as a representative of the Children's Home for this occasion. (For the benefit of those who may not know, Holly Springs is the home church of the Weeks.) All the staff and children of the Home extend their sincere appreciation to all persons of Holly Springs church and the Newport community who made this contribution possible.




Scriptural basis: ". . . according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

### THE TIME WHEN REGENERATION OCCURS

The time of regeneration can be pinpointed by many people. They are sure of the time and the place this

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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

### DEDICATION HONORS THE LATE BONNER SAWYER



*Present for the Founder's Day dedication presentation were as follows (left to right): Dr. W. Burkette Raper, College president; Dr. Michael Pelt, who made the presentation; Mrs. Anna Hill, an alumnae of Ayden Seminary; Mrs. Bonner Sawyer and her son, Britton; and College librarion, Gary Barefoot. A portrait of the late Mr. Sawyer is in the background.*

Founder's Day ceremonies held Tuesday, November 25, 1975, aty Mount Olive College, were highlighted by the dedication of the Free Will Baptist Historical Room in Moye Library in honor of the late Donner D. Sawyer of Hillsborough.

Mr. Sawyer, a native of Pamlico County, was honored during special dedication ceremonies. At the time of his death in 1972, Mr. Sawyer was serving on the College's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the college's religion department, lauded the late Mr. Sawyer as a man ". . . who played a significant role in the development of Mount Olive College."

He also said that Mrs. Sawyer, members of the Sawyer family, and their friends have contributed to a fund which has been designated as a library endowment to be used primarily for the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College.

"As an alumnus of Ayden Seminary, Mr. Sawyer was deeply interested in Mount Olive College, the students who entered here, and the church which brought this College into being. The historical connection between Ayden Seminary and Mount Olive College as educational institutions sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Church was obvious to him," Dr. Pelt declared.

In recognition of Mr. Sawyer's work on behalf of Mount Olive College and of the endowment fund established by his family and friends, the Board of Trustees of the College voted to dedicate the Historical Room in Moye Library in memory of Mr. Sawyer, his wife, and the alumni of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College.

"This room will henceforth be known as the Bonner D. Sawyer Room," announced Dr. Pelt. The Sawyer Room already houses the best collection of Free Will Baptist literature and materials to be found anywhere in the world.

The dedication ceremony was attended by Mr. Sawyer's wife, Letha; their son, Britton; and his wife, Frances.

Mr. Sawyer was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. A practicing attorney for 46 years, he was president of the Orange County Bar Association, the Fifteenth Judicial District Bar Association, and the North Carolina State Bar.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, the President of Mount Olive College said that Mr. Sawyer was a man ". . . who used the wisdom and virtue given him by His Creator to improve the lives of his fellowman. He was a man of clear vision with a passion to serve mankind."



Also present for the Founder's Day ceremonies along with Mrs. Hill, pictured above, were Eugene Hart of Ayden, an Alumnus of Eureka College; Mrs. Leona Banks of Goldsboro, an alumnae of Ayden Seminary; the Rev. James Evans, president of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society and an alumnus of Ayden Seminary and Eureka College; and Mrs. J. T. Beddard Sr. of Ayden, an Alumnae of Ayden Seminary.

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### MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND DANIEL F. PELT SR.

(March 29, 1909—June 22, 1975)
At Mount Olive College

A memorial at Mount Olive College to the Rev. Daniel F. Pelt will be dedicated Sunday, December 14, at 1:30 p. m. President W. Burkette Raper announced that the Board of Trustees has authorized the naming of a classroom in the Henderson Building in memory of Mr. Pelt in appreciation for his services and bequest to the College.

Mr. Pelt was a leading Free Will Baptist minister in the tri-state area of northwest Florida, southwest Georgia, and southeast Alabama, and served on the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees. In 1950 he was recognized by the **Progressive Farmer** as the "Rural Minister of the Year."

Mr. Pelt has three brothers who are also Free Will Baptist ministers: Dr. Michael R. Pelt, chairman of the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College; Chester Pelt of Marianna, Florida, a retired U. S. Army Chaplain and professor of Chipola Junior College; and Jim Pelt, pastor of Christian Home church, Blountstown, Florida.

His wife, Mrs. Ruby C. Pelt of Grand Ridge, Florida, and his son, Dr. Roland Pelt of Chappaqua, New York, are expected to attend the dedicatory service.

All friends of the Pelt family are cordially invited.

## A SYMBOL OF PEACE



From the Holy Land, near the Mount of Olives, an Olive tree—a symbol of peace—grows on the campus of Mount Olive College. Shown inspecting the tree is President W. Burkette Raper who brought the tree to Mount Olive from a 1973 visit to the Holy Land.

## MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of November, 1975, totaled $696, and are as follows:

### IN MEMORY OF

Mr. James Turner Abrams by Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Walston, Pinetops.

The Rev. Paul H. Barwick by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Bennett, Goldsboro; and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Ficken, Mount Olive.

Mr. Noah Thomas Beamon by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Hill, Ayden.

Mrs. Lula Blizzard by Mr. and Mrs. Bodell Outlaw, Deep Run; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Summerlin, Kenansville; and Miss Verdie Davenport, Deep Run.

Miss Janice Brock by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Ficken, Mount Olive; Mrs. Gertrude M. Edwards, Clinton; Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Lownes Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Sutton and family, and Mrs. J. Hoover Talton and Kathy, Mount Olive.

Mr. Carroll Bryan by Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brock, Mount Olive.

Mr. Robert E. Bryan by Gary Fenton Barefoot, Mount Olive; Mrs. George D. Herring, Lumberton; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Potts, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

Miss Betty Dail by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Anderson and Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Lownes Jr., Mount Olive.

Mrs. Estelle J. Dail by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stocks, Ayden.

Mr. R. K. Daughtry by Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Mr. Charles L. Davenport by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive.

Mrs. Florence Garner by Mr. Theron Garner, Mount Olive.

Mr. W. L. Garner by Mrs. Maxine Maners, New Bern.

Mrs. Hanna Graham by Mr. Gene B. Mercer, Mount Olive; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer, Beulaville.

Mr. Henry Ellis Hall by Mrs. Mary Phipps, New Bern.

Mr. M. Eddie Hart by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Hart, Ayden.

Mr. J. C. Hartley by Harvey, Marie, and Anita Whitford, Vanceboro.

Mr. J. Sam Holland by Sunday School of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Mr. Charlie Howard by Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Walston, Pinetops.

Mrs. Irene Pate Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beamon, Goldsboro; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Herring, Mount Olive.

Mr. Joel Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Bennett, Goldsboro.

Mr. Barney Kirby by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Howell, Pikeville.

Mr. W. Jack Knight by Mr. and Mrs. Avery Sasser, Kenly.

Mr. Johnnie Mercer by Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Miller, Beulaville; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Callahan, Pink Hill; Mr. Gene B. Mercer, Mount Olive; and Mrs. Pannie M. Rhodes, Beulaville.

Mr. Max Robeson by Gary F. Barefoot, Mount Olive; the Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Glenn, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Herring Jr., Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, and Mr. and Mrs. John N. Walker, Mount Olive.

Mr. Lloyd Sanders by Mrs. Sybil Godley, Newport.

Mrs. Betty Sasser by Sunday School of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville.

Mrs. Jessie Snipes by Mr. and Mrs. Avery Sasser, Kenly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stilley by Harvey, Marie, and Anita Whitford, Vanceboro.

Mrs. Estelle P. Strickland by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Howell, Pikeville.

Mr. William A. Taylor by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hare and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Howell, Pikeville; Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Lucama; Day Circle of Woman's Auxiliary of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday School of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Talton, Pikeville.

Mr. J. J. Thigpen by Mrs. T. R. Thigpen, Mount Olive.

Mr. Stacey Thigpen by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Fagg Jr., Batesville, Arizona.

Mrs. Jessie W. Warrick by Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, Clayton.

Mr. Selby Webb by Nick Little Sunday School Class of Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Elm City.

Miss Christy Williams by Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary, Pikeville.

Mr. Eddie Yates Willoughby by Mrs. Louise Britton, Ahoskie.

### IN HONOR OF

Mr. Blaney B. Blizzard by Miss Verdie Davenport, Deep Run.

Miss Christina Michelle Groves by Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive.

Patty and Leonard Joyner by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herring Jr., Mount Olive.

Mr. Steven Ray Mosley by Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive.

The Rev. Douglas Skinner by Youth Fellowship of Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson.

Mr. David Leslie Willoughby by Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive.

### GIFTS

North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Wilson.



# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

**Free Union Annual Christmas Pageant, December 21, 22**

The annual Christmas pageant entitled **So Great a Gift**, will be presented Sunday and Monday evenings, December 21, 22, at 7:30, at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg. A most cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend one of these performances. Mrs. James Manning states: "We know that each and everyone who views this beautiful pageant will receive a blessing as those in the church have received in helping to present it."

The Rev. C. L. Patrick is pastor of the church.

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**Elm Grove Church Presents Christmas Play**

The Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, will present a Christmas play, "To All People," Sunday evening, December 21, beginning at 7:30. The play is a story of a family that is led to rededication by a visitor in their home during the Christmas season. Following the play a period of fellowship with refreshments will be enjoyed by all.

The pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey, and the church membership invite the public to attend.

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**Ormondsville Sunday School Presents Christmas Cantata**

Sunday evening, December 21, at 7 o'clock, the Sunday School of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, will present a Christmas cantata, "Joseph and the Nativity." The cantata will be presented by the youth and adult choirs with the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Jerry Ben Walls, as narrator, who portrays the character of Joseph.

Preceding the cantata, Mrs. Clovis S. Bowen will present a short program by the two beginner classes of the school.

The usual Christmas tree, with the exchanging of gift, will follow the program. The tree this year, as was last year, will be decorated with socks which will later be given to the Children's Home at Middlesex. Also during the program, the church members will be given a chance to bring to the altar their gifts to Christ on His birthday.

A period of fellowship with refreshments will follow the program in the recreation building. The public is invited to attend.

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**Beaver Dam YFA Holds Monthly Meeting**

The YFA of Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus County, held its monthly meeting December 1, at 7 p. m. It was held in the church fellowship hall. The hostess for the evening was Jeannine Godwin.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Priscilla Cartrette. Devotion was held from Luke 2:1-20 and was read by Jeannine Godwin. The opening song was "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord." Prayer was led by Mr. John Byrd.

The title of the lesson was "Christ Is Still the Answer: The Greatest Gift to the World." The lesson was on how people in different countries celebrate Christmas. The countries studied were (1) Austria, (2) Belgium, (3) Czechoslovakia, (4) France, and (5) Ireland.

New and old business were discussed. The group was dismissed by praying the Lord's Prayer. Refreshment and fellowship followed.

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**MATTRESS COVER PROJECT COMPLETED!**

I wish to take this method of thanking those who contributed to the mattress cover project for Cragmont Assembly. The total cost of $611.58 has been received with $23.58 to spare. This amount has been mailed to Mrs. Minnie Chandler, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly. I also sent the names of all contributors, along with the amount of money they gave.

May God bless each of you for helping with this worthy cause!

In His service,
Mrs. Norman Ard

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. states that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral duties; also is available for revival work or evangelistic services. He may be contacted by writing Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or telephone 524-5186.

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse announces that he is available for part-time or full-time pastoral services. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, North Carolina 27925; telephone during the day, 796-2806, at night, 796-1761.

The White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, is seeking a pastor for full-time services. Any Free Will Baptist minister interested in serving this church please contact Mr. Jerry W. Brown, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320; telephone (home) 863-3133, (business) 863-3147.

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**CORRECTION, PLEASE!**

In last week's issue of the "Baptist" we gave a change of address for the Rev. Melvin T. Moore. Through error we reversed the addresses. Mr. Moore's old address was Route 3, Box 381, Bladenboro, North Carolina; his new address is 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909. We are sorry for this mistake and apologize to Mr. Moore.—Ralph A. Bowen, Assistant Editor




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
Scripture Reading—Luke 2:12

A BED IN MY HEART

"Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for thee.
My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep,
I too must sing, with joyful tongue,
That sweetest ancient cradle song,
Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given."

—Martin Luther

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our wondrous Saviour came to us in a humble form to show us that the meek and humble shall reign supreme. Pompous and popular does not make one proper and pleasant.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22
Scripture Reading—Matthew 2:22, 23

"THEY LEAVE ME COLD"

Peter Marshall said, "I must confess that modern Christmas cards leave me cold. I cannot appreciate the dogs and cats and galloping horses, the ships in full sail, or any of the cute designs that leave out the traditional symbols of the star, the manger, the wise men on their camels."

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Our first Christmas as depicted in the Bible is a beautiful story and one of great importance to Christians everywhere.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
Scripture Reading—Matthew 2:1, 2

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH"

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise thee for the radiance,
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

—William W. How

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Words of wisdom are timeless and unchanging. This explains why the Bible is just as important today as it has been in the past.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Scripture Reading—Luke 2:10

"WE'LL BRING OUR HEARTS"

The wise may bring their learning,
The rich may bring their wealth;
And some may bring their greatness,
And some bring strength and health;
We, too, would bring our treasures
To offer to the King:
We have no wealth or learning,
What shall we children bring?
We'll bring Him hearts that love Him,
We'll bring Him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving
To walk in holy ways:
And these shall be the treasures
We offer to the King,
And these are gifts that even
The poorest child may bring.

—Anonymous

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is good to know that even the poorest among us is able to bring a suitable gift to God. We can bring our hearts and souls and rest assured that we have offered a most acceptable contribution.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
Scripture Reading—Luke 2:13-15

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine,
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

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Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

—Phillips Brooks

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Once a year we devote a season to praising our Saviour who came to earth to make our lives more livable. It should be a time of great rejoicing!*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26
Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:10

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

An admiring friend said to Dr. Joseph Parker, who for many years was the pastor of the City Temple in London, "Dr. Parker, you are a self-made man."

Instantly Dr. Parker replied, "You lift a great responsibility from the shoulder of the Almighty."

How tall we stand when we kneel and humbly confess.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We can really accomplish nothing completely of ourselves. Stop and think of just exactly how much we do in one day without any assistance whatsoever.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 11:5

MATTERS CONTROVERSIAL

"In matters controversial,
My perception's very fine;
I always see both sides of things:
The one that's wrong and mine."

—Author Unknown

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Being consumed with self makes us very narrow minded. We stand the chance of being as the path in the woods—we might become so narrow we will stop existing entirely.*

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press, and *Knight's Up-To-The-Minute Illustrations*, Moody Press.)

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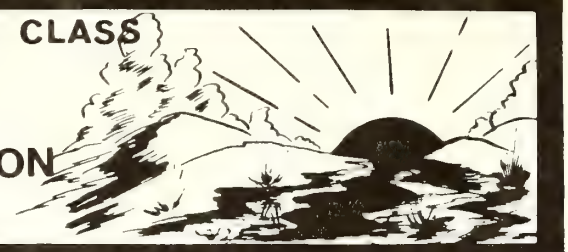
**LIKE WEEDS**

Sins, like weeds, seem to get started where nothing else is growing.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 28



# WRESTLING WITH TEMPTATION

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 4:1-11
**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 2:18

## I. INTRODUCTION

In writing to the Corinthian Christians Paul said, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

This is one of the great assurances in the Bible. The fact is established that we will have temptations, that we will be tempted to do wrong from time to time. It is further stated here that these temptations are common to man, that they are usual because Satan's business is to make us do wrong if he can. But a greater fact is that God is stronger than Satan and He will faithfully preserve us if we will trust in Him. We will have no temptation so great that we cannot overcome it and bear it for Christ offers us ways to escape it.

Christ himself set the example for us in the temptations He overcame in the wilderness where He was attacked by Satan for forty days and nights. Satan tried every basic temptation known to him: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). If Christ had to wrestle with such temptations we may be certain that we will also have to do so. The purpose of this lesson is to show us this fact and to assure us that we are victorious in Him.—**The Bible Student (F. W. B.)**

## II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We speak of the temptation of Jesus as if there were only one temptation, but actually there were three temptations. These temptations cover all the avenues through which man may be tempted. They touch every point of man's vulnerability.

B. The first temptation that came to Jesus came through His appetite. He had fasted for forty days and nights. Perhaps, Satan started this one because he had been so successful with it in the Garden of Eden. But it didn't work against Jesus.

C. The temptation that came to Jesus was a spiritual one. How would He get men to follow Him? Jesus refused to perform a miracle for selfish purposes. Do we sometimes use our abilities and powers for selfish purposes?

D. Satan asked Christ to doubt three things. First, he asked Him to doubt who He really was—"If thou be the Son of God." Second, he asked Him to doubt the promises of God—see if He will keep His Word. Third, he asked Him to doubt God's provision.

E. The angels came and ministered to Jesus after He had been victorious over Satan. God always sends His angels to minister to His children after they have won over Satan. Have you ever felt them about you?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

## III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Recent years have proved to be harrowing times in our nation's history. Most of us as citizens have been shocked by bribery, dishonesty, and crime in high places. Never before in the United States has a vice-president been forced to resign because of illegal activities. We ask ourselves, "How could this happen?"

Fame and power can be achieved by sheer ability and determination, but there are few who possess the natural talents to rise above their fellows to places of national and international eminence. We laud all who are so gifted and use their abilities for the benefit of all mankind.

Some who have the talent to lead others choose not to serve but to use their talents and their position for self-aggrandizing purposes. This is exactly the temptation the devil offered to Jesus. He presented shortcuts to recognition and power. All of the fame, wealth, and power the world could offer would be His to enjoy.

Jesus rebuked the devil and rejected the temptations. May God help us to recognize and reject temptations like these.—Selected

B. Believe it or not, the devil is alive and active. His urging is felt in our minds and hearts.

Do we have to sin? The popular concensus seems to be that we do. "No one can be perfect." "It is impossible to live without sin." "We can't always do right." But does the Bible say we have to sin? The Bible does say, "All have sinned" (Romans 3:23). That includes everybody from Adam to us. What we know of history confirms this, and so do our own observation and experience. All of us have sinned, but does that mean we have to sin?

Can we beat the devil? Can we overcome temptation? Of course we can. We have done it a thousand times, and we have seen others do it. And Paul says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). If Scripture and experience both show that we can overcome temptation, on what authority do we say we cannot keep from sinning?

Can anyone live without sinning? Christ did. When something has been done, who can call it impossible? Here again we excuse our own sins too readily. We say, "Oh, well, Christ was divine." Certainly He was divine, and is divine; but He was tempted as a man and He overcame temptation as a man. He did not beat the devil by a miracle; He beat him with the Word of God, the same Word that each one of us can know and use. He beat the devil by a determination to do right, the same determination that all of us can have. Let's not try to hide behind our human weakness, but use all our human power.

Let's remember, too, that we do have more than human power. We have help from heaven. For one thing, we have the Bible. For another thing, we have the Spirit of God living in us, as 1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us. God gives us all the help we need. If we do not win the victory over temptation it is because we do not do our best. If we sin it is our own fault. There is no excuse. —**Standard Lesson Commentary**

# STORIES

## for our youth



## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

by Fern Young

WAKE up, Mary! You are a sleepy head. It is Christmas morning and everyone else is up already,'' shouted Faye. There was a merry twinkle in Mary's big brown eyes as she bounded out of bed. Her broad grin revealed that her two front teeth were missing. Faye helped Mary put on her second-best clothes and fuzzy slippers. Mary was only five years old and Faye was twelve.

Only recently Mary had come to live with the Nelsons. Mary was an Indian girl whose mother could not care for her. Mrs. Nelson greeted Mary with a smile when the man from the welfare department brought her to their home. Mary jerked back with a look of fright and fear. She had experienced much cruelty and hardship, though very young in years. Mrs. Nelson tried hard for several days to win Mary's confidence. Finally Mary realized that Mrs. Nelson really loved and cared for her. It took Mary about a week to begin to appreciate the love and kindness shown her.

Mary and Faye hustled down the steps. Dashing into the front room Mary exclaimed, ''Whee! look at the pretty lights.'' In the corner stood a big green tree decorated with bright-colored lights. Many packages were scattered about under the spreading limbs of the tree. Mary jumped with delight at the sight of all this gaiety. Never had she seen anything like this!

Father reached for the well-worn, family Bible. ''Listen, children, while the Bible is being read. We will read about the birth of Christ. The Lord Jesus brought peace and joy to this old sinful world. Getting gifts only brings joy for a short time, but Jesus gives us a joy that will last forever.'' Father read the second chapter of Luke. The family knelt in prayer. Mother prayed.

''Faye, will you please pass out the presents?'' said Mr. Nelson. Faye squatted down on the floor and eagerly called out the names on the gifts. She picked up a very large package with Mary's name on it. ''This is for you, Mary,'' called Faye. Mary squealed with excitement as she took hold of the box. Her chubby little fingers flew fast as she tore the paper from the outside of the box. Mary was surprised to find a beautiful doll inside the box.

The doll had soft golden curls. It had on a blue bonnet and a dress to match. Also white shoes and stockings. Mary looked at the doll for a long time. Then suddenly she threw it on the floor. The doll was forgotten as she opened other gifts.

Soon the excitement of opening the gifts was over. Everyone was thanking each other for the presents. Mary's doll still lay on the floor as the rest of the family put their presents neatly under the tree. Mother hurried to the kitchen to make breakfast for the family. Father went to the barn to do the chores. Faye examined very carefully each gift she received.

Mother noticed Mary's doll still lying on the floor when she called the family for breakfast. ''Mary, do you like your doll?'' asked Mrs. Nelson. Mary did not reply. A puzzled expression wrinkled her brown little forehead. She had never had any toys before. ''Pick up the dolly,'' said Mrs. Nelson.

Mary grabbed the doll by one arm. She carried it up the steps to her bedroom. Mother listened as Mary threw the doll in the bedroom. She heard the door slam as Mary said, ''Now you stay in there.'' Mrs. Nelson knew that Mary would have to be taught to treat the doll nice. She knew that Faye would be able to teach Mary how to play with the doll.

After breakfast Faye helped with the dishes. Faye's mother encouraged her to play with Mary and her doll. ''Many girls my age don't play with dolls,'' thought Faye. But she hurried to find Mary. Faye was a Christian. She accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour when she was ten years old.

''Let's play with your doll, Mary,'' said Faye. Mary only frowned. ''Let's see who can get to the doll first,'' said Faye. Then she purposely let Mary win the race. Mary roughly pulled the doll up in the air. ''Take the doll like this,'' said Faye as she gently put the doll in Mary's arms. Faye taught Mary how to play with the doll. Soon the girls were having a lot of fun. Faye found that it is still fascinating to play with a doll. She counted it a privilege to help little Mary.

Much happiness is found in making others happy. The Lord Jesus had given Faye a real love for this little Indian girl. ''God is no respecter of persons.''—Selected



## THOUGHTS GLEANED FROM PSALM 23

by Ann Sumner
Pink Hill, North Carolina

The Lord God is the One who looks over me. He looks over each one of us that belongs to Him. When I don't know the way, God makes a way.

I know when I am in trouble or despair I can call on the Almighty God to supply my needs. I don't have to carry the load by myself; I know He will help me.

He will lead me the way He wants me to go, if I submit my will to Him. If I trust in God He will lead me to the smooth places in life.

Though I have to go down the raging rivers of life and the bumpy roads, He will lead me to the peaceful places, where I can stop and rest and get nourishment for my soul.

When I am down and in trouble and don't know which way to turn, I can call on my Father and He will hear and His Holy Spirit is there to bless and heal my soul. He leads me to do good things, to teach a Sunday school class, and to work with young people. He shows me that I should give Him my whole life just to glorify His name.

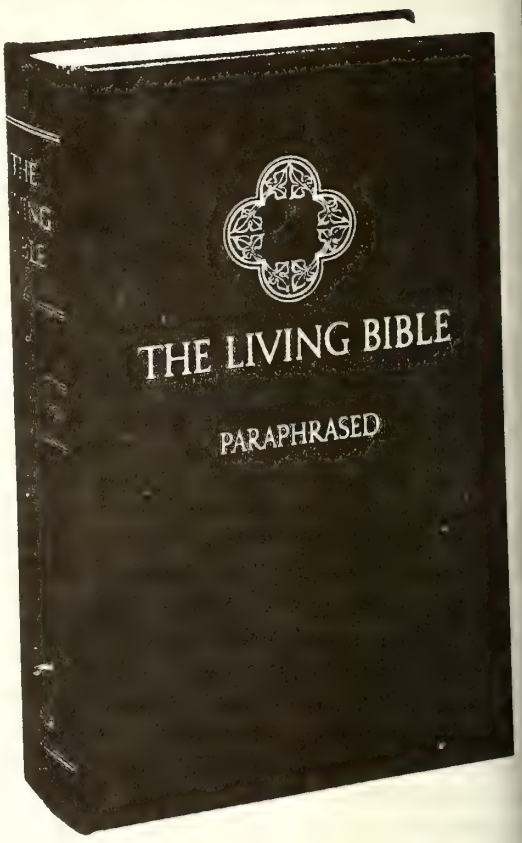
Yet, when I try to do good things, evil is present. Sometimes I feel I can't go on, as if Satan is winning; but I hear that still small voice speaking to me, saying, ''Peace be still; don't be afraid, for lo I am with you.'' To me the rod and staff represent God's wonderful Holy Spirit, and He comes in and heals all my wounds.

My enemies are self-doubt, discouragement, and lack of faith in God. When these and other enemies strike at me, I call on my Father and He comes to help me fight the battle. My heavenly Father says, ''Child, keep on keeping on and there will be a harvesttime for all your labors.''

When I go to be with the Lord, I want to know that I have shown goodness and mercy toward others, and have made the world just a little better by living in it.




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### Truth and a World View: A Comment on the Times

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The forming of a "world view" takes one on intensive searches through arious stages of history, through contrasting cultures, and through divergent olitical and religious philosophies. But a man or woman who would know the orld must conduct that search, for it is a search to find oneself.

The English poet Matthew Arnold, disheartened by the effect of Darwin's heory of evolution on his age, wrote a powerful but pessimistic description of he world of his day. No doubt, his view of the world was affected by what he ook to be a loss of faith in God as the creator of man.

In the course of human history, there are good times and bad times. And he good times always come because somebody somewhere believes fervently hat bad times can be made good again. What a man believes about himself is vhat he is, and what he believes about the world is what it is. Each man is nique; each man's experience is not. I remind you of the scriptural observation recorded in 1 Corinthians 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken ou but such as is common to man: . . ."

The sum of human experience, like the sum of matter in the universe, emains unchanged. It is what we do with that experience, or what we do about t, that makes us different from one another and from those who live before and fter us.

The prophet Isaiah, in characterizing the sins of his people, laments the ondition of Israel where "None call for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: . ." (59:4). ". . . we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness" (59:9), and he further regrets that "justice is turned away . . for truth is fallen in the streets." Isaiah in his time was pleading with the allen nation of Israel to seek after truth in the same way that Christ encouraged His disciples to " . . . know the truth, and the truth shall make you ree" (John 8:32).

You may wonder how this search for truth relates to our view of ourselves n relation to the world. The connection is direct and it is clear. A man who has ot become his own master is not likely to exert much influence on the world round him. "Wisdom is a principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all hy getting get understanding," says Soloman in Proverbs 4:7.

A man who is indifferent to the nature and content of truth can never know imself. And if he never knows himself, he will surely never know the world in vhich he lives. These times are too troubled for men and women to live in gnorance, in darkness, and in fear. These times can be made better for us vhen our vision is improved, when we can see ourselves, and when we can see he world we live in, calmly, clearly, and with optimistic certainty that truth vill not escape us, that truth can indeed make us free.

## The Unmitigated Truth

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iracle of the new birth took place. lowever, there are many born-again hristians, like myself, who cannot inpoint either the time or place when ney were regenerated. Most of those vho know beyond a doubt make a big hing of this in their testimonies and in heir sermons. I agree that it does give eavy weight and powerful witness naterial. I happen to be one that does not ave this kind of testimony. However, I now I am saved, and I know that my vashing of regeneration and renewal by he Holy Ghost is just as real as any other hristian's.

To illustrate: I know that I am the hysical son of my father and mother, ut I do not know the time or place it appened. I do believe, however, the estimony of my parents and other witnesses to this fact. I know that my physical appearance and characteristics are in accord with those of my family. Even so, in a spiritual sense, I can place my Christian behavior, characteristics, likes, and dislikes beside those of any other confirmed, born-again believers and there will be a family likeness that cannot be denied. Most of all, I can make the comparisons and observations with Christ my Lord and in His teachings the perfect Christian is revealed.

Now the time of our salvation occurs when God's mercy is received as our text, Titus 3:5, reveals. To receive God's mercy requires some heavy doings by the sinner. It is absolutely necessary for a thorough and detailed housecleaning operation. The Lord will not enter a household and share evil things. The seeker of mercy and salvation must empty himself—his house has to be swept and garnished—there need not be a residue of sin anywhere when the Holy Ghost finishes His work in the soul. So, before one can receive God's mercy he will need to make room in his soul. All sinful conformity to the worldly things will have to be swept out of the soul.

Next, regeneration occurs when faith is placed in Christ (see John 3:14-16). Faith must climb over all earthly and worldly things. If money has been your God, dethrone it as an idol, and enthrone Christ the Lord. He will show you how to use your money for the glory of God and how, it being thus used, can give glory, peace, and joy in your soul. If you have an idol of any kind, you will need to destroy it before your faith is placed in the Lord. Remember, He is **Lord of all** or is **not Lord at all.** In short, make room for Christ, receive Him, and God's mercy will fill your soul.

Finally, regeneration can occur for you right now! "Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7). This is a quotation from the Old Testament, but it is just as revelant now as ever. We are enjoined to hear the voice of God and not to harden our hearts for regeneration to occur.

We quote another verse of Scripture, "(. . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of thy salvation)" (2 Corinthians 6:2). It is your decision, dear reader. You must open the door, but when you do, Jesus will come in, will save you from your sin, and God's mercy will flood your soul!

### Do You Love Me?

"Do you love me?"
The Master said,
"Then feed my sheep
On the living bread."

"Do you love me?"
Again He asked,
"Then feed my lambs
A needed task."

"Do you love me?"
Three times, no more;
"Then feed my sheep
The wide world o'er."

—Ruth Langley Newsome

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# EDITORIAL...

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## LOVE CAME DOWN . . . AT CHRISTMAS

It came as promised by prophets of old. It came in precisely the manner prescribed by the written Word and as spoken by holy men of God, as they were moved by His Spirit. Love came down at Christmas.

It didn't come as some had expected it would. It didn't make a big show or present itself in grand fashion; rather, it came meekly, unpretentiously, manifesting itself wonderfully but humbly, accepting as its abode a stable and a manger for its bed. Love personified! Love glorified! Love made real, alive, and more meaningful than ever before in the annals of history! Love came down at Christmas in the form of a tiny babe, the Christ Child so long looked and hoped for, and who brought with Him the light of heaven and the glory of the Father.

We are made to rejoice when we reflect upon that advent of all advents, that day of all days, that marvelous happening which caused the angels to sing and proclaim "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to all men!" We can join in with that angelic host and shout all glory, laud, and honor to the King of kings and Lord of lords. We, too, can lift our chorus to the sky because love came down at Christmas, and we have been touched by it and made to feel warm and good and happy.

Love is perhaps the most uttered and less "lived" word in every vocabulary. This is sad, for without love there can be no real depth of feeling, no height of joy, and no brimming concern for one's fellowman. And, unless all of us possess love in its full measure—that gift that can only be gained through the Christ—we cannot know the fullness thereof. Hearts feel an emptiness without love—an emptiness that men try to fill by acquiring wealth and renown and even the doing of countless good deeds—but all to no avail, as we are taught that works without faith are dead.

We nullify the good by the wrong motivation: by bringing attention to ourselves by our grandiose spectacles, by effecting praise for self rather than for our Lord. Love came down at Christmas, but not for this reason.

The spirit in which we do something is of prime importance. If indeed we feed the poor, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked and not for vain glory, that is another story, and in accordance with God's will, we shall indeed be blessed. He has taught us that inasmuch as we have done it unto the least—those, the needy, the destitute, the imprisoned, the homeless, the tired, the thirsty, the lost, we have done it unto Him. And yes, this is love—love with the proper perspective and love shown in the proper attitude. And, this is why love came down at Christmas.

A soul saved causes the angels to shout their praises and gladdens the heart of Almighty God. A person blessed through the loving-kindness of an unselfish one knows the meaning of love, and he who gives receives love in greater measure. It is one quality which multiplies in the giving, the one thing, which when given away comes back to bless and rebless. And, this is why it came down at Christmas.

Yes, it came as promised by prophets of old. It came in precisely the manner prescribed by the written Word. Love came down at Christmas in the form of our Lord. Forbid it that we make it less than it is, and forbid it that we shame Him by refusing to give it away willing—from our heart. Love came down at Christmas centuries ago. Let it be our desire to make it abound, and in so doing may we touch all those around us with the genuineness of it. Unless real, love is merely a word. . . .

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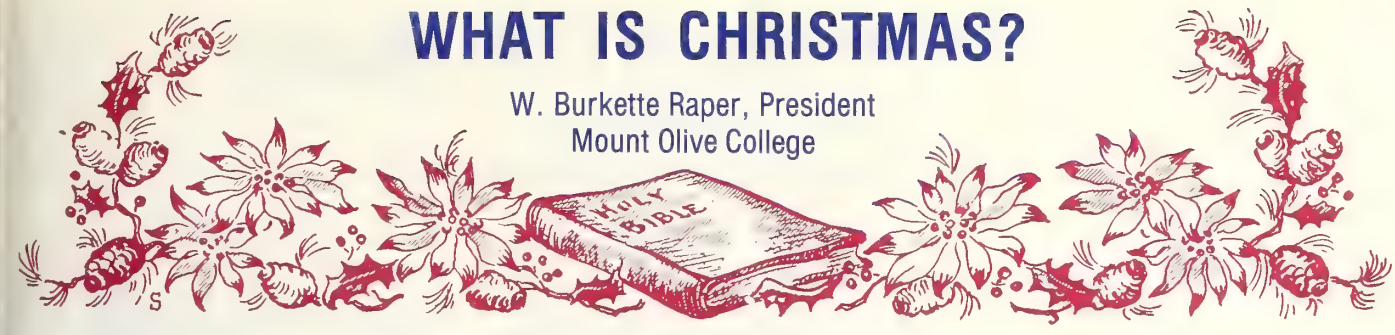
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# WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

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CHRISTMAS! Christmas in America! What is it?

It is a holiday season when most people look forward to time off from employment.

It is a time when families gather: "There's no place like home for the holidays," the song goes.

It is a time when endless hours are spent in the kitchen preparing the best foods of the year and then we eat to our discomfort and sometimes injury.

It is a time of sharing—sending baskets to the poor and presenting gifts to those we love, and sometimes to those to whom we feel obligated.

It is a time for music all of its own—some of it deeply inspiring like Handel's "Messiah" and some of it a nondescript noisy beat.

It is a time of bright and many colored lights in the home, on the streets, and in the marketplace.

It is a time when we exhibit our best abilities in decor—Saks on Fifth Avenue in New York City, for example, is like a man-made winter wonderland.

It is a time of parties—churches, Sunday school classes, civic and professional groups, industrial and business groups, schools and clubs—in fact, almost every group of people with even remote relations feels the need for some kind of "get together."

It is a time of travel—there is almost no end to the places we feel constrained to go and the people we must see.

It is a time when we entertain and rush to entertainment.

It is a time of bands and parades.

It is a time when children are made happy with the toys and gifts lavished upon them by parents—and especially their grandparents.

It is a time when many abandon their financial restraint and judgment in search of an illusive happiness.

It is a time when the mailman lugs a heavy load of commercially prepared greetings that we sent but may have been too busy to read—or even sign.

And so it goes—in the home, at work and in the church—go, go, go—work, work, work—spend, spend, spend—and even before Christmas comes, many have begun to feel that tne best part will be when it is over.

For some, Christmas is a time of loneliness, deep loneliness that is only intensified by the busy activities of others.

But Christmas need not overwhelm us with its traffic and trifles, nor leave us in the despair of loneliness. We can, if we will, cut through the thick husk that years of tradition have brought to this event and find the real meaning of Christmas—joy and peace.

What is a Christian Christmas?

". . . God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, . . ." (John 3:16), who was ". . . born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, . . ." (Matthew 2:1), and ". . . laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). These are historical facts.

Christmas is a declaration of what God has done—and indeed is doing—for us.

God loves us. He has declared this love by the gift of His Son.

This Son came into our world, and people neither recognized Him nor had room for Him, but He was a Light shining in the darkness, and all the darkness of history has not been able to put out that Light. Today that Light is still shining, and for all who have eyes to see, its rays are penetrating the husk that traditions have accumulated around Christmas. The angels are still singing, and for those who have ears to hear, their music can still be heard—even above the clatter of horns and drums.

Sometime this season, let us withdraw from the mad rush and retreat from our feverish activities: ". . . Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us" (Luke 2:15).

In so doing, it may be that we can hear the angels speak to us, even as they spoke to the shepherds, ". . . Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, . . ." (Luke 2:10). There is no joy comparable to knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour; Peter calls it a ". . . joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8), and Jesus assured His disciples in their darkest hour that ". . . your sorrow shall be turned into joy . . . . your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you" (John 16:20, 22).

Christmas is indeed a festival of joy for those who have experienced the ". . . excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus . . . " (Philippians 3:8); it is a time when Christians join with ". . . a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:13, 14).

Yes, Christmas is an experience of peace. Around us the world may be frenzy and hectic, but Christians know that ". . . unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, . . ." (Isaiah 9:6, 7).

We cannot control the world about us but we can let the Prince of Peace control the world within us. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: . . ." said Jesus. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 14:27; 16:33).

What is Christmas? For those of us who know Him whose birth we celebrate, it is an experience of unspeakable joy and everlasting peace—the gifts of God's love.

# A BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO GRANNY

## Mrs. Celia Hart Garris
## Celebrating Her 95th on December 27

by Celia Hales

MY earliest memories of my great-grandmother center in the kitchen in Ayden, North Carolina, where before each meal she made biscuits. When I was visiting, I watched her mixing the dough, kneading it, and finally rolling in her hands each biscuit. But there was no silence; I plied her with questions about "when you were a little girl," and she patiently answered, sometimes repeating my favorite stories. As it turns out, this ritual of biscuit-making is among her earliest memories as well. All the children of her day worked, in the fields if old enough, and in the home if not. So as a very tiny girl she stood in a chair to reach the table, and helped her mother by making the biscuits for the family meals.

"Going to school," a one-room schoolhouse a good distance from her home, can only be described as an ordeal. The school term was short, because all the students worked on their families' farms, but the term itself was in the coldest winter. The wood stove in the center of the room never seemed to give enough heat, and little feet often stayed cold and damp from a long walk to class. But I remember Granny (as I call her) smiling as she recalled that "one of the older boys," whom she knew only by name, was years later to become her husband.

That fact did not hold a great deal of interest to me as a very young child, but as I grew older, my questions about her life moved on to later years. Then I learned about the specially-made dress of white organdy trimmed with lace, the orange blossoms for her hair, and the home wedding that united Celia Hart and Ed Garris. The groom had lost his heart to his prospective bride from the moment of seeing her as a young woman of 17. He was eight years older, and he prepared well for his bride. The couple moved the day of their wedding into the new home that he had built for them. The house was furnished and equipped, even to the spices that had been bought for the pantry.



A favorite story of mine from this period is the account of how the new husband bought a wedding ring for his bride. He measured his little finger against her ring finger, and unbeknown to her, took a trip to Greenville to the jeweler. He sized ring after ring—all too large. Finally the jeweler asked in desperation, "What kind of a hand does your wife have anyway?" The answer was of course a very small one, and finally a gold band of tiny enough dimensions was found. That ring has graced her hand all the years since.

The couple's first child was born in the early morning hours. As her husband went off to work, he told the new mother that he would kiss the baby when he returned if she did not first do so, because "our baby can't stay in this world without a kiss." Granny wisely waited for her husband's return, and after responding "no" to his question, she watched as the proud father bestowed a kiss on their first child, Harriet Anna. Their second child, Cora Lee, was born when little Anna was old enough to talk. In another part of the house under the care of a relative, her first reaction to the new baby's crying was "I hear it a-talking!"

Years passed, years of much church work and much fellowship among family and friends in the couple's home. Granny spent innumerable hours in caring for the sick among their many relatives and friends. Though she had no formal training, she learned quickly from the doctors in attendance, and her gentle manner made her a natural as a nurse. But such service took its toil on her physically and emotionally. Once, on a morning when she did not feel well, her attentive husband offered to make their breakfast. He energetically set about his task, complete with man-size biscuits that had been shaped in his large hands. When he called my great-grandmother to the meal, she chuckled over his mammoth biscuits. In telling me the story, she says softly, "I shouldn't have done that. Those were the only biscuits he ever made."

Theirs was a very harmonious marriage, a fact that has impressed me deeply. After 20 years together, as his health declined in his final weeks, he bade my great-grandmother sit on his lap. There he talked gently to her, telling of his thoughts as he had been reliving their lives together. "We never have had what you call a 'quarrel,' " he said. He spoke the truth, and Granny remembers those words of her husband with a very special affection.

Soon both of her daughters married—Anna to Ed Hill and Cora Lee to Harry Lee Spivey. After a brief separation because of World War I, Anna and Ed came to make their home with my great-grandmother in Ayden. Cora Lee and Harry Lee lived nearby in Maury. Grandchildren followed, a girl for Anna and two boys for Cora Lee. The house became lively again. A little playhouse in the yard served as the central meeting point for the neighborhood children, as well as for Granny's grandchildren when all were there.

Years passed, and the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church occupied its present building. Granny was pleased to give a memorial window, dedicated to her beloved husband. Her work with the woman's auxiliary continued, an

auxiliary that today bears her name. In recent years, Mount Olive College has become a special interest of my great-grandmother. Hart Dormitory on the campus is named for her father, William Franklin, and her uncle, Jesse Tedock.

Now my great-grandmother usually leaves home only for short walks in the neighborhood. But her interest in the world around her remains undimmed. I tease her—truthfully— that she has the best memory in the family. If one of us wants to remember to do something in particular, we ask Granny to remind us, and she unfailingly does so. One of her relatives recently told her, "It is so wonderful to have someone like you to love!" Those words express my sentiments exactly, and I believe the sentiments of many others, too. As she has seen each birthday of the nineties, more and more friends and relatives have become aware that December 27 is her special day. They stop by to say "hello" and to give their love; they leave with her special blessing—the one she confers simply by her presence and her soft words.

It is good that Granny was born at Christmastime. The season's warmth fits her exactly.

# LET'S SUPPOSE . . . THE CHRISTMAS STORY 20TH CENTURY VERSION

by Mrs. Royce Matthews

WHEN we read the Christmas story, we try to project ourselves two thousand years back in time. But in the next few minutes, let's suppose this were reversed—we project the year of Jesus' birth to this year, 1975. Of course, we are not suggesting that had God waited until now to send Jesus it would happen any other way than it did when He came. As you read this story, try to suppose how you would feel about this Mary's story if you were her mother, her father, her next door neighbor, her teacher, her best friend; or Joseph and his best friend.

Then compare how you think you would have felt about Mary's story of two thousand years ago, had you been her acquaintance then.

Mary skipped happily to the top of the hill, took a deep breath, then dropped into a bed of wild daises. Her dark eyes sparkled as she remembered she was a child no longer. Her engagement had been announced the previous Sabbath and in one year she and Joseph would be getting married.

Joseph—so strong, dependable, and handsome! She felt giddy over the mental pictures she brought from her vast storage: Joseph smiling; Joseph lost in thought; Joseph's eyes getting soft when he looked at her; Joseph's sternness when the situation required it.

When had she first noticed Joseph in that special way? She tried to remember but could not recall exactly when the feeling changed from one of friendship to something deeper.

Hugging her knees she looked up and as the sun slid slowly behind the distant trees, she asked, "God of Abraham, how can I ever thank you enough for giving me Joseph? I love him so much!"

The sky changed to pink silver as the shadows deepened. Mary sat in silent meditative joy until she realized it was getting dark. She got up slowly, reluctant to leave the quiet beauty of the hilltop. She became aware of a warm breeze. She closed her eyes, lifted her slim arms as if to catch it and hold it through eternity.

Her eyelids opened to an iridescent light that enveloped her—a light that seemed to come from nowhere. A movement caught her eye, and she viewed for the first time what she had been seeing on television and in science fiction books for years—a noiseless spaceship hovering just above the ground, a football field away, slowly moving toward her.

She stood frozen, her left hand covering her mouth to suppress a scream. As it neared, the ship settled to the ground. She watched in horror as the door opened and a metal covered creature appeared. His head was a curious round ball with protruding eyes and antenna-like ears. He seemed to float down the extended ramp.

All at once, she got her bearings, and turned abruptly to run.

"Mary!" she heard a gentle voice like music.

"Mary, don't be afraid," the symphonic voice continued. "Come back, I have news for you."

Mary, her heartbeat ringing loudly in her ears, started again to turn and run, but she couldn't. It took no physical effort for her to walk the short distance. She felt a force inside herself propelling her.

Getting closer, she saw eyes which were pools of liquid light, full of compassion. What she had thought a shiny metal suit was silky golden cloth, velvety smooth with a lustrous glow.

For some reason she was not afraid anymore. It was as if love was emanating from the passionate eyes.

"Listen closely to what I'm going to say. Digest the words, meditate on them, because in the future, when you reflect on this encounter, you will need to remember exactly so there will be no confusion."

Curiosity had been building in Mary during this strange creature's speech, and she felt she had to know immediately.

"What is it? What is it?" she asked impatiently.

"Mary, from this moment your whole life will be changed. Before you stretches a road of the utmost height of joy. On the other hand, you will bear the deepest heartache a person will ever experience."

Mary's countenance fell. "What are you, some kind of fortune-teller?"

"I am not a fortune-teller. On the contrary, I am a messenger sent from God."

She brightened for a second, then the light died.

"What kind of god?" she asked. "Not Budda, or fat cows in India?" getting mental pictures of little brown statues with big bellies that some people believed had a magic charm about them.

"The living God; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Jehovah God!"

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A warm prickling began at the back of her neck and traveled to her toes.

"Jehovah! Blessed be His name!"

"Mary, you are the chosen one to bear the Christ Child into the world to be the Saviour of man."

"Me?" she questioned.

"Yes, you."

Her face was a study in happiness. Then a shadow crossed, slowly cleansing it of all traces of joy.

Wistfully, she said, "Oh, how I wish this was true. But you have the wrong Mary. I'm Mary, just plain Mary. You probably want the Mary who lives down the street from me. Her father is the State Senator. He is an official in the synagogue."

She thought of the other Mary: her popularity, her pretty clothes, and the neat sports car, canary yellow with wide track tires. Yes, of course, she must be the Mary for whom he is looking.

She turned away and looked anxiously at the darkened sky. Mother would be worried since there was so much crime and violence almost at their own door step.

"Wait a moment!" the musical voice continued, and she was again drawn to the strange looking creature.

"You are the right Mary."

"But why me? Why me above all others? I'm not worthy!" she shook her head sadly.

"Why God does something is not for human mortals to understand—not yet."

"Do you know there are times when I have doubted there even is a living God? Times when I look at the evil abounding; when I see a friend whose future is turned to ashes because of drugs; when I see the hate of brother against brother!"

"Of course, He knows that. He knows your doubts. He also knows your strength and your beauty of soul. God Almighty does not make mistakes!"

Mary, with a spirit of complete submission, her face aglow, said, "Since God is going to save our people from evil oppression, the least I can do is be the mother of the Saviour."

The gold suited creature turned and headed for the space ship. After a moment it was quietly out of sight.

She stood for a moment on the crest of the hill, stretched her hand in the direction in which the ship left and said no more than a whisper, "But wait . . ."

Dropping to her knees she folded her hands and with bowed head, she prayed, "Jehovah God, God of my father, why have you chosen me? I can't comprehend, but I now dedicate myself to this most divine task. Amen."

As she knelt for a moment longer, she felt herself bathed in love. It touched the innermost core of her being.

Mary was almost running on the path home. She couldn't wait to tell her mother the good news. Then when Joseph returned from the Agriculture Convention, she'd tell him. He would be so thrilled! She kept repeating to herself, "The Saviour's coming! The Saviour's coming! The Saviour's coming!"

She entered the driveway, her breath coming in labored pants when she realized, "and I'll get to hold Him in my arms." A certain awe flooded over her, "My baby will save the world."

"Mary," her mother asked when she opened the kitchen door, "where have you been? How many times must I stress the violence in the streets? How . . ." she stopped short and wiped her hands on her gingham apron when she saw her daughter's expression. "Mary, whatever has happened? You look as if you've seen a ghost! No, maybe not a ghost . . ." she added pensively. "What has happened?" she repeated.

"Mama," she gasped, "you just won't believe this . . ."

Suddenly, her hand covered her mouth. She didn't feel like sharing her news. She needed time—time to think—time to get herself together. She needed time to meditate on the words of the heavenly creature. "Do you mind if I go up to my room, Mom?" Mary asked.

"What has happened, child? Don't you feel well? Your face is flushed." Touching Mary's forehead and fussing around her, her mother added, "You may be feverish. Maybe I'd better call Dr. Markham. You've probably caught one of those viruses going around."

"No, Mama, really! I'm fine. In fact, I've never been better. But I won't be fine long if my 'trig' book and I don't have a session together. Professor Kellum has given me the warning."

Mary turned around and tripped lightly up the stairs taking with her the first secret she had ever withheld from the older woman.

Before her mother returned to the stove, she mumbled to herself, "Does she think I'm so old I can't tell she has something on her mind and it's not trigonometry!"

The light from the bathroom fell across Mary sitting on the side of her bed, her eyes shining and her hands still clasping a daisy. The exalted feeling remained and she had to restrain herself from reentering her not-long-past girlhood to literally jump for joy.

I must tell Joseph first, she thought. After all they were betrothed and he was her first concern. The best news in all the world: the Saviour was coming! Her eyes caught the bright princess telephone then moved to the magenta colored bulletin board above it. Tacked there was a piece of paper torn from the bag that held their hamburgers the night before Joseph left for the convention. On it the telephone number of his hotel was scribbed in his bold writing.

I'll tell him now, she thought, as she reached for the phone, breaking her mother's rule never to telephone him. "There's nothing so important it can't wait until you see him or he telephones," her mother would say firmly. She did not hold to modern behavior standards.

But this was important enough. The best news of the century: the Saviour is coming!

She dialed the number connecting her with direct long distance. Only a few more circles of the dial and I'll hear his voice, she thought, feeling she would surely explode with pure joy. Then her index finger paused above the next number. How will I tell him? she thought.

"Joseph," she practiced aloud, "I'm going to have a baby!"

No, that wouldn't do. That was too abrupt!

"Joseph, we're going to have a baby!"

No, that wasn't right either.

"Joseph, what is the best thing in the world that could happen to you . . . besides marrying me?"

No, that won't work either.

How does a woman tell her husband they are going to have a baby? How does a girl tell her fiance she is expecting? How should she tell him they have been chosen to be the most blessed family of all time?

News such as this was not right to be carried over 200 miles of telephone wire. That way was too impersonal.

Slowly, she replaced the phone and sat pensively. She would just have to keep the news locked tightly in her heart until Joseph returned. Four whole days! Could she wait?

How would he feel about this news? Would he welcome it with open arms? What if, by chance, he just didn't want any part of it?

A fresh breeze ruffled the curtains. She drew her sweater tightly around her shoulders and rushed over to pull down the window. But the shivering wouldn't stop. It came from deep within her being; from the knowledge that her total commitment could mean scary things for her and those dearest to her in the future.

She fell to her knees and turned her face toward heaven in despair, "Jehovah God," she prayed, "this mighty task you have given me is greater than I."

Tears cut a path down her cheeks and dropped unheeded into splotches on her skirt as her shoulders shuddered uncontrollably. When there were no more tears to come, she again spoke, as before, no more than a whisper, "Forgive me for my lack of faith. Please give me strength because I feel in my heart the years ahead will demand strength beyond myself. I'm trusting you for that; and, Jehovah God, thank you for choosing me."

In the pink and white bath, Mary splashed water onto her face—a face that held an exalted joy and a resigned faith that whatever the future presents, the joy would remain. The Saviour was coming!

She heard her mother calling. Closing the door behind her, she went downstairs. Since morning she felt as if she had just been reborn to age a thousand years in one day. Trying to act like the Mary before meeting the heavenly creature, she joined her family for the evening meal.

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*If you would like to hear more about this Mary's story, please write "The Free Will Baptist."*

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**NO "BAPTIST" DECEMBER 31**

**In accordance with our policy of printing only fifty issues of "The Free Will Baptist" each year, there will not be an issue on December 31. The next "Baptist" printed will be the issue of January 7, 1976.**

## TWAS TWO DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas two days before Christmas, when all through God's house,
The benches were empty, save the pastor and his spouse.
The saints were at home decorating with care,
In hope that the relatives would soon be there.
Without saying a prayer, they'd tumble into bed
With never a thought of Christ in their head.

Mom in her apron and Pop in his chair,
Bud eating popcorn, Sis fixing her hair—
"It's church night tonight," the conscience does clatter,
"But it's so close to Christmas, what does it matter?
The holiday season will be gone in a flash—
They might take an offering, and I'm low on cash."

The parson at church, will head bowed low,
Prays for each member as the tears begin to flow:
"Oh, God, cause before their eyes to appear
The real meaning of your birth at Christmas this year.
Cause their gay gatherings to make them heartsick
When, instead of you, they worship St. Nick."

More rapid than eagles the words and tears came,
As he wept and cried and called them by name:
The deacon, the elder, Brother Lukewarm—
From those in the city to those on the farm.
"Speak to each heart tonight through thy call—
Oh, God, please save these thy saints, one and all!"

As dead leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
Each saint that was absent felt his soul dry;
As if by some dawning, suddenly each knew
He couldn't miss church and find Christmas true.
Then in a twinkling, some souls were heard to say,
"We're going to church, it's Jesus' birthday!"

Up from his knees and standing again,
The parson watched as each member filed in.
From their appearance they'd come in a hurry,
But down in his heart the parson had not a worry.
From the look of their faces it made him to know
They'd awakened and conquered the trick of the foe!

Then laying his finger on the verse in the Book,
The parson rejoiced as his text he took.
The Spirit of Christmas came straight from heaven
As he read the old story from Luke two and seven.
And he heard the saints say as they drove out of sight,
"We've found the real meaning of Christmas tonight!"

# THE TOUCH OF GOD'S HAND

by Carrie Dail Paramore

Do you remember when you were small and strayed away from your home, out in the field or woods and all you could see was the sky?
Suddenly, you realized you were lost and began to cry.
You went this way and that way and all at once you came out in your mother's yard.
You know who led you to safety?
That was "The Touch of God's Hand."

As you grew older there were other problems—bigger and harder to solve.
The other girls didn't seem to have the same worries you had or they didn't care.
One day you had to make a decision whether to join the crowd and go to the wild spots or just be an odd ball.
Again you were guided the right way—
By "The Touch of God's Hand."

By this time in life you couldn't think of anything else that would be any harder to solve, but there was.
One day you were approached by the young man in your life to be a life-time partner—marriage.
Of course, you had to give it a great deal of thought and prayed to be guided the way God would have you to go.
You were, and again you immediately knew,
That was "The Touch of God's Hand."

Everything went well for many years and you were very happy rearing your family.
Then one day you received a telephone call that your aging mother was very ill.
Thoughts ran through your mind, "Will I be able to go through this?" And then you remembered that God always gives you the strength to face your heartaches.
You, at once, knew what that was,
"The Touch of God's Hand."

As the years go by and you grow older there will be lonely days for you to face.
Illness will come your way and the day will come when you cannot hold on any longer.
You will still have your faith and again will be soothed by
"The Touch of God's Hand."

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

**The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and its bookstores at Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson will be closed for the holidays December 25 and 26. The bookstores will reopen on Saturday, December 27, at the regular hours. The Press Foundation, which is closed on Saturday, will reopen for business Monday morning, December 29, at 7:30.**

## NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

**The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and its bookstores at Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson will be closed Thursday, January 1, 1976, in observance of New Year's Day. They will all reopen Friday, January 2, at the usual hour.**

## CHRISTMAS WISH

by
Ruth Langley Newsome

A Christmas wreath,
A shining star,
A bright green tree,
A cookie jar.

A fire on the hearth,
A garland on the mantle,
Snowflakes on the window,
And a lighted candle.

Presents to wrap,
Christmas cards,
A welcome sign
In the yard.

All of this,
Much more too—
Is my Christmas wish
Just for you.

## OUR SAVIOUR WAS BORN

by Velma Harris

'Twas the night before Christmas and all thru the town,
Not a place for our Saviour, to be born, could be found.
So in a stable, so far from home,
That night our Saviour was born all alone.

Who knew or cared what had happened that night
Until the shepherds were watching, and saw a bright light.
It was a star that had come down so low
That the shepherds knew there was something to know.

The angels came down and told the good news;
They did not wait—no time to lose.
They followed the star to see what it meant—
To see their dear Saviour that God had sent.

The wise men came bringing gifts of joy
To the Saviour who was a dear little boy.

So dear friends, let's be ready to meet Jesus that day;
For He tells us to wait, to watch, and to pray.
When He comes with a shout, He'll open the gate
To the pearly white city, there His saints will await.

He will light up the sky and we'll meet Him up there
With our glorified bodies, like His, in the air.
So when Gabriel comes down and blows on his horn,
Let's give praise that our dear Saviour was born!

So when Christmastime comes with children tooting their horns,
Let's praise God! Praise God! Our Saviour was born.




# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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**Question:** Should Christians celebrate Christmas or is it a heathen holiday? If it is in keeping with what Christ lived and taught, what day should we do this on?

**Answer:** Christmas as it is now observed is more heathen that Christian except for those who are truly born again—who set the day aside as a special day of worship and praise. To celebrate, according to Webster's dictionary, is: "1. To perform publicly and with appropriate rites; solemnize. 2. To honor or observe, as with solemn rites or ceremonies, by refraining from business, or by exuberant merrymaking. 3. To proclaim: publish abroad. 4. To extol; sound the praises of.—**v. i.** To observe or perform a religious ceremony (esp. Mass), a festival, holiday, or the like."

It does not seem logical that one should assume that the Early Church, say of the first century or even during the first half of the second century, kept Christmas Day according to Webster's definition, or celebrated in the manner Christendom has observed it during the past century or even from an earlier time. The Christian church as a whole in its early years was a persecuted people, an entity that met with much opposition from the people of many religious persuasions; so instead of celebrating the day of their Founder's birth in such a manner, they lived and worshiped Him and His and their heavenly Father according to His precepts and example.

It would, without doubt and scriptural conflict, behoove the church of our day to follow that august body, the Early Church; however, we ring bells, blow horns, drink and eat, carrying on as the world does in a large degree. We, the church, are a peculiar people. (See Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9; compare Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 14:2; Psalm 135.) We are separated and sanctified to be witnesses unto Him; also ambassadors for Him the crucified, buried, and resurrected Son of God who is the coming King.

The Jews looked for a worldly or carnal leader with power to satisfy them in their natural desires to be delivered from the Gentiles; but since their desires and expectations were carnal, they were disappointed in His first advent and likewise will the carnally minded of Christendom and be disappointed in His second advent. He will not come to give approval to the carnal Christmas merrymakers at the end of this our age, more than He came to fulfill the carnal desires of the Jews in the first advent. Jesus said, "For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" (Mark 9:49). See and compare, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12).

The Early Church met on the first day of the week to commemorate the resurrection of Christ. We are indeed resurrection people; our resurrection has depended upon the resurrection. Since we know that He arose from among the dead we have full and complete assurance that if we fall asleep in Him we shall be awakened by Him and return with Him to this earth, having resurrected, glorified bodies like unto His present resurrected, glorified body. So surely we glory in the fact of His incarnation, in His virgin birth; but we do not know either the day on which He was born nor the exact location in which it occurred.

George H. Sandison gives the following concerning the church in its relation to Christmas as observed by the Early Church, on Page 173 in his book **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"There does not seem to have been any special observance of the nativity until the celebration in the Eastern Church (or Greek Christian Church) in A. D. 220. The Western (or Latin) Church began to celebrate it about a century later. Both adopted the uniform date about A. D. 380. There are some writers, however, who affirm that it was solemnly celebrated among early Christians in the second century. Chronologists disagree as to the exact year of the nativity, but the majority believe it was 5 B. C. The celebration was at first held on January 6, but toward the end of the fourth century it was changed to December 25. The Christmas tree, it is said, was first used in Europe in the eighth or ninth century, and was introduced by a German or Hungarian princess."

## Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Mr. Keith Cobb has recently been licensed to preach by the Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He is now available for supply work. Any church or minister interested in his services may contact him by writing Route 1, Box 237, Fountain, North Carolina 27829; or telephoning 827-5360.






## LIVING BY A HIGHER LAW

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 5:38-48
**Memory Verse:** Matthew 5:17

### I. INTRODUCTION

Since Jesus always interpreted the Law to serve its spirit rather than to obey its letter, He was frequently accused by those who differed with Him of seeking to destroy the Law and the testimony of the prophets. Our memory verse for today's study sets forth the true relationship which existed between Jesus and the testimony of the Old Testament.

Instead of belittling the demands of the Law, the teachings of Jesus made them even more stringent than the interpretation placed upon it by His critics; for they were quick to render obedience to the letter of the Law, but they woefully neglected the spirit of the Law. Jesus realized that sin and rebellion come from within, rather than from without, and thus He put great stress upon the cleanliness of heart and mind; for He well knew that it was only from an evil heart that evil thoughts and evil acts could come. His critics, on the other hand, were bound by ritual and tradition; thus to them the outward appearance was of more value than the inward man. Jesus set Himself the task of correcting this misconception concerning the meaning of the Law and its demands upon men.—**The Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Sermon on the Mount should have special importance for the church today for at least three reasons: (1) It was delivered by Jesus Christ, and everything that He said is important to the church. (2) It was delivered at the beginning of Christ's ministry. We should look here for clues to His entire ministry. (3) It was given to the disciples. They were the nucleus out of which the church came.

B. In the first passage we study today, Jesus holds out a goal that is impossible for men to reach in their own strength. This causes some men to reject the whole thing. But we should remember that the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts when we are saved to shed the love of God abroad and enable us to love as He loved. So what is humanly impossible becomes godly possible.

C. There are three ways that men may be an enemy to us: (1) in their hearts by hating us; (2) in word by cursing us; (3) in acts by harassing and persecuting us. We are told in this lesson how to meet each of these forms of enmity: (1) by love; (2) by blessing and kindness; (3) by prayer.

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**

### III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Be ye therefore perfect." The blunt exhortation hits us with the force of a blow. Appalled at our own imperfections, we try to hide from the urgent word of our Lord.

"Nobody is perfect," we say; and as we look at ourselves and our fellowmen that seems to be true. "Surely Christ isn't telling us to do what nobody can do, is He?" But stop and think. Isn't that exactly what He wants us to do? Isn't He always calling us to be better than we are, better than anybody is? After all, it isn't quite true that nobody is perfect. Jesus is perfect, and He is our example. There is no hiding place in this direction. Jesus did say, "Be ye therefore perfect," and He showed us how to do it. "The measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" is the measure of Christian maturity.

Perfection is our goal, perfection as perfect as Jesus' own. We may be far from that goal, but we cannot be satisfied with any lower aim.—**Standard Lesson Commentary**

B. This fine story is told of General Robert E. Lee. Hearing General Lee speak in the highest terms to President Jefferson Davis about a certain officer, another officer, greatly astonished, said to him, "General, do you know that the man of whom you spoke so highly to the president is one of your bitterest enemies, and misses no opportunity t speak evil of you?"

"Yes," replied General Lee, "but th president asked my opinion of him; h did not ask for his opinion of me."

Our love for man should be for all men How can we claim to love God and no love God's creation?—C. F. Bowen

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**For January 11**

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

**Lesson Text:** Matthew 6:19-21, 24-33
**Memory Verse:** Matthew 6:33

### I. INTRODUCTION

Getting saved is not the end of ou Christian experience; it is only the beginning. There is much more ahead We must daily grow in grace, using the means of grace to develop and enrich ou new experience in Christ. Some of these means of grace are: earnest, consistent persistent, faithful prayer; diligent honest, faithful Bible reading; habitual regular, devout worship, both public and private; and all the other things God calls us to do that we might bring honor and glory to His name.

But there is still more. We must make a choice. Shall we serve the Lord or self? We must decide whether or not He will hold first place in our hearts and lives whether we will seek first the kingdom o God and His righteousness. In short every day of our experience in Christian living we must decide to put first things first.—**The Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

### II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Life is a matter of making choices. Everyday we have to make many choices; and usually, these choices are made on the basis of what we consider most important. In this lesson, Jesus is telling us that spiritual things of the kingdom of God are more important than any other considerations. Therefore, all our choices should be made with this in mind.

B. Why do people worry about material things? There can be only one answer to this question: They consider them very important. Of course, all of us recognize that we have to have some material things, but are they that important, really? The material side of life is passing and will soon be over; only the spiritual will remain.

C. One of the best ways to overcome worry is first to admit that it is wickedness rather than weakness. When we call it a weakness we are making an excuse for it. The Bible tells us that what is not of faith is sin. Can anyone truthfully say that worry is of faith?

—**The Bible Teacher (F. W. B.)**



**III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS**

A. "The other day I went into a store to purchase a sideview mirror for my car. After pricing several which were on display I finally decided to purchase the cheapest one. I reasoned that it would serve the same purpose as a more expensive one and would do it just as well. All of which was true as long as it worked. But not many weeks went by before it began to give me trouble. It refused to stay in place and serve the function for which it was designed.

"How often we succumb to the temptation to save money by buying the cheaper article! The cheaper suit loses its shape and becomes form fitting after the first rain. The cheap cut of meat leaves us with a big pile of bones, gristle, and fat."—Carson E. Reber

What this person has said about cheap commodities is also true of cheap religions. We can settle for something less than the dynamic power of Christianity and try to survive under it, but we will learn much to our sorrow that the cheap will be just what it really is—cheap.—**The Intermediate Quarterly (F. W. B.)**

B. Someone has said that providence is on the side of the strongest regiments during times of war. And I have noticed that providence is on the side of clear heads and honest hearts; and whenever a man walks faithfully in the ways that God has marked out for him, providence, as the Christian says—luck, as the heathen says—will be on that man's side. In the long run you will find that God's providence is in favor of those that keep his laws, and against those that break them.—Henry Ward Beecher

# News and Notes

of Denominational Interest

### Ormondsville Sunday School Honors Senior Citizens

Saturday evening, December 13, the Ned Skinner and Young Adult Sunday School Classes of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, honored six of its senior citizens with a covered-dish supper in the recreation building of the church. Approximately 35 persons attended and enjoyed the occasion of fellowship with these six lovely ladies. Each lady received a lovely red and white corsage and a gift of a miniature manger scene.



The honorees pictured above from left to right were as follows: Seated: Mrs. Mae Edwards and Mrs. Alice Edwards. Standing: Mrs. Thelma Wood; Mrs. Effie Skinner; Mr. Gennis Mooring, teacher of the Ned Skinner Sunday School Class of which the ladies are members; Mrs. Addie Vandiford; and Mrs. Effie Wooten Skinner. Mr. Roy Davis, another senior citizen of the Sunday school, could not be present for the occasion.

Following the meal the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols led by Mrs. Hellon Edwards with Ralph Bowen at the piano.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Clifton Rice, and Mrs. Rice were present for the occasion.

Three large boxes of fruit were prepared and taken to shut-ins in the community.

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### Yelverton's Grove to Host Cape Fear Youth Rally

The Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, will host the Cape Fear Youth Rally Saturday evening, January 3, beginning at 7:30. All the youth of the district are urged to be present for this rally, the first one of the New Year, 1976. Visitors are also welcome.

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### Bible Institute to Conduct One-Day Conference and Watch Night

The Carolina Bible Institute is planning the greatest one-day conference and watch night service ever held in this part of North Carolina for Wednesday, December 31, 1975. The services will begin at 10 a. m. and continue until 12 midnight, with time out for meals and rest periods. The theme of the program is "Building Today's Church." Some of the topics that will be discussed are "Building Today's Church Through the Midweek Service," "Building Today's Church Through the Sunday School," "Building Today's Church Through Pastoral Leadership," and "Building Today's Church Through Visitation." Visiting speakers will be used who have succeeded in the area that they will discuss.

All the services will be held in the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. If you would like a complete program you may write: The Carolina Bible Insititute, Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568.






SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
Scripture Reading—Job 12:10

"PUT HAND IN GOD'S HAND"

"I said to the man
At the gate of the New Year,
'Give me a light that I
May tread safely into the unknown,'
And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness
And put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than a light
And safer than a known way.' "

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Sometimes the more lights we encounter on a highway the easier it becomes to make a wrong turn.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29
Scripture Reading—Psalm 68:19

THE FORWARD LOOK!

Lord, make me deaf, and dumb and blind
To all those things which are behind.
Dead to the voice that memory brings,
Accusing me of many things.
Dumb to the things my tongue could speak,
Reminding me when I was weak.
Blind to the things I still might see,
When they come back to trouble me.
Let me press on to thy high calling,
In Christ, who keepeth me from falling.
Forgetting all that lies behind—
Lord, make me deaf and dumb and blind.
Like Paul, I then shall win the race,
I would have lost but for thy grace!
Forgetting all that I have done—
'Twas thee, dear Lord, not I that won!

—George T. Kenyon

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Let us pray to make the best of every opportunity to do good and to live the very best lives of which we are capable each day.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
Scripture Reading—Job 3:17

"A NEW YEAR'S PROMISE"

Another year I enter,
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest:
"My presence shall go with thee
And I will give thee rest."

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*How pleasant is rest after a trying day. God promises His children a rest unsurpassed.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
Scripture Reading—Job 36:11

FAREWELL OLD YEAR!

I do not know, I cannot see,
What God's kind hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
Which covers all my future ways;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,
A divine hand hath set my bound,
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and King.
The Old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We each have within us the elements necessary to make our lives worthwhile. With God's help we shall emerge from our old cocoon to a life as lovely as any of God's butterflies.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:18

FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Ere thou sleepest, gently lay,
Every troubled thought away;
Put off worry and distress
As thou puttest off thy dress.
Drop thy burden and thy care
In the quiet arms of prayer.

"Lord, the newness of the day,
Calls me to an untried way,
Let me gladly take the road,
Give me strength to bear my load,
Thou my guide and helper be,
I will travel through with thee."

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*It is imprudent to secure a guid and then attempt to give him direc tions. Yet, daily we try to direct Go who is our divine Guide.*

FRIDAY, January 2
Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:6

JUST ONE REQUEST

"Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth thee.

—Selected

PRAYER THOUGHT

*If we were only able to stop questioning God and give Him full sway with our lives, then happiness would be ours.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
Scripture Reading—James 5:16

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

The New Year lies before me,
A spotless, shining thing,
Bright as the promises of God,
Fresh as the breath of spring.

A year to fill with lovely thoughts,
And kindly, helpful deeds,
Losing all consciousness of self,
In prayer for others' needs.

—Sybil Leonard Armes

PRAYER THOUGHT

*We have before us a bright New Year so let us take this opportunity to revamp our lives and mold them in a manner pleasing to God.*

(Devotions used by permission *Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations*, Eerdmans Press.)

*Editor's Note: Due to our policy of printing only 50 issues each year there will be no magazine for next week and thus no Family Fireside. Please use other inspirational readings to continue your family devotions.*

# STORIES for our youth



## JANICE TELLS A STORY

by Ruth Nichols

JANICE ran into the house. "Mother!" she called. "Where are you?"

I'm in the kitchen, Janice," answered her mother.

"How are you feeling now, Mother?" asked the little daughter.

"I'm feeling much better," her mother replied. "Did you have a good time in Sunday school today?"

"I liked the lesson very much today because it was about Jesus," Janice said. "I always like to hear stories about Jesus."

"Why don't you tell me the story?" her mother asked as she was preparing their dinner.

Janice's mother had not been able to go to Sunday school that morning because she had had a severe headache, so Janice had gone alone. Now Janice was telling her mother the story her teacher had told the class that morning.

"A long time ago there lived a couple named Joseph and Mary. They lived in the northern part of a country called Palestine. It was time to pay their taxes, and they had to go to Bethlehem to pay them. It was a long journey. When they arrived in Bethlehem, it was late, and they had to find a place to stay for the night. They went to the inn, but there was no room for them. They looked all over the town, but there was no place for them to stay except a barn where the cattle were kept. That night the Baby Jesus was born. Mary had no other place to lay Him so she laid Him in a manger on the hay.

"Some shepherds, who were watching their sheep, were told by an angel about Jesus' birth. They came to see Him!

"The wicked king tried to have Him killed, but God did not allow that to happen. If Jesus had been put to death when He was a baby, He could not have died on the Cross for our sins."

"That was a good story," her mother said. "Now it's time for dinner."

"But that's not all the story, Mother," insisted Janice.

"You can tell me the rest of the story while we eat," Mother said. "Now run and wash your hands for dinner."

Janice returned soon, and they sat down to eat. After asking God's blessing on the meal, Janice went on with her story.

"After Jesus grew up to be a man, He always went about doing good. He healed many people, He stilled the storm, He fed the multitudes, and He even raised three people from the dead.

"One night while Jesus was praying in a garden, a crowd of people came, and soldiers arrested Him. All His disciples fled and forsook Him. The soldiers who arrested Him took Jesus to a man named Pilate. They said that Jesus was a wicked man and that He deserved to die. Pilate asked Jesus some questions, but He did not answer him. Pilate could not find anything wrong with Jesus, but he was afraid of the people, and so he finally gave them permission to put Jesus to death. They made a crown of thorns and put it upon His head. Mother, that crown must have hurt Him!

"They led Him outside the city where they nailed Him to a cross. There He died for us all. Jesus did no wrong, but He died in our place. Jesus did not have to go to the Cross for His own sin (He had none!) but He went willingly for us. He forgave even those who crucified Him.

"He was buried in the grave, but the grave could not hold Him. He rose, and is now in heaven, where we will be with Him someday.

"Oh, how wonderful, that the Lord Jesus has done all that for us!"

"Yes, Janice," Mother replied, "Jesus loves us very much, and now we should live for Him."

"That's just what the teacher said," Janice said slowly. "I do love the Lord Jesus, and I want to live for Him."—Selected



## ABOUT CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Did you know that many of our ways of celebrating Christmas have nothing to do with the birthday of Jesus? For instance, even the day of Christ's birth is not known. We celebrate it on December 25, because Christians during the time of the Roman Empire chose that day. It was the day of a Roman holiday so, instead of celebrating to the Roman gods and goddesses, the Christians thought of it as our Lord's birthday. Some people celebrate the birth of Christ on January 6.

The Christmas tree has nothing to do with our Lord's birth. It was used by the Romans in the north of the empire to celebrate for some other reason.

Many of our carols began as folk tunes to which people put Christian words.

In Puritan days, Christians did not give presents or have Christmas decorations.

Of course, you know that Santa Claus is a game that we play to express the idea of goodwill.

Is it wrong to celebrate Christmas with gifts, a tree, carols, and decorations? I don't think so. By all these means we are rejoicing. Of course, we do not take joy in these things as such, but in what they do to remind us that our Lord has come. It would be wrong to treat Christmas as our own birthday and think only of the presents we shall get. Christmas is a time of giving, even as our heavenly Father gave us His Son. In Bible times people gave gifts when they were celebrating a happy event, and they feasted.—Margaret Graham

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## A FACT, NOT A DREAM

by the Rev. Norman Ard
Chairman, North Carolina Foreign



*Joe Ingram and Norman Ard stand with Mrs. Lall and Dr. Lall and three native pastors in front of the famed Taj Mahal at Agra, India. This marble mausoleum was built about the middle of the 17th century by the Emperor Shah Jahan, in memory of his favorite wife.*

The dictionary says that a dream is to conceive of something as possible or probable. I never dreamed of going to India. If you had asked me the first of October if I had ever thought or dreamed of going to this ancient country I would have emphatically said, "No, I do not have time: I am too busy."

After Dr. Emmanuel Lall visited here and we saw the possibility of working together with him and his people, Brother Joe Ingram asked me, "Will you go to India with me?" I still had not given any serious thought to such a visit, but my answer was, "I am ready." On November 4, Brother Joe and I met at Stallings Field in Kinston, and at 2 p. m. our plane took off for India.

I want to thank Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for the gift of my ticket to India. I want to thank the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board for allowing me to go, and I want to thank you for allowing me to share my experiences.

India is about half the size of the United States; however, India has six hundred million people, three times the population of the United States. One out of every seven persons in the world is found in India. We spent sixteen days in this country and there was never a time, whether in the town, in the country, or in the mountains, that we could not see people. There were people here, people there, and people everywhere! On the eighteenth of November there were more than 1,000,000 people who gathered to dip in the famed Ganges River, believing this would wash their sins away.

No, this was not a dream. What I saw with my eyes was a fact. What I heard with my ears was a fact. What I felt in my heart was a fact. What I preached from the Bible was a fact. I never dreamed of such a message!

I never dreamed that a man in India more than fifty years ago would get a certain address from a friend and file it away; and one night about three months ago this man, now very old, had a dream and thought about that address. He got up from his dream and wrote a letter addressed to the Free Will Baptist Church, in care of Eureka College, Ayden, North Carolina, U. S. A., our college which burned to the ground in 1931! Who would have ever had such a dream? Why was such a challenge given to some forty thousand Free Will Baptists in North Carolina?

It is true that God has opened one of the greatest fields of the world to Free Will Baptists. How long will this opportunity be ours? This question I cannot answer, but I know from experience that the door is now open and people there are eager to hear the gospel. I am not a politician; I do not know the future of India. I do know, however, that there are native Christians throughout that country who are struggling for help and hope.

These Christians have no houses of worship. Some pitch a small ragged tent which they have rented. The largest congregation we visited met under two big oak trees. The majority of these Christians do not have a bicycle to ride to church. Ninety-five percent do not have a Bible to read. In all of our visiting we saw only one songbook for each congregation. The song leader and musician would sit close together and use the same songbook.

They have no heat, no rest room facilities, and no pews. They had just three chairs for the guests to sit on. They had a little table for the speaker to res

his Bible on, while the congregation sat on the ground and praised the Lord to the best of their knowledge.

Yes, I was 10,000 miles away from home and with only two men that I knew and yet I never felt so welcomed. They came with garlands of flowers to hang around our necks, outstretched hands to shake, and ears opened to hear what a Westerner had to say.

At times I was glad. At times I was sad, sick, and sorrowful. At times I wanted to get mad! There were no conveniences; everything seemed to move so slowly. These people had no watches or clocks; time meant nothing to them. All they had was a mud hut and a hut full of children. Nevertheless, through all of this I was compelled to have the greatest Thanksgiving I have ever had. I can hardly believe that God ever intended for us to live in such two different worlds!

The time came to go home. I had packed the night before. I was so glad to be leaving and getting back to my family and to the church I have pastored for fourteen years. I went back and checked my room to see if I had left anything. There were no socks, no shirts, nothing. I had packed everything that I had carried. We left Delhi, Dubai, Kuwait, Syria, Turkey, Yugoslavia, France, Germany, Newfoundland, Canada, Boston, New York, and Washington. As the plane landed in Kinston on that cold and rainy Sunday night, November 23, at 7:30 p. m., I realized that I had left something that I could never recover.

I had left a part of myself in India.

I can look back now and realize the impact of what Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

India is the seventh largest country in the world if it is measured by the land. If it is measured by the people it is second only to China. India is a land with 180 languages, fourteen major tongues, and over 700 dialects. It is a land with jewels, rugs, silks, spices, ore, good farm land, and an abundance of cows! It is a land where the Hindu have eighty-five percent of the people; the Moslems, ten percent; and where Christianity ranks third.

We heard the cry everywhere: "We need schools, churches, wells, clothes, a pair of eyes, and a carpet to sit on." But the greatest need of India is Christ.

Free Will Baptists, what shall we do?

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**and a**
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# MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

## COLLEGE'S ACCREDITATION CONTINUED

Mount Olive College has been informed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that it is meeting all standards of the Association and that its accreditation has been continued. The communication from the Southern Association was in response to the five-year interim report submitted by Mount Olive College.

Mount Olive was accredited by the Southern Association in 1960 and has retained full accreditation. Since that time, in 1970, the College completed its ten-year self-study report; and in 1975, it submitted its fifth-year interim report. The next self-study of the College will be submitted in 1980.

As a fully accredited junior college, Mount Olive offers two years of study leading toward a degree in a wide range of business, professional, and career programs. Credits earned at Mount Olive are readily transferable throughout the state and nation.

In commenting on the report of the Southern Association, President W. Burkette Raper said that it was the goal of the College to have completed a College Union and a Physical Education Center before its next report to the Southern Association.

## MOUNT OLIVE FEATURED ON TELEVISION

Friends of Mount Olive College are cordially invited to share in the following programs made available to the College through the courtesy of Television Station WITN (Channel 7), Washington, North Carolina.

Christmas Eve (December 24), at 11 p. m., the Mount Olive College Chorus will present its annual program of Christmas music.

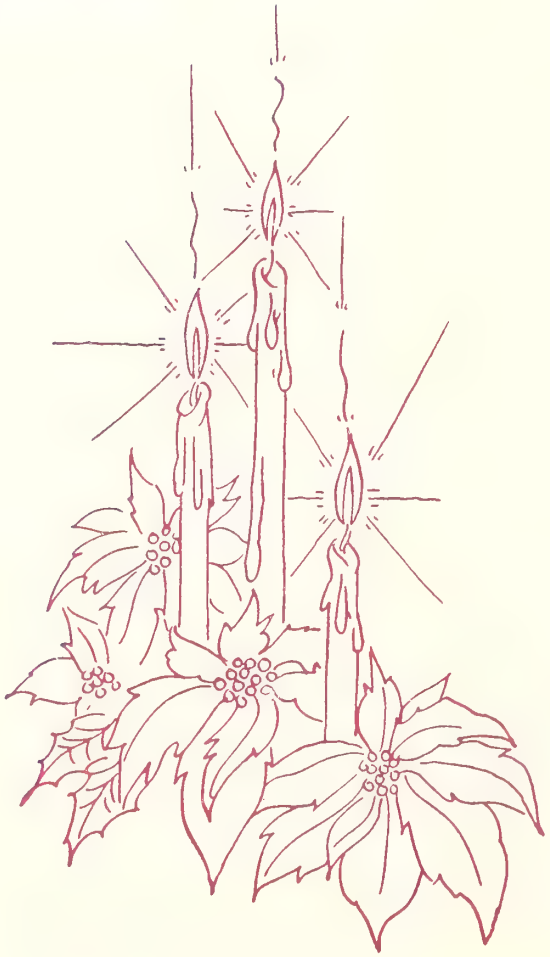
Sunday (December 28), at 11 a. m., President W. Burkette Raper will be featured in a thirty-minute interview on TEMPO '76. In this interview President Raper will discuss the twenty-fifth anniversary observance of the College. He will outline the progress made by the College since it was chartered in 1951, and will comment on plans for the future development of the College.

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May the Christ whose birth we celebrate at this joyous season bless you by His mercies, guide you by His Spirit, protect you by His love, so that in Him you may have fullness of life both now and forevermore.

May yours be a Christ-filled Christmas and a fruitful New Year.



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